SUMMER CAMP FUNDING APPLICATION
Applications Due May 6th, 2022

The Association on American Indian Affairs is the oldest non-profit serving Indian Country protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, educating youth and building capacity. The Association was formed in 1922 to change the destructive path of federal policy from assimilation, termination and allotment, to sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency. Throughout its 100-year history, the Association has provided national advocacy on watershed issues that support sovereignty and culture, while working at a grassroots level with Tribes to support the implementation of programs that affect real lives on the ground. The Association is governed by an all-Native Board of Directors from across Indian Country.

The Association began providing grants to Native Youth Summer Camps in 1963 as a powerful way that the Association can work to accomplish its vision to create a world where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected, and respected by focusing on the development of Native youth. There is significant research that shows when young Native people are connected to their culture, they fare better mentally and emotionally than those who are not. Healthy and strong Native American youth will sustain strong Tribal cultures and protect Tribal sovereignty for years to come.

Applications for funding are based on the following required criteria:

• The camp must provide summer programming to Native American Youth up to 18 years of age and be inclusive and supportive of LGBTQ2S+ Native youth;
• The program must include education on diabetes prevention, nutrition, physical fitness and/or other health and wellness topics;
• The program should include education on culture, language and community advocacy;
• The program should involve Tribal Elders and/or have active community involvement; and
• The camp must follow safety and security protocols and procedures to protect and care for the youth and Elders, including maintaining social distancing and mask
wearing when needed, and provide education for hand washing, and how infectious
disease can spread.

**Requirements for a successful grant:**
Native Youth Summer Camps that are approved for funding must submit a 2-3 page report
at the end of the camp or no later than September 15, 2022, that provides a description of
activities that include:

- How many Native youth participated, their ages and which Native Nations were
  represented;
- How the camp was inclusive and supportive of LGBTQ2S+ Native youth;
- How the program included education on diabetes prevention, nutrition, physical
  fitness and/or other health and wellness topics;
- How the program included education on culture, language and community advocacy;
- How the program involved Tribal Elders and/or have active community involvement;
- Length, term and dates of the camp;
- How the program followed safety and security procedures to protect and care for the
  youth; and
- The program should submit photography and other information (electronically if
  possible) with its report if it has included a photo release from youth included in the
  pictures.

**Applications are due on May 06, 2022.**

Please submit the application by email only to: general@Indian-Affairs.org

Funding for the Association’s Native Youth Summer Camp Grants is dependent upon the
generosity of our donors. Funding may vary from year to year; therefore, an award is not
guaranteed. The Association generally does not have the ability to fund costs for entire
summer programming. Funding provided is usually between $200 and $1,000, depending
on the number of qualified programs applying for funding.

If you have questions about your application, please email at general@Indian-Affairs.org or
call (240) 314-7155.
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Please complete this application and submit to general@indian-affairs.org by May 06, 2022

Organization Name: ______________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code: __________________________________________________________________
Primary Contact Name & Title (if applicable): ____________________________________________
Primary Contact Phone: ________________________ E-mail: _______________________________
Alternate Contact Name & Title (if applicable): ____________________________________________
Alternate Contact Phone: ________________________ E-mail: _______________________________
Camp Website (if applicable): __________________________________________________________
Camp Dates: ________________________________________________________________________
Is this a day camp or overnight? __________ How many years has this camp operated? ______
Tribe(s) served: __________________________________________________________________

How many years has this camp operated? ______ Number of Youth Campers Expected: ______
Ages of Youth Campers Expected: ____________ Number of Volunteers: __________________
Number of Elders: ______________
Total Camp Budget in Dollars: ______________
Amount Requested from the Association: __________________
What are the other sources of funding the camp will receive? _____________________________
Is there a charge for participants to attend camp? ______________ If yes, how much? _________
Describe the purpose and goals of your camp. ____________________________________________
Will your program commit to being inclusive and supportive of the LGBTQ2S+ Native youth that attend your camp? 

How will the camp include education on diabetes, nutrition, physical fitness or health and wellness?

How will the camp include culture, language and community building?

How are Elders and Native Nations involved?

How is your camp providing safety and security, including health precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

How will the camp provide COVID-19 education, i.e., social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing and how to prevent infectious disease spread?

(Please feel free to add extra paper to your application to describe your camp.)