

# GOOD RELATIVES

— C O L L A B O R A T I V E —

## BUSH PRIZE: NATIVE NATIONS GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

### CRITERIA

- **Transformational Impact** – Bush Prize: Native Nations honors organizations which have created meaningful, long-lasting change to address the challenges and issues affecting their community. Transformational impact can happen through ideas of all sizes, within communities of all sizes, and through organizations of all sizes. Bush Prize: Native Nations finalists will have approaches and outcomes that:
  - Challenge the status quo and address the root causes of significant community issues and systemic challenges.
  - Create sustainable and equitable solutions for community, particularly for communities which have been historically underserved.
  - Inspire others in the region and serve as a model for future success.
- **History of Creative Solutions** – Bush Prize: Native Nations honors organizations which have a history of using innovative approaches that offer real solutions for the challenges and issues affecting their community. Bush Prize: Native Nations finalists will be able to identify specific examples of processes, programs or projects that use creative approaches, technologies, collaborations, and methods to drive sustainable change and solve problems more effectively.
- **Community-led Solutions** - Bush Prize: Native Nations honors organizations which understand that communities are best positioned to articulate and effectively respond to today's challenges. Bush Prize: Native Nations finalists will show a consistent commitment to listen, engage and involve the community to ensure the people they serve benefit from the organization's impact.
- **Culture of Creative Problem Solving** - Bush Prize: Native Nations honors organizations that exemplify a culture of innovation and creative community problem solving. Bush Prize: Native Nations finalists will articulate how their organization's values, policies, practices, people and partnerships allow them to innovate and utilize community assets and resources in creative ways to develop sustainable solutions to community issues.

## PREAPPLICATION QUESTIONS

Before accessing the full application online, we ask the following qualifying questions to ensure your organization is eligible for the Bush Prize: Native Nations. Eligibility requirements are available on the Good Relatives Collaborative website.

Is your organization certified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity or a public agency/unit of government or Indian tribal government under Section 7871 of the Internal Revenue Code??

- Yes
- No, but we have an eligible fiscal sponsor
- No

Is your organization located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native Nations sharing that geography?

- Yes
- No

Are the innovations you are highlighting in this application focused on benefiting native nations in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota?

- Yes
- No

Has your organization received a Bush Prize award in the past 10 years?

- Yes
- No

Would you like your Bush Prize: Native Nations application to be shared with our state partner in which your organization is located in?

- Yes
- No

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the applicant organization. Organizations or programs that are fiscally sponsored may serve as the applicant organization. You will be asked to provide information on your fiscal sponsor separately (below).

- Organization's Legal Name
- Organization Doing Business as Name (if different than legal name)
- Org. Employer Identification Number (EIN): XX-XXXXXXX
- Organization Address
- Organization Main Phone Number
- Organization Website
- Executive Director Name
- Executive Director Title
- Executive Director Email

- Executive Director Phone
- Applicant Contact Name (if different than Executive Director)
- Applicant Contact Title
- Applicant Contact Email
- Applicant Contact Phone

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- Yes
- No, but we have an eligible fiscal sponsor

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Organization Information (if applicable)**

If applying using a fiscal sponsor, an authorized representative of the fiscal sponsor is required to sign and upload a Fiscal Sponsor Agreement. You will be asked to provide the following information for the sponsoring organization:

- Fiscal Sponsor Project Name
- Fiscal Sponsor Legal Name
- Fiscal Sponsor DBA
- Fiscal Sponsor Employer Identification Number: XX-XXXXXXX
- Fiscal Sponsor Year Established
- Fiscal Sponsor Address
- Fiscal Sponsor Website
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Name
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Title
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Phone
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Email

#### **NARRATIVE QUESTIONS**

1. **INTRODUCTION – ORGANIZATION:** Provide a brief introduction to your organization, its history and its mission. (Character Suggestion: 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
2. **INTRODUCTION- COMMUNITY:** Provide a brief introduction to the community you serve. What do we need to understand about your community and the opportunity, challenge, issue or need that your organization works to address? Describe how your work benefits communities that have been historically underserved. (Character Suggestion: 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)
3. **HISTORY OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS:** Provide two specific examples of times when you achieved a creative solution (a process, program or project using creative approaches, technologies, collaborations, and methods to drive sustainable change and solve problems more effectively) for the community you serve. (Character Suggestion of 5,000 characters—approximately 750 words)

4. **COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS** In what ways do you listen to, engage with, and involve your community to ensure their input shapes the work of your organization? (Character Suggestion: 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)
5. **CULTURE OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS-** What values, policies, practices, people and partnerships allow your organization to innovate? How do you utilize community assets and resources in creative ways to develop sustainable solutions to community issues? (Character Suggestion of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
6. **TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT** – What is the significant and long-lasting change your organization accomplished throughout its history? How does this set your organization apart in your field? How is your approach different from the status quo? How are you inspiring others in the region and serving as a model for future success? (Character Suggestion of 5,000 characters—approximately 750 words)