



THE WISDOM OF THE PAST IS THE SEED OF THE FUTURE™

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Protecting the Sacred Grant Program 2020 ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in our grant program, Protecting the Sacred, provides modest grants and organizational support for Indigenous wisdom-keepers and their communities to assist them in the maintenance of traditional ways and the realization of a sustainable future rooted in Indigenous values. We fund projects around the world that reflect, support, and/or restore spiritual and cultural practices based in ancestral wisdom.

Before applying online, please read carefully the Grant Application Guidelines at <https://sacredfire.foundation/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Grant-Application-Guidelines.pdf>
If your organization’s project fits these criteria, we invite you to submit your application.

IMPORTANT:

The online application form allows you to save progress. We recommend you first answer the questions in this filling guide and gather all the necessary documents at <https://sacredfire.foundation/apply-for-a-grant/>

Once you have all the information, please upload your answers and documents to the online form. Be sure to fill in at least all the "Required" fields. When you finish filling out the form you will receive a confirmation email that, at the same time, will allow you to return to your request to make changes or additional editions.

The Grant Cycle is open from **Monday, February 17th** and closes on **Friday, March 20th** at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

Successful projects will be announced on **Friday, June 19th**, for starting in or after **July 2020**

Please feel free to email with any questions you have regarding the grant application. We are happy to provide any additional clarification and answer any questions you might have. Contact Mercedes Caso-Director of Grantmaking at mcaso@sacredfirefoundation.org

SECTION 1- Organizational Information

Please provide the information listed below.

Organization Name _____
Contact First Name _____
Contact Last Name _____
Contact Title or Position _____
Address Line 1 _____
Address Line 2 _____



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City _____
State or Province _____
Postal Code _____
Country _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Website (if available) _____
Social Media (if applicable, and if you would like to share):
Facebook Page _____
Twitter Account _____
YouTube Channel _____
Instagram Account _____
Vimeo Channel _____

History of the organization (Please describe the origins of your organization: how it was created, and to serve what purpose?)

Organizational Mission:

Date of Founding

What is the organizational leadership structure and composition? (Please list the names, roles, and Indigenous or tribal affiliations of each member within your organization, if applicable)

Has the organization previously applied for a grant from the Sacred Fire Foundation? *Mark only one oval.*

Yes No Not sure

If the previous answer was "Yes", please indicate the date you applied, whether your application was accepted, and what amount you received

Does the organization have non-profit or tax-exempt status? *Mark only one oval.*

Yes No We have a fiscal sponsor

Indicate if there is a bank account under the organization's name. *Mark only one oval.*

Yes No We have a fiscal sponsor



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Fiscal sponsor organization, if applicable

Contact Name and Title _____
Address Line 1 _____
Address Line 2 _____
City _____ State or Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____
Website (if available) _____

SECTION 2- Project Information

Project Description

Name of the project _____
Indigenous or tribal affiliation of the group(s) that will participate in the project _____
Project location (name of communities served by the project) _____

Is your organization located in the same community where the project will be implemented? *Mark only one oval.*

Yes No

If the previous answer was "No", please explain why:

Describe the project participants, and if possible, please identify the number of beneficiaries, their gender, and their age group (children, youth, adults and/or elders)

Project Team (Please list the names, roles and Indigenous or tribal affiliations of each member)

Project start date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Project end date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Project Focus Area

Please indicate which of the following areas your project falls under. (Keep in mind, it may be more than one area):
Check all that apply.



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Awareness Building:

We support projects that document Indigenous wisdom and worldviews in such a way that they can be shared with the rest of humankind. Indigenous ancestral wisdom might seem far removed from our lives, nonetheless it is a treasure trove for all of humanity, allowing us to learn from the varied experiences accumulated through millennia by Indigenous Peoples in relating to each other and to the natural world in a more balanced and respectful way.

Earth Stewardship:

Indigenous Peoples are at the front-line of environmental devastation as their sacred lands become targets for exploitation and economic gain. We support projects that protect our Earth and promote the values of reciprocity and respect that are at the heart of sustainable living.

Education:

We support projects that teach and inspire children and youth to learn from and participate in the traditional practices of their people: singing their songs, following their ceremonial cycles, and learning traditional knowledge from their community elders.

Food and Healing:

We support projects in Indigenous communities aimed at keeping traditional food, healing sources & teachings, and cultural practices alive, both for the sustenance of the people and for the creation of awareness about the ways in which the earth continually supports us, individually and collectively.

Language, Art and Culture:

We support projects that revitalize Indigenous languages and arts, celebrating the richness of diversity necessary for cultures to flourish.

