



NATIVE VOICES RISING FALL 2020 PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Native Voices Rising (NVR) is a project of Common Counsel Foundation and Native Americans in Philanthropy. NVR provides general operating support grants that are intended to strengthen Native-led organizations that are building community leadership and power to improve the wellbeing of their communities. Eligible organizations are rooted in a Native community, led by Native people, hold a vision for change that improves the lives of Native community members, engage large numbers of community members to take action together and seek to improve the policies and rules that impact the community.).

The expected average grant size will be \$25,000, but could range between \$20,000 to \$30,000. It is the goal of NVR to raise sufficient funds to support between 25-35 new groups during this Fall 2020 cycle, in addition to providing additional support to existing groups.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Please review the Native Voices Rising eligibility guidelines, which are listed below and posted on the website www.NativeVoicesRising.org. Only requests from organizations that meet the guidelines will be considered.

2. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

If your organization fits all or most of the above eligibility criteria, then you may submit an online application to Common Counsel Foundation. Please submit your Application via our online grant portal. Note that if you are a new applicant, you will need to register to obtain a user account. The grant portal can be found at www.nativevoicesrising.org/apply.

If you do have the technical capacity to submit via our online applications, we will also accept submissions of this application and accompanying attachments to grants@nativevoicesrising.org.

Timeline: Native Voices Rising must receive complete proposals no later **Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 11:59 Pacific time**. Confirmation of your submission will be sent by email. Final Decisions will be made in early November 2020.

(Note: please mark administrator@grantinterface.com as a safe sender to ensure you receive email notifications).

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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Before applying to Native Voices Rising, please review the following questions to determine whether you meet our funding guidelines:

- ❑ Is your organization based in and serving a Native community or population?
- ❑ Does your organization have a strong set of leaders and board members comprised of 51% Native Americans, who represent and are accountable to the community that is served?
- ❑ Does your organization have a leadership development or political education program for Native community members?
- ❑ Does your organization engage Native community members in determining priorities and the focus of its programs?
- ❑ Does your organization engage a significant number of community members to take collective action to promote public policy or campaign for corporate accountability to address the problems in your community? (This can be at the tribal, local, state, national or international levels, as well as against corporate actors)
- ❑ Does your organization have IRS 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, 7871 Designation or a fiscal sponsor who does?

EXCLUSIONS (what we do NOT fund)

We are UNABLE to support the following:

- Organizations that are not based in the United States
- Grantmaking or re-granting institutions
- Capital campaigns, construction or renovation programs, endowments
- Scholarship funds or other aid to individuals
- Research or fellowships
- Land trusts/land acquisitions
- Government sponsored programs or programs undertaken by tax-supported institutions
- Films, books or other stand-alone documentation projects,
- Emergency funding

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Eligibility and Exclusions

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

If your organization clearly meets the NVR criteria for eligibility, you are welcome to submit a proposal using the form and questions included below. Please also be sure to include all requested attachments.

Timeline: Native Voices Rising must receive complete proposals no later than **Thursday August 27 at 11:59pm Pacific** time. Confirmation of your submission will be sent by email. You will receive an update about the status of your application in late October-early November 2020.

NOTE: Each narrative question has a suggested paragraph length to help guide how long an answer could be.

Most questions have a character limit of 7,000, but it is **not** the expectation that each answer is 7,000 characters long. Instead, we wanted to offer spaciousness if you feel compelled to elaborate or add in other pieces of information that might be helpful. ***Please do not feel compelled to write 7,000 characters for each answer. Instead, use the suggested paragraph length as a general guide.***

Organization Info

Project Name*

Name of Project. If this proposal is for general support, please type 'general support'.

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor

If applicable, provide fiscal sponsor name.

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person

If applicable, please provide the name of your contact person at your fiscal sponsor.

Character Limit: 250

Year Founded*

State the year in which your organization was founded.

Character Limit: 4

Issue Area (Primary)*

Please select the option that best reflects your organization's **primary** issue area.

Choices

- Arts & Culture
- Campaign Finance & Responsive Government
- Criminal Justice
- Disability Rights
- Economic Justice/Development
- Education
- Environment & Climate
- Fair Trade/Globalization
- Food Security
- Healthcare
- Housing/Homelessness/Tenants Rights
- Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Leadership Development
- LGBT & Gender Rights
- Media Access
- Native Sovereignty
- Peace/Anti-militarism
- Philanthropy & Socially Responsible Investing
- Racial Justice
- Reproductive Justice
- Voting Rights
- Women's Rights

Additional Issue Areas*

Please select up to **three (3) additional** choices that reflect your organization's issues areas

