



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

September 23, 2013

Re: **Funding opportunity – deadline October 23, 2013**

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to inform you that NCAI has funds available to make investments in tribal governance projects as a part of our Partnership for Tribal Governance Initiative (PTG). We anticipate making 10-12 investments in tribal projects, ranging from \$30,000-\$50,000. If your tribe is interested in applying for funds from NCAI, please submit a letter of interest that includes the information requested below by October 23, 2013.

About the PTG

The PTG focuses efforts on four strategic areas identified by tribal leaders as critical to their success:

- Government Reform
- Leadership Development
- Citizen Engagement
- Public and Media Education

With the funds currently available, the PTG has the opportunity to make direct investments in self-determined tribal efforts to strengthen governance. Tribal leaders are invited to request funding for projects related to any of the four areas above. NCAI is principally interested in funding projects that will result in models that can be shared with other tribes. In particular, we are interested in investing in tribal projects in the following areas:

Government Reform:

- Tribal code language, policies, procedures, manuals, or training curricula for tribes seeking to implement recent federal legislation such as: the Violence Against Women Act, Tribal Law and Order Act, Affordable Care Act, the HEARTH Act, and the Stafford Act.
- Tribal code language, policies, procedures, manuals, or training curricula for tribes seeking to implement other important efforts such as: research on tribal lands and with tribal citizens; family court processes; cultural and historic resource protection; environmental authority; clean air/water and solid waste standards; and other natural resource areas.
- Tribal efforts to develop education policies, work with states/localities on education efforts, and take over their education systems.

Leadership Development: Initiatives focused on building the leadership capacity of existing, new and future leaders including: training for tribal leaders and tribal staff; developing a program for youth leadership; linking higher education to workforce

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development as a tool for increasing opportunities for tribal citizens and building tribal economies. For example, some tribes have developed unique approaches to linking scholarship databases with job recruitment databases to outreach to past scholarship recipients when tribal jobs are open. For additional information, please see a Policy Brief from the NCAI Policy Research Center at <http://tinyurl.com/NCAIPRC-HigherEd>.

Citizen Engagement: Strategies for increasing tribal citizen engagement in tribal government and state and local elections, including seeking designation of tribal health facilities as voter registration agencies, and initiatives aimed at encouraging tribal members to run for local and state office. For more information about the role tribal health facilities can play in voter registration, please see <http://www.demos.org/sites/default/files/publications/IHS%20Report-Demos.pdf>.

Public Education: Strategies and materials for public awareness campaigns seeking to educate the local non-Indian community on tribal sovereignty, tribal history, tribal culture, tribal governments, and tribal contributions to the local community.

Application Process

Interested tribes should send a letter via email or hard copy to tribalinvestments@ncai.org, or:

NCAI PTG Tribal Investment Initiative
1516 P St. NW
Washington, DC 20005

The letter should:

- Be no longer than 10 pages, not including the budget requested below;
- Be submitted by the official tribal leader (chief, chairman, governor, president, etc);
- Include a detailed description of the proposed project including:
 - a brief description of the need to be addressed;
 - a description of what will be done;
 - a description of outcomes anticipated, including how this project will strengthen tribal governance and how it will benefit the community;
 - the amount of the investment sought from NCAI and the overall budget; and
 - the timeline for completion of the project.
- Be submitted by October 23, 2013.

Tribes that receive funding will be asked to work with NCAI to document tribal efforts in order to share information with other interested tribes. NCAI will work with each recipient to develop an approach for reporting and evaluation that is appropriate to the particular project. NCAI anticipates announcing decisions about tribal investments in November of 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Davis at vdavis@ncai.org, or 202-321-6515.

Thank you,



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