

GOOD RELATIVES

— C O L L A B O R A T I V E —

Grant Application Guidance

This document is for review and preparation purposes only. All applications must be submitted through our [online application system](#) by **Monday, June 16, 2025**, at 5 p.m. MT/6 p.m. CT.

Brief Organizational Information

- Organization name
- Is your organization a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or fiscally sponsored?
 - 501(c)(3) nonprofit with an EIN
 - » Organization EIN
 - Fiscally sponsored

Applying Contact Information

- First name
- Last name
- Title
- Phone
- Email
- Are you the Executive Director?
 - Yes
 - No
 - » Executive Director information
 - + Name
 - + Email
 - + Phone

Organization Mailing Address

- Street
- City
- State
- Zip code

Fiscal Sponsor Information

Organization & Contact Information

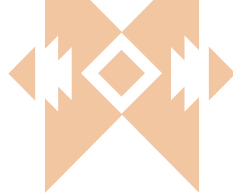
- Fiscal sponsor legal name (for example, Good Relatives Collaborative INC)
- Fiscal sponsor EIN
- Fiscal sponsor mailing address (street, city, state, zip)
- Fiscal sponsor email
- Fiscal sponsor phone

Executive Director of Fiscal Sponsor

- Fiscal sponsor Executive Director's name
- Fiscal sponsor Executive Director's title (ED, CEO, etc.)
- Fiscal sponsor Executive Director's email
- Fiscal sponsor Executive Director's phone

Additional Information

- Fiscal sponsor agreement start date
- Fiscal sponsor agreement end date
- Number of years fiscal sponsor organization has been in operation



Qualifications

General Criteria

- What is the organization's total budget (approved for current fiscal year by the Board of Directors)?
 - \$
- Is the Executive Director/CEO Native?
 - Yes
 - » Tribe?
 - No
- List ALL board members (or potential Board members) and their Tribal affiliations.
- What percent of your board and staff are Native?
- Date of incorporation (this should reflect the date listed in your supporting documentation)

Supporting Documents

- Board-approved operating budget showing expenses
- Upload 501(c)(3) certificate¹
- Fiscal sponsorship certificate²
- 2024 Form 990
- Letter of Determination or Incorporation

990 Financials³

- List gross receipts as listed on your 2024 Form 990
- List total assets as listed on your 2024 Form 990
- List the total support received as listed on your 2024 Form 990
- List total expenses as listed on your 2024 Form 990

¹ 501(c)(3) organization only

² Only if fiscally sponsored

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Letter of Application

Dear Relatives,

The Good Relatives Collaborative (GRC) is honored to support Indigenous-led organizations and initiatives that strengthen our communities through relationships, reciprocity, and shared responsibility. We invite you to apply for funding by submitting a letter of application that reflects your organization's work, values, and vision for impact.

We offer guiding questions below to help shape your response. Your letter does not need to answer every question, but it should provide a clear picture of your work, your community, and how this funding will support your efforts.

Guiding Questions

Please use these questions as inspiration while writing your letter. You may focus on the questions most relevant to your work. Your application will be scored based on your response to these questions.

Being a Good Relative

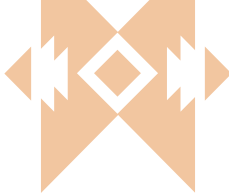
How does your organization or project reflect Indigenous values of relationship, reciprocity, and responsibility? What does it mean to be a good relative in your community, and how does your work contribute to this?

Community & Impact

What is the story of your organization? What inspired its creation, and what change are you working toward? Who do you serve, and how do you ensure your work is rooted in community needs and leadership? What impact have you already made, and how would this funding allow you to deepen or expand your work?

Reciprocity & Sustainability

How do you build and maintain relationships with others doing similar or complementary work? In what ways do you practice reciprocity within your organization and community? How do you engage community feedback in your work? How will you sustain your work beyond this grant?



Letter Format & Submission

Letters may be 1-3 pages (no more than 80,000 characters) and written in a format that feels right for you (narrative, storytelling, bullet points, etc.).

After drafting your letter in a word document, please copy and paste it into the text box below. No formal grant-writing experience is required. We encourage honest, heartfelt responses.

If you need support or have questions, please reach out—we're here to help.

- Funding Request Amount
 - 50,000
 - 100,000
- Organization website address
- Mission Statement
- Letter of Application

For help or questions please reach out to:

- **South Dakota:**
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