



PURPOSE

The PYM Indian Committee supports and funds Native American initiatives, communities and the preservation of cultural heritage. Read more at www.pym.org/grants.

TYPES OF GRANTS

Grants are made to Native Americans, varying widely in nature from year to year in geographical representation and content. Very rarely supports scholarship requests or organizations outside the United States.

ELIGIBILITY

Native American organizations or individuals can apply for project to benefit Native Americans.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants should provide the following information in a clear, concise document or a set of documents.

1. Describe in detail your project and funding your group needs. How will the funding be used? We need a good description of the project to be supported in order to make a decision.
 2. Give us a specific amount for the funding you are requesting.
 3. Explain who will benefit from the proposed project or funding. If this is the first time you have contacted us, please introduce yourself and the community/organization to benefit from the support. You are welcome to attach additional materials such as an Annual Report or newsletters, etc., that might provide background.
 4. State the time-frame for the project and use of funding. Have you set goals for completion or do you have deadlines to meet?
 5. Please provide names and contact information for people who have put together the request and/or who will be in charge of its completion. In the event that we are able to provide funding, tell us how a check should be made out and where it should be mailed.
 6. If you have you looked for other sources of funding, please describe them - sometimes we can offer suggestions for additional funding sources, so it is helpful for us to get an idea of what you have already done. We favor requests where there is clear evidence that an effort was made to find as many other funding sources as possible.
 7. **Reporting:** If funded, we ask that you provide a brief written follow-up report to document how the PYM Indian Committee funding was used and how your project is progressing. For local organizations or individuals we would welcome you to make a brief presentation in-person at an Indian Committee meeting (we would try to make this as convenient to you as possible).
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GRANT SIZE

Grant size is usually under \$2,000. No request is too small, but many are too big! Please keep in mind that we have a limited budget and receive many requests for assistance each year; we cannot fund every request we receive.

PRIORITIES

We favor projects that are initiated by Native Americans themselves and that are of a “one-time” nature—pilot projects and seed money to help Indian initiatives get off the ground. We also favor projects that will benefit a community, and we consider requests with national impact as well as a local focus. We are particularly interested in learning about Native American initiatives and new programs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

We examine each funding decision as it comes before us and cannot fund yearly projects every year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES & EXPECTATIONS

1. **Application:** Applications must be made in writing and should follow the instructions under Application Requirements, above.
2. **No Deadlines for Application:** We usually meet the 2nd Saturday of each month except in the months of July and August. Please make sure your grant application reaches the Clerk at least two weeks in advance of our meeting date.
3. **Submit completed application:** The Indian Committee does not have an application form; you should write an application, following the instructions above, and E-mail the full application and all required documents to IndianCommittee@PYM.org or mail it to the address at the end of these guidelines.
4. **Reporting:** Those whose grants are approved are asked to follow up with a brief report. If you can meet us in person, that would be wonderful but is not required.
5. Unspent grant funds, or funds not used for the specified granted purpose, must be returned alongside the grant report.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

1. After you apply, the Committee will make an initial review of your request, and you may be asked to submit additional material, or to clarify aspects of your application if they are unclear.
2. Decisions are made by the end of each month September through June. After we have the opportunity to fully review the request and come to a decision by consensus of the Committee, the Clerk will contact you by email, letter, or telephone call.
3. If a decision to assist the project is made, then a grant check will be mailed to you at the address you have indicated. Grant checks will normally be mailed within the first two weeks of the month following (for example, for the March meeting, grants will be mailed in April), but in some cases it can take longer. If your need is particularly timely, please let us know in advance.

FUNDS

Concerned Friends have bequeathed money to the Indian Committee during its 200 years of work and this is held in trust by Yearly Meeting for our use. Our yearly budget is the interest from the investment of these contributions. Funds include those established by the wills and bequests of Mary W. Trimble, Edward Woolman, Huldah H. Bonwill, Marshall & Johnson, Parrish, and Marjorie Trent.

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