

Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation Community Donations & Grants Guidelines

Summary

The Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) grants support groups, organizations and individuals that operate in the following community sectors:

Funding Priorities:

- **Community related activities or events that enhance the quality of life for the Aaniiih and Nakoda people**
- **Education**
- **Youth, Elders, Veterans**
- **Health and wellness**
- **Aaniiih and Nakoda culture**
- **Arts**

Eligible Applicants

Grants are available to an individual Aaniiih Nakoda enrolled members and tribal organizations, schools, clubs, and groups, of the Fort Belknap Indian Community residing on or near the Fort Belknap Indian Community including Harlem and Dodson.

Eligible Activities

Grants can be used for a variety of community activities. These activities may include but are not limited to:

- **Community Gardens**
 - Not a personal garden
 - Must be available to the community to use as needed.
- **Community wellness event (nutrition, physical activity, etc.)**
 - Activities for youth health and wellness such as walks, hikes, youth sports activities, traditional games, etc.
 - Teams must submit a list of players; funding dependent on enrolled players
 - Amount will be awarded once per year at \$1000.00 MAX
 - Individual sport participants will be funded dependent on individual need
 - Amount can be awarded up to \$500 twice per year not to exceed \$1000.00.

- Names will be tracked for support
- Youth camps/events
 - Culture camps, traditional games, youth powwows, youth led initiatives, Holiday events such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.
- Educational activities
 - Local school clubs and groups
 - Undergraduate student activities and events
- Cultural events
 - Youth powwows, youth cultural camps, youth language, etc.
- Elder meal support
 - Thanksgiving meal support distribution
 - Christmas meal support distribution
- Veteran programming
 - Must provide Military ID with application and all pertinent documentation.

Applicants must show how the funding will support positive community impact.

Ineligible Activities

The following activities will not be funded include, but are not limited to:

- **Advertising and promotions**, including advertising solicited on behalf of another organization.
- **Fundraisers** working on behalf of an organization.
- **Federally funded programs serving the FBIC** (i.e. BIA/IHS/Tribal Program hosted events)
- **For-profit Businesses**
 - Includes enrolled member's personal businesses on and off reservation.
 - Includes fees or travel to business opportunities
- **Adult Sports Teams/Individual Events Sponsorships**
 - Basketball tournaments, Indian Relay, Baseball, MMA fighting, etc.
- **Family Honoring's or Personally Accepted Commitments**
 - Powwow Special/honoring, Sundance, Sports honoring's, etc.
- **Donations and grants for Individual's personal gain**- potential to EARN money.
 - All Rodeos, including youth, Indian Relays, Events with Payouts, etc.
- **Individual/family medical emergencies**
 - Including medical travel support to appointments, surgeries, medical stays, etc.
 - Including vehicle repairs, upkeep, etc.
- **All Travel Assistance**
 - Including paying for vehicle repairs or upkeep
 - Including Lodging, mileage, tickets, meals and other costs

- **Capital expenditures** (i.e. tractor for individual use, livestock for individual use)
- **Debt Reduction**
 - Will not pay off loans or help with personal debt.
- **Political purposes**
- **Activities or expenses incurred *prior* to the grant date.**
 - We will not reimburse, pay invoices or bills, etc.
- **Capital campaigns.**

Category Type, Criteria, and Application Guidelines

Donation applications will be evaluated against predetermined category type and criteria with due regard to the donation request's value. To ensure that the policy achieves approved objectives and is applied with consistency, exclusions are listed below with application guidelines.

Individual (Youth sports, Clubs/not 501c3)

An individual may apply up to 2 times per year for recreational sports or club activities capped individually not to exceed \$1,000.00 annually and is dependent on budget.

- An individual should submit the exact amount NEEDED and can only apply for up to \$1000 annually, funding and approval amount will be dependent on ANCF budget. Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) reserves the right to evaluate overlapping grant applications and approve at its discretion, considering many sports/club seasons have at least some overlaps.
 - Teams must submit a list of players and will have MAX \$1000.00 for full year
- Confidential grant applications are addressed on a needs and first-come, first-served basis as funds are available.

Classification

- Category I – Individual (Youth sports/Clubs/not 501c3) – request specific amount needed, and donation maximum of \$1,000 per fiscal year for each individual/team
- Category II – Non-profits (School/Educational Institute/Community-based project - grant amount is a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$25,000, *dependent on budget*, per fiscal year.

How to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply early so that they can make any necessary adjustments or changes before the deadline.

Receipt of an application does not imply a commitment to funding from Aaniih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF). Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and suitability with program requirements. Applications will be reviewed by ANCF staff and recommendations will be brought to the ANCF Board of Directors for final approval.

Application Review Process

1. Receipt of Application – Once submitted each application is assessed for completeness and clarity by ANCF staff. Applications that are incomplete or lack clarity will need editing prior to the deadline.

2. Review – The Review Staff (Executive Director) reviews and brings recommendations to the ANCF Board of Directors for final approval if necessary.

Application Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the proposals for potential funding:

1. Application Project Requirements for Non-profit Organizations– **It is critical that the reviewers have a clear understanding of how the funds will be used.**

- Applicants must complete a description of the project
- Project budget including a breakdown of all major project costs, and a description of the proposed source and use of all funds,
- Implementation schedule,
- Documentation of the need for the project,
- Applicants must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and managerial competence and provide background information to support this request
- Documentation of the local effort including local financial contributions to the extent possible, or fund-raising efforts,
- Applicants are non-profit and can demonstrate community support and involvement
- Priority will be given to projects that fulfill a recognized need and benefit to the community-at-large

2. Previous Recipients – Turn in the required report for the previous activity or event before requesting more funding.

Grant Notification

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. The process will be dependent on the application, documents received, and monthly ANCF BoD meeting date. This process can take anywhere from 10-30 days.

Required attached documents:

Once applicants have been notified of the funding decision, those applications awarded funding will need to complete the following:

- a W-9

- EIN or 501c3 non-profit status for Organization requests
- Budgets
- **Post** activity report (after event)
- **Coming Soon- pre and post event/activity surveys**

Reporting Requirements

The Grantee will be requested to send pictures for ANCF to use in its marketing efforts.

Successful applicants must submit a report to the ANCF for the activity must be completed to be eligible for more funding. Non-compliance of reporting requirements may make an organization or individual ineligible for future grants of the period of one calendar year.

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