Show Me the Money:

Funding Opportunities in Indian Country

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Objectives

1. Identify federal and non-federal grant opportunities (other than SDPI).

2. Identify key considerations to determine if your program fits the requirements of the funding source.

3. Highlight tips for submitting a successful grant application.
SDPI Grantees
You are Already Winners!
How many of you have applied for a grant, other than SDPI, and received funding?
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Outline:
1. Ask
2. Search
3. Act
1. **Ask! What’s Needed?**

- Diabetes Advisory Group
- Community members
- Tribal Council
1. Ask Other SDPI Grantees

• At this conference
  • Even if you are from a small Tribe, you can successfully apply for grant funds
    • Notah Begay III Foundation $60,000 (18 mos.)
    • Aetna Foundation Cultivating Healthy Communities Action Grant $100,000 (2 yrs.)
  • Meet with your Tribal Council, ask for their support and keep them informed about your work
  • Important to network at conferences
    Stacy Hammer, RDN, SDPI Coordinator, Lower Sioux Tribe, MN

• In your Area – Other SDPI Grantees and ADC
Apply for a Grant Online Now

Apply for grants by creating a workspace. Workspace enables you and your colleagues to fill out webforms and apply together.

Apply for a Grant with Workspace »
2. Search Internet for Federal Opportunities

- Search for federal funding sources:
  - USDA (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)
  - CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
    - CDC's Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country
  - AmeriCorps (search Native American Affairs)
  - Administration for Native Americans (through HHS)
  - U.S. Forest Service

- See Grants.Gov’s Community Blog -
  “Exploring Eligibility: Federal Grants for Native American Tribal Governments and Organizations”
2. Search: Non-federal, AI/AN and Others

• First Nations Development Institute
• Seeds of Native Health
• Notah Begay III Foundation
• National Indian Health Board
• Association of American Indian Physicians
• Your Tribe, Tribal casino and other businesses
• Others: State Diabetes Programs, Lions Clubs, etc.
3. Act – Apply!

- Carefully read the **entire** RFA (Request for Application).
- Follow the directions in the RFA. Help the reviewer to easily read your application.
- Develop a timeline. “Divide and conquer” – ask others to help in writing sections of the applications.
- Respond to RFA before deadline. Will you need Health Agency/Supervisor/Tribal Council approval before submission?
- Proofread! Clear, clean writing, avoid typos.
3. **Act: Avoid Rejection**

- Missed deadlines
- Missing information
- Inconsistent or unclear project focus
- Missing attachments; e.g., signed Tribal Letter of Support
- Unsatisfactory evaluation and metrics
3. **Act: Successful Grant Applications**

- Aligns with stated funding priorities and eligibility guidelines
- Offers a new or innovative idea or an ongoing effort that substantially builds upon past success
- Shows ability and/or experience necessary to accomplish the proposed project
- Has strong and diverse leadership that reflects the community served
- Provides a clear plan of action with specific, measurable, and realistic goals and objectives
- Presents an accurate, reasonable, and consistent program budget
3. **Act: Successful Grant Applications** Continued

- Demonstrates sufficient organizational capacity to successfully implement the proposed program
- Highlights plans for collaborating and forming partnerships
- Includes support from program’s targeted audience and direct engagement of target audiences within the planning, implementation, and evaluation process
- Includes completion of all application documents
Trainings for Grant Writing

• Grant Writing Basics.  
  https://blog.grants.gov/category/grant-writing-basics/

• Advanced Grant Writing and Mentoring. Northwestern University Model Grant Writing Coaching Group for Mentees – Southeast Region  
  https://nrmnet.net/about-nrmn-2/
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Summary:
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What Resources and Ideas Can You Share?