



Maada'ookiing

Special Issue Grant Opportunity: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives

Indigenous women and girls face an outsized risk of sexual assault, violence, and murder in Minnesota and nationally. Indigenous females represent 1% of the State's population, but 15% of missing person cases and 9% of female homicides. The Northland Foundation will offer a special grant opportunity, through its Maada'ookiing grant program, supporting grassroots activities to raise awareness, urge change, and promote healing around Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relations. Four \$2500 grants are available to support locally driven change, while highlighting the important, ongoing work in the community that centers protecting indigenous women, girls and relatives.

Grant Focus Areas

Grants will support grassroots activities that align with and advance the recommendations set forth by the [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force](#) report to the Minnesota Legislature:

- **Systemic change** - Addressing systemic causes of violence against Indigenous women, children, and relatives.
- **Data collection and reporting** - collection and reporting of data about violence and crime against Indigenous women, children, and relatives.
- **Institutional change** - Addressing institutional policies and practices that impact violence against Indigenous women, children, and relatives.
- **Prevention of violence** - Reduce and eliminate violence against Indigenous women, children, and relatives.
- **Healing** - Help victims, survivors, families, and communities heal from and prevent violence against Indigenous women, children, and relatives.

Timeline:

Applications are due by September 15, 2023. If you would like to apply but need additional time beyond this date, please reach out to Cayla Bellanger DeGroat at Cayla@northlandfdn.org. Decisions will be made and applicants notified by the end of October. Successful grants can anticipate payment by December 31, 2023. Project periods can be up to one year.

Who Can Apply:

- Individuals or small groups who are citizens, descendants, or have kinship ties or affiliations to Indigenous communities for activities with the geographic service area. In recognition of Indigenous identity and community identity, eligibility is defined to be inclusive of the broad relationships of belonging.
- Area where the project is happening must be within the following:
 - Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
 - Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (District 1)
 - Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (District II)
 - Minnesota Counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and/or St. Louis.

This grant opportunity is intended for individuals and small groups. Nonprofit organizations and public entities seeking grants to support work in this area are encouraged to apply for funding through our general grant program.

How to Apply

Applicants should use our Maada'ookiing application portal to submit requests of up to \$2,500. Four grants will be awarded. Links to the portal and additional information can be found at: <https://northlandfdn.org/special-initiatives/maada-ookiing-grant-details-application.php>

Costs that Grants will Cover

- Materials and supplies, including technology, needed to carry out grant activities
- Food for program participants
- Space rental
- Honorarium for Indigenous knowledge-holders who assist the project (elders, spiritual leaders, etc.)
- Compensation for program organizers

Costs that Grants will NOT Cover

- Capital projects (such as buying or renovating buildings or projects that are mainly to buy large equipment.
- Costs associated with starting, operating, or expanding a business.
- Financial assistance to support basic needs of individuals.
- Political campaigns or other partisan political activities
- Sectarian religious activities
- Personal compensation that is not related to project activities