Choices

- Arts & Culture
- Campaign Finance & Responsive Government
- Criminal Justice
- Disability Rights
- Economic Justice/Development
- Education
- Environment & Climate
- Fair Trade/Globalization
- Food Security

Healthcare
 Housing/Homelessness/Tenants Rights
 Immigrant and Refugee Rights
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Target Population or Constituency - Racial/Ethnic Identities

Please select the option(s) that best reflect the constituencies that your organization serves. *If these options do not represent how your constituencies identify or you wish to disaggregate an option (e.g. Asian American/Pacific Islander, AMEMSA), please specify in the next question below.*

Choices

* Not Applicable
 Arab/Middle Eastern/Muslim/South Asian (AMEMSA)
 Asian American/Pacific Islander
 Black/African American
 Latinx/Latina/Latino
 Native American/Indigenous
 White

Target Populations or Constituencies (Self-Identification for Racial/Ethnic Identities)

If the options listed in the question above do not represent how your constituency/constituencies identify, or you wish to **disaggregate** an answer choice in the previous question, please specify here.

Character Limit: 250

Target Population or Constituency - Population Specific Indicators

Please select up to **five (5) options** that best reflect the constituencies that your organization serves.

If these options do not represent how your constituencies identify or you wish to disaggregate an option, please specify in the next question below.

Choices

* Not Applicable
 Children and Youth
 Faith Communities
 Immigrants and Refugees

Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated People
LGBTQ
Low-Income People
Multilingual/Speakers or Users of Non-English Languages
People with Disabilities
People with HIV/AIDS
Rural
Seniors
Women

Target Population or Constituency (Self-Identification for Population Specific Indicators)

If the options listed in the question above do not represent how your constituencies identify, or you wish to disaggregate an answer choice in the previous question, please specify here.

Character Limit: 250

Organizational Budget*

State your budget for the upcoming year.

Character Limit: 20

Fiscal Year End Date*

Select the date that your fiscal year ends.

Character Limit: 10

Grant Funds Requested*

State the amount of grant money desired.

Character Limit: 20

Proposal Activities*

If this proposal is for program or general operating support, please select up to **three (3)** activities that will be conducted with the funds.

Choices

*Not Applicable

Advocacy

Coalition Building

Conferences & Learning Exchanges

Direct Services

Leadership Training

Litigation

Organizing

Outreach & Community Education

Research

Voter Engagement

Mission Statement

Briefly state your organization's mission.

(Suggested length: 1 paragraph)

Character Limit: 7000

Current State of Organization*

Briefly describe what your organization is currently trying to change and how, by describing your current programs and campaigns. Be sure to describe how you are engaging your community to take collective action towards improving their lives. If this includes advocacy for policy change or corporate accountability be sure to mention those activities. If your organization has shifted in response to the COVID-19 crisis, please describe the shifts.

(Suggested length: 3-4 paragraphs)

Character Limit: 7000

Community Priorities*

Describe how you engage community members to determine the priorities of the organization. Please be specific.

(Suggested length: 2-3 paragraphs)

Character Limit: 7000

Community Engagement Metrics*

How many community members are actively involved in your organization on an ongoing basis? If your organization has recruitment goals please share.

(Suggested length: 2 paragraphs)

Character Limit: 7000

Leadership Development*

Describe ways that your organization develops the leadership skill or political knowledge of your members or constituents

(Suggested length: 2-3 paragraphs)

Character Limit: 7000

Key Allies

Who are your key allies? In what coalitions, alliances or collaborative work do you participate?

(Suggested length: 1-2 paragraphs, or just bullet points)

Character Limit: 7000

Capacity Needs*

Have you identified elements of your organization that need to be strengthened to help you achieve your goals? (Note: NVR is interested in understanding the capacity building needs of Native-led organizations to inform the philanthropic sector regarding the specific organizational development needs of Native groups.)

(Suggested length: 1-2 paragraphs, or just bullet points)

Character Limit: 1000

Last Year's Financial Statement*

Please upload an income statement from the last completed fiscal year (actual revenue sources, and actual expenses). PDF is the preferred file format.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste this information in the textbox provided here.

Character Limit: 7000 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Current Year Approved Budget*

Please provide a copy of your organization's approved budget for this year. PDF is the preferred format.

COVID-19 has impacted organizational budgets across the board. Aside from travel costs, if there are meaningful financial pivots your organization has made during this time, please briefly describe those adjustments (bullet points are fine; eg. increased food costs to provide meals to vulnerable elders, etc.).

Character Limit: 7000 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Supplementary Attachments*

Please share at least one (maximum of three) relevant articles, newsletters, or video links that might highlight your work beyond the questions above.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

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Applicant Survey

Please review the following and indicate which apply to your organization. The answers for these questions are used for internal learning, and will not impact your funding award one way or the other.

