



Request for Application (RFA)
Native American Language and Culture Support to
Preserve and Maintain Native Languages within NM
RFA # 23-92400-00011

RFA Issue Date: *May 15, 2023*
Final Date to Submit RFA: **June 12, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.**
RFAs received after 4pm on June 12, 2023, will not be considered for funding.

Contact Information:
Rebecca Reyes
Deputy Director
Indian Education Division
Indian.Education@ped.nm.gov

PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

This Request for Application (RFA) is issued for the purpose of improving academic and cultural achievement opportunities in alignment with the requirements of the Indian Education Act, Sections 22-23A-1 through 22-23A-11 NMSA 1978.

Grants will be made available to those public entities listed in the Appendix **A** and **B** of this RFA, including tribal departments of education and local education agencies (LEAs), including state-chartered charter schools and locally chartered charter schools, that serve a significant number of Native American students in New Mexico.

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS RFA

- Increase positive student academic achievement;
- Increase cultural knowledge;
- Increase readiness for post-secondary education, career pathways, and civic life/community leadership; and
- Increase educational engagement and outcomes, including improved retention, graduation rates, attendance rates, and standardized test scores.

FUNDING

For Fiscal Year 2024, grants will be made available to those public entities listed in **Appendix A and B** of this RFA. Funding will be determined based on full time staff working as a Certified Level I Native American Language and Culture Staff (NALC) within a Local School District, Charter School, or Tribal Education Department. The salary of a level I NALC is \$50,000. Funding will be determined based on operational need, number of students, classes taught, level of license, and annual salary.

The Public Education Department - Indian Education Division has earmarked up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to pay a portion of the total salary(s) for the district, charter or tribe for their certified Native American Language and Culture Staff.

Current and continued funding is dependent upon annual legislative appropriations and program performance.

Funds may be utilized for costs related to personnel only.

Funds made available under this grant shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any other federal, state, or local education funds.

Funds are held to the administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal and state awards.

LENGTH OF FUNDING

The funding shall begin upon the execution (receivership) of an award between PED and successful applicants and is intended to continue through the proposed project period, but not longer than through June 30, 2024.

PED reserves the right to terminate any award that does not meet the requirements as defined by the guidelines governing the program or otherwise provided in an executed award.

The payment structure is through a reimbursable grant. As funding is expended on the program, the entity may draw down that amount.

REPORTING

Grantees shall submit reimbursement requests at least monthly. Applicants shall provide monthly budget amount total, budget amount spent, budget amount remaining, budget amount allocated for upcoming expenditure(s).

TIMELINE

PED-IED will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
Issue RFA	PED	May 15, 2023
Deadline to submit written questions	Potential applicants	May 29, 2023
Response to questions	PED	June 26, 2023
Submission of applications	Potential applicants	June 12, 2023
Evaluation of applications	Review panel	June 27, 2023-June 30, 2023
Selection of grantees	Review panel	July 3, 2023
Finalize contractual arrangements	PED and grantees	July 4, 2023-July 31, 2023
Contract awards	PED and grantees	August 16, 2023

The funding under this award must be used as specified by the Indian Education Act, and as described within the Request for Application (RFA).

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

- Cover Page
- Native American Language and Culture Staff Worksheet (list of staff working in LEA or Tribe for FY24)
- Signed Assurance Document

Please combine all documents into a single file and submit the application to the following email address:

Indian.Education@ped.nm.gov

APPENDIX A:
Native American Language and Culture Support to preserve and maintain the Native Languages within NM – Eligible Districts and Charters Schools (Fund code was 27909)

Districts
ALBUQUERQUE
AZTEC
BERNALILLO
BLOOMFIELD
CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED
CHAMA
CUBA
DULCE
ESPANOLA
FARMINGTON
GALLUP
GRANTS
JEMEZ MOUNTAIN
JEMEZ VALLEY
LOS LUNAS
MAGDALENA
PENASCO
POJOAQUE
QUEMADO
RIO RANCHO
RUIDOSO
SANTA FE
TAOS
TULAROSA
ZUNI

State Charter Schools
ABQ SIGN LANGUAGE ACADEMY
ACES TECHNICAL CHARTER SCHOOL
CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DEAP
HOZHO ACADEMY
LA TIERRA MONTESSORI SCHOOL
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER
NEW MEXICO CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
NM SCHOOL FOR ARTS
RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL
TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL
WALATOWA CHARTER HIGH
Local Charter Schools
APS- Native American Community Academy (NACA)
CCSD-Dream Dine Charter School
Jemez Valley-San Diego Riverside

