



# Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples Thriving Women's Initiative Grant Guidelines

*The **Thriving Women's Initiative** supports Native women led work that nurtures life, breaks down gender oppression, responds to and prevents violence, and recognizes that reproductive health is connected with the vitality of Mother Earth.*

## Program Pathways

The Seventh Generation Fund's general grant-making programs 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.
- **Peace, Equity & Justice** - Securing harmony and parity for and within Native communities and nations and the right of self-determination.
- **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.

## Grantmaking Guiding Principles

*First and foremost, 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 they face and are best suited to design solutions and programs that remedy their concerns.*

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.
6. **Mobilizes** resources through strategic program related support with grants, technical assistance, and organizational capacity building to increase assets, knowledge, and skills.

## Types of Grants

Grant award sizes are between **\$1,000 and \$10,000**

**General Support** - Supports with ongoing general operating costs or provides seed funds to assist with establishing an emerging community based organization.

**Project-Specific Funding** – Provides support for a specific initiative or program.

## Eligibility Requirements

**Leadership and Decision-making:** 80% or more Indigenous Board of Directors with a majority Women, and an Indigenous Executive Director

**Nonprofit Status:** 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status or 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 or capital campaigns, or scholarship funds.

## **Proposal Narrative**

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

### **1) Who/Where**

Who are you? Share pertinent information about your Native community and tribal nation.

### **2) Why**

Describe the problems and issues currently impacting your community.

### **3) What**

What will the funds be used for?

### **4) 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. What are your short-term and long-term goals?

### **5) When**

Include a timeline of proposed work and anticipated outcomes

## 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 request

√ **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 (where appropriate) 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: Thriving Women's Initiative**  
**P.O. Box 4569**  
**Arcata, California 95518 USA**

Or by email to: **Grants@7genfund.org** (Indicate "Proposal TWI" 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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**Thriving Women's Initiative**  
**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**

Please describe your project in one paragraph: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_