

SYNOPSIS
Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages Grant Program

Due Date: August 28, 2020

Number of Awards: 15-60

Estimated Award Amount: Between \$25,000 and \$200,000

Cost Sharing: No

Project Length: 12 mos.

Eligible: Federally Recognized Tribes although grantees may select or retain for-profit or non-profit Tribal organizations to perform a grant's scope of work. Applicants that are currently under BIA sanction Level 2 or higher resulting from non-compliance with the Single Audit Act are ineligible.

Applications: An applicant may submit more than one grant application, e.g. an applicant may submit an application to fund an after-school language instruction program and a separate application to support a summer language instruction program. However, each purpose must have a separate application.

Purpose: to support Tribal programs to document Native languages or build Tribal capacity to create or expand language preservation programs. The funding will focus on small or start-up programs whose objective is to document or build the capacity to preserve Native languages that are losing users but which still have active users at the grandparent generation. The LLGP seeks to document, preserve, and revitalize languages that are used for face-to-face communication; languages that can be used by a child-bearing generation, but are not being transmitted to children; languages whose only active users are members of the grandparent generation or older; languages whose only active users are members of the grandparent generation or older but who have little opportunity to use them; and languages that serve as a reminder of heritage identity for an ethnic community, but which lack proficient speakers.

Ineligible Costs:

1. Indirect costs
2. Legal fees
3. Contract negotiation fees

Submission Requirements:

1. SF 424
2. Project Narrative - Not to exceed 15 pages to include
 - a. A technical description of the language project;
 - b. A description of the project's objectives and goals;
 - c. Deliverable products that the project is expected to generate; and

- d. Resumes of key personnel to be retained, if available, and the names of subcontractors, if applicable. This information may be included as an attachment to the application and will not be counted towards the 15-page limitation.
3. One-page, detailed budget estimate in Excel format with applicable attachments
4. Critical Information Page to include:
 - a. Project Manager's contact information;
 - b. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number;
 - c. An active Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) number;
 - d. Counties where the project is located; and
 - e. Congressional District number where the project is located.
5. Tribal Resolution

You must use the Project Narrative Attachment Form and email the document to LLGP@bia.gov. State "LLGP APPLICATION NARRATIVE AND SF-424" in the email subject line; and Include "Attention: James R. West, Program Analyst, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development" in the first line of the email.

Evaluation Criteria:

Clarity and Reasonableness: 20 points. The Committee will review LLGP grant proposals for completeness, organization, and reasonableness of identified costs, all in the context of achieving a project's stated goals and objectives. The Committee will examine if the budget submitted is detailed enough to explain how and when funds are to be spent and whether line-item budget numbers are appropriate and reasonable to complete proposed tasks.

Qualitative Impact: 40 points. The proposal should clearly state how the project would document, preserve, or revitalize a Native language whose status is described at Section III of this notice. The Committee will evaluate the extent to which the Native language addressed by the proposal is jeopardized or nearing extinction and the degree to which the proposal could enliven the language by arresting or minimizing intergenerational disruption.

Quantitative Impact: 40 points. The proposal should estimate the number of students or percentage of Tribal members who will be directly and indirectly benefitted by the proposal. This criterion is not intended to favor proposals submitted by Tribes with larger populations or disadvantage those submitted by Tribes with smaller ones. Because LLGP funds are limited, however, the Committee must conduct a cost-benefit analysis of each proposal. On this basis, the Committee will prefer applicants that are currently receiving little or no federal funding for language preservation activities.

LLGP applications will be ranked using only these criteria (as described above):

- Clarity and Reasonableness: 20.
- Qualitative Impact: 40.
- Quantitative Impact: 40.
- Total: 100