



Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples Grant Application Kit

Promoting Indigenous Peoples' self-determination and the sovereignty of Native Nations

The Seventh Generation Fund directs grant support to culturally-grounded Indigenous community organizing efforts initiated and led by the communities impacted. We recognize that Indigenous Peoples, communities and nations understand the issues we face and are best suited to design solutions and programs that remedy our concerns.

Program Pathways

The Seventh Generation Fund's general grant-making program support projects engaged in community empowerment and organizing endeavors, issue advocacy, cultural revitalization, strengthening Indigenous knowledge and practices, and Native leadership development, in the following program pathways:

- **Art & Creativity** - Enhancing tribal identity and cultural vitality through individual and collective creative expression and practices.
- **Health & Well-being** - Achieving physical, mental, and spiritual wellness through traditional healing practices, cultural engagement, and food security.
- **Leadership Development** - Strengthening Native leadership strategies by building the skills and knowledge systems that fortify organizational and community-centered work.
- **Rights of Mother Earth** - Protecting Earth's natural systems and ability to nurture and sustain life by supporting Native stewardship practices and traditional ecological knowledge.
- **Sustainable Communities & Economies** - Developing culturally-relevant and ecologically-sustainable Native community assets.
- **Peace, Equity & Justice** - Securing harmony and parity for and within Native communities and nations and the right of self-determination.

Grantmaking Guiding Principles

A successful proposal:

1. **Emerges** from a Native community. Its purpose, design and implementation strategy originates from the Indigenous Peoples it serves.
2. **Engenders** leadership and decision-making that are vested directly in the community that will be impacted.
3. **Promotes** the Native language, traditional knowledge, and cultural lifeways of the community.
4. **Builds** capacity that impacts the largest number of people and broadest segments of their society including Indigenous women and youth leadership.
5. **Upholds** equity - Does not perpetuate racism, sexism, or oppression of humanity, nor violates the Rights of Mother Earth.

Types of Grants

Grant awards range from \$250 to \$10,000. An average grant is \$5,000. An organization may apply for a single grant per fiscal year for the following purposes:

Up to \$10,000:

- *General Operating for ongoing operational costs*
- *Project Specific Support for special events or initiatives*
- *Capacity Building for staff training, purchasing of equipment or other organizational development needs*

Up to \$3,000:

• *Traveling Song Initiative supports travel for Indigenous Peoples' participation in regional, national and international meetings, advocacy, skills building and decision making opportunities. Requests accepted on an ongoing basis. (Visit 7genfund.org/grant-application for application form)*

Up to \$500:

• *Mini Grants Submit a grant Cover Sheet and a one to two page letter of request detailing your project, explaining how funds will be used and a budget. Requests accepted on an ongoing basis.*

Eligibility Requirements

Leadership and Decision-making: A minimum of 80% Indigenous Board of Directors and also an Indigenous Executive Director

Financials: Operating Budget of \$150,000 per year or less

Nonprofit Status: 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status, Fiscal Sponsorship, or other tax-exempt status (if operating within the United States)

The Seventh Generation Fund does not support: Individuals, Non-Native organizations, religious missionizing efforts, purchase of vehicles, heavy equipment, capital campaigns, or scholarship funds

Proposal Narrative

In six pages or less, please provide the following information:

- **Who/Where** - Who are you? Share pertinent information about your Native community/nation.
- **Why** - Describe the issues and critical concerns currently facing your community.
- **How** - Describe how your project will address the issues facing your community and how community members are involved in activities, program implementation, and decision-making. Only projects and initiatives that emerge directly from the community and are led by the Indigenous Peoples impacted by the project will be considered. What are your short-term and long-term goals?
- **What** - What will the funds be used for?
- **When** - Include a timeline of proposed work and objectives. This provides a clear and realistic picture of how your project will achieve its goals

Application Checklist

Only completed grant applications to the Seventh Generation Fund will be considered for support. A complete grant application package includes the following:

√ **Cover Sheet**

√ **Proposal Narrative** (no more than 6 pages)

√ **501c3 - IRS non-profit tax determination letter** (include management letter from fiscal sponsor if needed)

√ **Financial Information:** Operating Budget for current fiscal year and Project Budget for project-specific requests

√ **List of other sources of funding** – Indicate whether Pending or Approved and amounts

√ **Leadership information**, i.e. list of Board of Directors, indicating Indigenous affiliations

√ **Staff and volunteer listing**, indicating Indigenous affiliations

√ OPTIONAL: **Letters of support**, news articles, photos, or other materials pertinent to the proposal or to help us better understand your work. (Additional materials will not be returned.)

Send your completed proposal package to:

**Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples
Attn: Proposal Review Committee
P.O. Box 4569
Arcata, California 95518 USA**

Or by email to: **Grants@7genfund.org** (Indicate “**Proposal**” in the subject line)

*Elahkwa – Wok lau – Tlazocamati – Askwali - Mvto – Pilamiya – Salamat Po – Maltiox – Diosi Meiamu
Yotva - Yupaichani Waddo - Yokoke – Miigwech - Mahsi' - Ahéheé – Tse:deya – Gracias - Thank you*



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Seventh Generation Fund **Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Date of Application: _____ Grant Request Amount: \$ _____

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Mailing Address:

Street

City

State/Province

Zip

Country

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email: _____

Date of Founding: _____

Organizational Mission: _____

Project Information

Project Title (if applying for project-specific support): _____

Indigenous Nations/Communities Served: _____

Location of Work: _____

Within whose Traditional Territories is your project located? _____

Estimated Number of Individuals Served: _____

Type of grant support - please check one: **General Support** **Project-Specific**

Capacity Building **Mini Grant**

Please describe your project in one paragraph: _____

BUDGET INFORMATION

Total Organizational Budget: \$ _____ Total Project Budget: \$ _____

Do you have 501(c)3 tax certification as a non-profit?

- Current SGF Affiliate Project
- YES (Attach a copy of the tax certification to your proposal) EIN # _____
- NO If not, who is your project sponsor? (Include copy of tax certification and fiscal management agreement)

Fiscal Sponsor Organization: _____

Sponsoring Organization's Employer Identification # _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Website: _____