



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.

Programs

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

- ***Community Empowerment and Cultural Vitality*** ~ Supporting strategies for building viable, (culturally, ecologically, and economically) healthy communities grounded in Indigenous language, creative expression, lifeways and worldviews.
- ***Thriving Women*** ~ Amplifying Native women-led work around birthkeeping, motherhood, kinship systems, cultural continuity, and reclaiming a world without violence against Native women. Prioritizing the response to, prevention of, and healing from violence against Native women and recognizes that health is connected with the vitality of Mother Earth.
- ***Land Defenders - Water Protectors*** ~ Protecting Earth's natural systems and ability to nurture and sustain life by supporting Native land stewardship practices and the defense of lands and waters.

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 \$30,000. Please see our website at 7genfund.org for the most recent Requests for Proposals and grant application due dates. An organization may apply for a single grant per year for the following purposes:

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.*

Up to \$5,000:

- *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/apply-grant for application form)*

Up to \$10,000:

- *The Land Defender and Water Protector Program*
- *Community Empowerment and Cultural Vitality Program*

Up to \$30,00:

- *The Thriving Women Program ~ United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands*

Up to \$50,00:

- *The Thriving Women Program ~ Alaska*

Eligibility Requirements

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

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 Purpose (Mission): _____

Type of grant support - please check one:

General Support Project-Specific

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: _____

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: _____