APPENDIX B:

Native American Language and Culture Support to preserve and maintain the Native Languages within NM – Eligible Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations (Fund code was 27909)

Pueblo/Tribe/Nation
Pueblo of Acoma
Pueblo of Cochiti
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Jemez
Jicarilla Apache
Pueblo of Laguna
Mescalero Apache
Pueblo of Nambe
Navajo Nation
Ohkay Owingeh
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo of San Ildefonso
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of Santa Ana
Pueblo of Santa Clara
Pueblo of Santo Domingo
Pueblo of Taos
Pueblo of Tesuque
Pueblo of Zia
Pueblo of Zuni

Cover Page

Applicants Information

Name	
District/Charter Or Tribe/Pueblo/Nation	
Phone	
e-mail	
Mailing Address	
Number of students	

Native American Language and Culture (NALC) Staff-Worksheet

List all certified NALCs working in your District, Charter or Tribe for FY24

[illegible]

Native American Language and Culture Staff- ASSURANCE FORM

The Governor/President, an Appointed Authorized Representative must sign below to indicate their approval of the contents of the application, and the receipt of program funds.

On _____, 2023, _____ hereby applies for and, if awarded, accepts the state funds requested in this application. In consideration of the receipt of these grant funds, the entity agrees that the General Assurances form for all state funds and the terms therein are specifically incorporated by reference in this application. The entity also certifies that all program and pertinent administrative requirements will be met. In addition, grantees agree to the following assurances:

1. We, the undersigned, assure that the information included in the enclosed application is true and accurate.
2. Funding received as a result of this application will be utilized for the salary of certified NALC Staff Salary(s) only.
3. Reimbursement requests will be submitted monthly, including appropriate expenditure documentation.
4. We will ensure compliance with the Indian Education Act, Sections 22-23A-1 through 22-23A-11 NMSA 1978 for all staff working with Native American Students.
5. The grantee will work with and provide requested data to the PED for the activities within the timeframes specified, if applicable.
6. Funded projects will maintain appropriate fiscal and program records and fiscal audits of this program will be conducted by the grantees as a part of their regular audits.
7. All records of the activities will be retained for five years and access to those records will be available for the purposes of review and audit.
8. If any findings of misuse of these funds are discovered, project funds shall be returned to the PED.
9. Period of agreement shall begin July 1, 2023, and shall terminate on June 30, 2024.

Note: If the grant is approved, funding will not be awarded until all signatures are in place. Please attempt to obtain all signatures before submitting the application.

Name of President/Governor

Signature of President/Governor

Date

Name of Tribal Education Director

Signature of Tribal Education Director

Date

Native American Language and Culture Staff- ASSURANCE FORM

The Superintendent/Charter Leader must sign below to indicate their approval of the contents of the application, and the receipt of program funds.

On _____, 2023, _____ hereby applies for and, if awarded, accepts the state funds requested in this application. In consideration of the receipt of these grant funds, the entity agrees that the General Assurances form for all state funds and the terms therein are specifically incorporated by reference in this application. The entity also certifies that all program and pertinent administrative requirements will be met. In addition, grantees agree to the following assurances:

1. We, the undersigned, assure that the information included in the enclosed application is true and accurate.
2. Funding received as a result of this application will be utilized for the salary of certified Native American Language and Culture Salary only.
3. We will ensure compliance with the Indian Education Act, Sections 22-23A-1 through 22-23A-11 NMSA 1978, for all staff working with Native American Students.
4. The grantee will work with and provide requested data to the PED for the activities within the timeframes specified, if applicable.
5. Funded projects will maintain appropriate fiscal and program records and fiscal audits of this program will be conducted by the grantees as a part of their regular audits.
6. All records of the activities will be retained for five years and access to those records will be available for the purposes of review and audit.
7. If any findings of misuse of these funds are discovered, project funds shall be returned to the PED.
8. Period of agreement shall begin July 1, 2023, and shall terminate on June 30, 2024.

Note: If the grant is approved, funding will not be awarded until all signatures are in place. Please attempt to obtain all signatures before submitting the application.

Name of Superintendent

Signature of Superintendent

(date)

Name of Indian Education Director

Signature of Indian Education Director

(date)