Ritual and Ceremony:

We support the rituals and ceremonies of Indigenous Peoples that strengthen the fabric of connection between humans, the ancestors, the sacred and the natural world.

Youth:

We support projects that help Indigenous youth understand and value their ancestral culture with dignity and strength, and to incorporate modernity in their lives in a balanced and effective way. The link between youth and elders is essential to the continuance of wisdom and to the survival of cultures.

Briefly describe the way in which your project is linked to the area(s) of interest that you selected above:



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Project Budget

The maximum funds available for projects is \$5,000 US dollars. Please include a detailed budget of your project specifying how the requested funds would be used. Include the contribution of Indigenous participants (the contribution need not be quantifiable). If available, please include other sources of income, the name(s) of funders, and support amount(s). Please indicate all amounts in U.S. dollars. Please indicate all amounts in U.S. dollars.

Amount requested to be provided by the Sacred Fire Foundation _____

Total project budget _____

Total organizational budget _____

Please provide a detailed budget of your project specifying how the requested funds would be used. Remember to include the contribution of Indigenous participants (the contribution need not be quantifiable). If available, please include other sources of income, the name(s) of funders, and support amount(s). *(Upload here)*

If budgeted items are not self-explanatory, please elaborate on how you calculated those amounts.

If possible, please provide references of past or current funders of your organization. (name of the organization, contact names & emails if applicable)

Letter of support 1 (If available, upload letters of support from current or past funders.)

Letter of support 2 (If available, upload letters of support from current or past funders.)

SECTION 3 - Narrative Content

Project Statement

In one paragraph, share with us a description of the project you are requesting funds for and explain in detail why these funds are needed and how they will be utilized.

Context of the project

Briefly describe what the most pressing issues are that your community is facing in terms of continuance of your ancestral wisdom, and how does this project contribute to protect it and/ or preserve it.

Please try to include in your narrative an answer to the following questions:

- How will the community benefit from this project?
- How is the community currently volunteering and/or contributing to this project?
- How will the project support, reflect, and/or restore spiritual and/or cultural practices that are

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based in the ancestral wisdom of the community?

- How will the project support, reflect, and/or restore the unique Indigenous world perspectives of the community?
- How will the project support, reflect, and/or restore the cultural or spiritual practices of the community such as the native language(s), arts, ceremonial traditions, etc?
- Why is this project important to you and why do you think it should be important to the Sacred Fire Foundation?
- Are other partners involved in the project and/or will it endeavor to build partnerships with other groups/communities?

Activities and Strategies

Please describe the specific activities you plan to undertake and the strategies you will use to accomplish them.

Timetable

Please include a detailed timetable of your project that specifies when your initiative is taking place and provides a clear picture of how your project will achieve its goals. *(Alternatively, you can upload an attachment below)*

Project Timetable Upload *(If preferred, upload an attachment here)*

Project Purpose

Present a numbered list of your project goals and the expected impact of the project in the community.

Project Continuity



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Please share if you have a plan for generating additional funds and/ or continuing the project after the Sacred Fire Foundation’s funding is scheduled to end.

Learnings and Reporting

Please share how you will determine that the project was successful for your community, and how you plan to share those insights with the Sacred Fire Foundation (i.e. testimonials, data, etc.)

The purpose of this require is to provide a clear definition of the projected expectations for success, so that upon the completion of the project, a clear strategy is followed for imparting the knowledge acquired during the course of this project, the experiences of project participants, unforeseen discoveries, challenges, and lessons learned so that we can look back upon what you said could be the positive changes created by this project and compare them with the actual benefits generated by the end of the defined period of time.

SECTION 4 - Additional Organizational Documentation

Attach a copy of your 501(c)(3) tax determination letter (or its equivalent, if applying from a country other than the United States) *(Upload here)*

If applicable, attach a letter of your fiscal sponsor and a copy of their tax determination status. *(Upload here)*

If possible, attach a letter from the project’s community authority stating that your organization originated from within the community and /or how will the community members participate in the project. *(If available, upload here)*

Please include supporting materials such as video, photos, and testimonials. *(If available, upload here)*

Additional video, photos and/ or testimonials 1

Additional video, photos and/ or testimonials 2

How did you hear about this program? *Please specify all applicable sources.*

- SFF newsletters SFF website SFF social media Word of mouth

other source:



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Thank you for submitting your application.

You will receive an email confirmation of your application immediately after submission. We will review your proposal carefully and contact you if we need any additional information. If no additional information is required, the Grant Review Committee will review all requests and be in touch with you no later than June 2020 with either a denial or an approval. We look forward to reviewing your grant application.

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