



Native American Recovery Fund/Zone Grant

2021 Proposal

Purpose

The Native American Recovery Fund was created by the New Mexico Foundation in partnership with local and regional foundations to address and support long-term recovery needs of New Mexico Native American communities impacted by the pandemic. The funders have committed to supporting work in these specific areas:

- Family economic security
- Health systems
- Local food systems
- Opportunity youth
- Water resilience

The Native American Recovery Fund seeks to award capacity building planning grants intended to help groups deepen projects they intend to do in their communities over the coming three-year period. Approximately 12 grants will be awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofits, tribes, or Native-led organizations with a fiscal sponsor doing work in any of the areas above.

In this first year of grantmaking, New Mexico Foundation will award each of the selected eligible applicants a \$25,000 grant that is intended to support organizational capacity and planning for critical recovery work taking place over the next few years. These initial grants are intended to support groups as they work to build an enhanced recovery infrastructure. Grants may also fund collaborative projects that show promise in building leadership as well as projects that more concretely connect community voice with large-scale federal investments that lead to an enhanced recovery infrastructure for New Mexico Native communities affected by the pandemic.

Organization or Tribe Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Grant Application Contact:

Grant Contact Title:

Grant Contact Email:

Grant Contact Phone Number:

Which of these best describes your organization?

Federally recognized tribe

501c3 nonprofit (Federal tax identification number:

Native-led organization with a fiscal sponsor

If you are using a fiscal sponsor, what is the name, address and federal tax identification number of your fiscal sponsor?

1. Indicate in which area you are doing work and provide a one-page response to the question associated with that area.

Family Economic Security – “What kinds of support and efforts will be most helpful in building community and family capacity to achieve family economic security during and after the pandemic? ”

Health Systems – “How can culture and traditional ways of knowing integrate and complement western health systems to create pathways to greater Indigenous self-determination, sovereignty, and better health care and health status for Native families affected by the pandemic? How can broader recovery funding and efforts be leveraged to address inequities and structural barriers with sustainable, community-led strategies and system solutions?”

Local Food Systems – “How can traditional food systems address food insecurity in our indigenous communities?”

Opportunity Youth – “What kinds of support and activities will be most effective at helping Native youth (particularly those who are disconnected from school and work and most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic) find their paths so they can thrive and contribute to their rural and/or urban communities? How can broader recovery funding and efforts be leveraged to address inequities and structural barriers through sustainable, community-led strategies and system-based solutions that will support our young people?”

Water Resilience – “How can our tribes, nations and Pueblos develop and integrate a water resource management plan that will help guide decisions around short- and long-term water use for agriculture, drinking water access, cultural use, and economic sustainability? To develop and implement integrated water management, what sort of capacity is needed in tribal communities? How can the needed capacity be developed and expanded?”

2. Provide a two-page summary addressing the following:

- How did the pandemic lead to the challenge or opportunity you address in question 1, and what is your long-term strategy to address the need? How will your strategy contribute to systems change in this area?
- Which New Mexico Native communities will be served (who will be the beneficiaries of your work)? Please describe the population, including Native Americans who live off reservation.
- How do members of the affected communities engage in the development of the work you will be doing or how do you intend to engage them in the design of your long-term strategy?
- Describe the work you will do with this grant.
- Describe the leadership structure within your organization and explain which role leadership staff will play in this work?
- Describe any community collaborations that will help you make this work possible.

3. Provide a project budget for the planning year (year one) and your organization's most current year operating budget. Please ensure your project budget indicates any other sources of funding and status (committed, received).