

Our goal through the Keepers of the Earth Fund is to increase access to funding for Indigenous communities and support Indigenous-led projects that create greater Indigenous control of Indigenous assets.

We support strategies that address culturally appropriate Indigenous development (e.g., land use and conservation, traditional decision-making, climate change, food security, etc.).

## FUNDING CRITERIA

All applicants must:

- be an Indigenous-led grassroots/local organization or group.
- have an organizational bank account or access to a fiscal sponsor; copies of fiscal sponsor’s terms and requirements will be requested.
- ensure project activities will be completed **outside** of the United States.

## GUIDELINES

Grant amounts range between \$250 and \$20,000 USD. First time awards generally range between US \$2,500 to \$5,000. Project timeframes are between six and 12 months. It can take up to eight weeks to review and process your request. First Peoples Worldwide may contact you for additional information.

### What we do fund

### What we do not fund

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓢ Indigenous-led grassroots/ local projects</li> <li>Ⓢ Control and self-determination of Indigenous homelands</li> <li>Ⓢ Strategies for redressing evictions (i.e., mapping, co-management, advocacy)</li> <li>Ⓢ Indigenous stewardship - land and natural resource models</li> <li>Ⓢ Traditional knowledge</li> <li>Ⓢ Community organizing and Start-up costs for Indigenous organizations (i.e., by-laws, registrations, certifications, etc.)</li> <li>Ⓢ Appropriate technology and learning exchanges</li> <li>Ⓢ Advocacy for Indigenous voice within policy forums</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ National or International organizations</li> <li>✘ Individuals, school applications, or college or university scholarships</li> <li>✘ Legal research, political lobbying</li> <li>✘ Projects that do not originate from or are not led by an Indigenous community</li> <li>✘ Disaster relief or missionary projects</li> <li>✘ Conference fees and event fundraising, fundraising campaigns, endowments and deficit financing</li> <li>✘ US-originated or –focused projects</li> <li>✘ Travel <b>to</b> the United States</li> </ul>
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## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

### Written Applications:

First Peoples Worldwide prefers to receive written funding requests by email ([grants@firstpeoples.org](mailto:grants@firstpeoples.org)) or fax [(540) 899-6501]. You can also submit your application via postal service or other express delivery courier to Grants Coordinator, First Peoples Worldwide, 857 Leeland Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, USA.

### Video Applications:

First Peoples Worldwide will accept grants in video format when community projects cannot complete a written application. Indigenous Peoples who submit their grant application in video format must depict the community issues and solutions through the eyes of the community and present the ways Indigenous Peoples are solving their problems.

If possible, a transcript of the video content should be provided so that we understand the video content. Your transcript should also include the amount of funding you are requesting, bearing in mind the limitations of the Fund, as well as the average grant amount for first-time applicants.

We encourage using multiple voices from many community members.

Please submit with your video the following information:

- The name and location of the Indigenous Peoples submitting the video;
- A description of the Indigenous-led entity (i.e., NGO, Tribe, CBO, fiscal agent or other entity);
- A contact name and title for the person submitting the video;
- The organization's name, mailing address, country, email address, telephone, and fax.

Two ways to submit your video:

- Upload the video to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and send the link to [grants@firstpeoples.org](mailto:grants@firstpeoples.org)
- Send a DVD of the video by mail to:  
Grants Coordinator  
First Peoples Worldwide  
857 Leeland Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405  
USA

First Peoples Worldwide will not be able to access your taped version of the footage; digital format is preferred (YouTube or DVD). First Peoples Worldwide will only be able to return your video to your organization if a request is made at the time of submission.

First Peoples Worldwide may use pieces of video on our website, in funder materials, or in group presentations.

The annual deadline for written and video submissions is September 30.

Contact [grants@firstpeoples.org](mailto:grants@firstpeoples.org) with any questions, concerns or for more information.

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**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Indigenous Organization Name:

Fiscal Sponsor Name, if applicable:

Mission of your organization:

Year Founded and by whom:

Organization Contact Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Skype:

Web Address:

What is the legal structure of your organization (NGO or other nonprofit, tribe, association, etc.)?

How are Indigenous Peoples represented in your organization's leadership (list name, title and Tribal/  
Native/ Village affiliation)?Have you ever applied to First Peoples Worldwide for grant funding?  Yes  NoHave you ever applied to any other donor for grant funding?  Yes  No

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Contact Name and Title (if different than Organization contact):

Tribe, Indigenous Peoples, or Indigenous Community being served:

Project Title:

\*Total Project Budget in US Dollars: \$

Amount requested in US Dollars from First Peoples Worldwide: \$

Is the organization seeking other sources of funding for this project?  Yes  No

If yes, list other potential sources, amount requested and status of your request(s), if known:

Projected Duration: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Start Date (allow up to eight weeks for processing): \_\_\_\_\_  
(dd/mm/year)\*(<http://www.xe.com> to convert your budget from your currency to US Dollars)

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## Application

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1. Share with us the problems your community has experienced.
  
2. Share with us the values, spirituality, beliefs and strengths that hold your community together.
  
3. Tell us what you are doing that is working or helping the community solve these problems.
  - In addition, tell us how many people from the community are directly working on this and how many people from the community will be helped?
  
4. Tell us how First Peoples Worldwide can help.
  
5. What will our funds be used for?
  - Do you have to pay anyone?
  - Is anyone traveling? Who and for what purpose?
  - Are there supplies and or equipment you need?

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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### **Required Attachments:**

1. By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or equivalent organizing document.
2. Government registration certificate (if applicable), and/or copy of country's tax-exemption rule or act.
3. Project budget.