Is your organization based in and serving a Native community or population?***Choices**

Yes

No

Organization Board*

Does your organization have a board (advisory or governance) and staff/volunteer leadership structure that is comprised of at least 51% Native Americans.

Choices

Yes

No

Organization Context*

Please state where your organization is based.

Choices

In a rural community

In an urban community

On a Native American Reservation

Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Organization Focus*

At what level or levels does your organization focus its work (check all that apply).

Choices

Tribal

City/County

State

Federal

International

Involvement of Specific Constituencies*

Does your organization have a significant involvement of the following communities (check all that apply).

Choices

Youth

Women

Elders

LGBTQ

Differently abled

Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Intergenerational Organizing*

Does your organization engage in intergenerational organizing where elders and youth share space, discussions and decisions.

Choices

Yes
No

Community Organizing*

Does your organization engage in community organizing? For purposes of NVR checking this box means your group engages a large number of community members to work collectively to improve the daily lives of people in Native communities and provides leadership development opportunities for community members.

Choices

Yes
No

Advocacy*

Does your organization engage in advocacy? For purposes of NVR checking this box means your group seeks to positively impact the rules that govern Native community members lives.

Choices

Yes
No

Direct Services*

If your organization provides Direct Services, please check the box below that most closely reflects the percent of time your organizational hours spent on service provision.

Choices

25%
50%
75%
100%

Community Decision-Making*

Does your organization involve community members in decision-making, setting organizational priorities and leading the organization's issue-based work.

Choices

Yes
No

Voter Engagement*

What voter engagement activities does your organization conduct? Check all that apply.

Choices

- Educate Voters
- Identify Voters
- Turnout Voters
- Our organization does not do voter engagement

Reproductive Health*

Does your organization conduct reproductive health or reproductive justice work?

Choices

- Yes
- No

Oil and Gas Work*

Does your organization engage in activities and programs related to accountability measures in the oil and gas industry?

Choices

- Yes
- No

California Focus*

Is your organization doing work that impacts the individual, collective or environmental health of California Indians?

Choices

- Yes
- No

The following questions relate to the strategies that your organization utilizes:

Collaboration*

Does your organization partner with:

Choices

- Multi-racial coalitions/alliances or networks
- Tribes and Agencies
- Cross Sectoral coalitions/alliances or networks
- Our organization does not utilize collaboration as a strategy

Communications*

If your organization utilizes communication strategies, please check all that apply:

Choices

- Strategic media campaigns
- Social Media
- Blogs

Newsletters
 Emails
 Community Meetings
 Telephone calls
 Our organization does not use communications as a strategy
 Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Tactics*

If your organization utilizes tactical strategies, please check all that apply:

Choices

Advocating for new rules or policies
 Public testimony
 Defining solutions to community problems
 Litigation
 Petition Drives
 Corporate accountability or pressure to improve operations
 Peaceful protest
 Direct actions / civil disobedience
 Our organization does not utilize tactical strategies
 Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Leadership Development*

If your organization utilizes Leadership Development strategies, please check all that apply:

Choices

In-house education program
 In-house skills building program
 Participation with external training programs
 Participation with conferences for a leadership development purpose
 Participation leadership development processes that are rooted in Tribal social structure
 Executive Coaching
 Mentorship
 Building political analysis to connect issues and understand how to take action
 Our organization does not utilize leadership development strategies
 Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Storytelling*

If your organization utilizes storytelling strategies, please check all that apply:

Choices

Radio Interviews

Regular Radio Host

Film and Video production

Print media

Art

Music

Theatre

Our organization does not utilize storytelling strategies

Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Research*

If your organization utilizes research strategies, please check all that apply:

Choices

Collecting data through surveys

Conducting needs assessments

Gathering oral history

Our organization does not utilize research as a strategy

Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Voter Education*

If your organization utilizes voter engagement strategies, please check all that apply

Choices

Issue focused mailings

Telephone calls

In-person visits

Candidate surveys

Candidate forums

Our organization does not utilize voter engagement strategies

Other (please specify below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Voter Registration*

Does your organization engage in non-partisan voter registration?

Choices

Yes

No

Voter Mobilization*

If your organization engages in voter mobilization (get-out-the-vote) activities, please check all that apply

Choices

- Phone calls to voters identified
- Door knocking of identified voters
- Rides for identified voters
- Our organization does not engage in voter mobilization activities
- Other (please describe below)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250

Voter Protection*

If your organization engages in voter protection activities, please check all that apply

Choices

- Know your rights program
- Voter hotline
- Our organization does not engage in voter protection activities
- Other (please specify)

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

Character Limit: 250