



National Congress of American Indians Foundation

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Geographic Scope: National

Type of Organization: 501c3

EIN: 53-6017907

Total Annual Giving: \$1,475,000

Grant Range: \$1,000 - \$300,000

Eligible Applicants: Tribal Nations & Native-Led Organizations

Restrictions: None

Application Deadlines: Not at this time

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Areas of Interest/Focus: N/A

Upholding Tribal Sovereignty
Ensure NCAI's Enduring Impact

Key Activities: Legislative Advocacy, Policy Development, Tribal Coordination, Educational Initiatives, Congress Facilitation, Long-term Resilience

Cultivating Youth Leadership
Elevate the Influencers of Today

Key Activities: Youth Conferences, Specialized Programs. Fellows Initiative, International and National Platform Involvement

Empowering Tribal Leadership
Bolster Influential Voices of Tribal Leaders

Key Activities: Vocal Support, Attendance at Critical Meetings, Tribal Leaders Institute, National Strategy Conferences

Fortifying Tribal Nations
Aligning National Strategies

Key Activities: Philanthropic Liaison, National Strategies, Grant Allocation in Core Areas -Education, Environmental Conservation, Social Inequities, Workforce Development



[Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation](#)

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Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government entities, and fiscally sponsored groups

Geographic Scope: Minnesota
Emphasis on Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington Counties

Restrictions: Sectarian Religious Activities

Type of Organization: Community Foundation

Application Deadlines:
Varies by program

EIN: 41-6031510

Areas of Interest:

The Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation works to create an equitable, just, and vibrant Minnesota where all communities and people thrive.

Support is provided to nonprofit organizations serving the East Metro area, including Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington counties, as well as statewide in Minnesota. (Geographic scope varies by grant program.)

The Foundation has redesigned its Building Community Capacity grant program and there will be no open application rounds in 2025. (The Foundation will implement two transitional grant rounds by invitation only.) The new application processes and funding priorities will take effect in 2026, and the Foundation anticipates the next open application grant round will take place early that year.

Beginning in 2026, the Foundation will provide support through the following grants:

- **Responsive Grants**
These grants will focus on organizations, programs, or initiatives serving the East Metro and Greater Minnesota doing work in the areas of community and economic development, health and human services, and youth and education. The grants, which will be up to \$50,000 per year for a period of one to three years, can provide general operating support, project support, or capital support.
- **System-Level Grants**
These grants aim to strengthen quality of life in the East Metro and Greater Minnesota by supporting initiatives that transform or disrupt systems to achieve more equitable results, contribute to a sustainable and thriving arts ecosystem, and contribute to a sustainable ecosystem

that addresses homelessness and works to eliminate barriers and increase access to affordable, quality housing. Funding priorities include advancing an equitable democracy, growing and sustaining an inclusive economy, supporting community resilience, strengthening the arts and culture ecosystem, and increasing access to housing. General operating support grants of up to \$100,000 per year for three to five years will be provided.

Support is also provided through the following grant opportunities with separate application guidelines:

- **Community Sharing Fund**
This fund provides emergency grants to individuals and families in crisis in partnership with nonprofit agencies and case workers serving residents of the East Metro area.
- **Management Improvement Fund**
This fund provides grants of up to \$15,000 to small to midsize nonprofit organizations in Minnesota to expand organizational capacity, improve management capabilities, and nurture BIPOC leadership in the nonprofit sector. The grants fund consultations and technical assistance to improve organizational capacity to better serve the community, with a focus on new or young organizations, especially those that are BIPOC-led. Funding is focused on organizations working in and serving the East Metro area; however, West Metro and Greater Minnesota applications will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **Minnesota Community IDEAS Program**
This program seeks to design, test, and spread ideas that make Minnesota communities better for everyone and inspire, equip, and connect people through meaningful, community-led change. Five grants of \$160,00 over three years will be awarded within each of the following three communities: Greater Minnesota, Twin Cities seven-county metro area, and Native-led, Native-serving organizations.
- **Bush Prize: Minnesota**
This prize celebrates organizations in Minnesota that are highly valued within their communities and have a track record of successful community problem solving. The award is flexible and can be used to build up reserves, test that next big idea, or whatever else would best support the organization's ongoing good work.

Restrictions Details:

Grants are not provided to/for:

- sectarian religious programs or organizations;
- individuals; or,
- capital projects located outside Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington counties.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website. Applications must be submitted online.



THE DAVID & LUCILE

Packard Foundation

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

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Total Annual Giving: \$423,261,000

Geographic Scope: Global

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit Organizations

Additional Clarification: The Foundation's Local Grantmaking program focuses on Fresno, Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties. Statewide, national, and international organizations are also supported.

Restrictions: Sectarian Religious Activities

Application Deadlines: Varies by program

Type of Organization: Foundation, Fund, or Trust

EIN: 94-2278431

Areas of Interest:

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation works with people and communities to create enduring solutions for just societies and a healthy, resilient natural world.

Primary Areas of Interest

Natural World

Current subprograms include:

- Global Climate Initiative: Ending Tropical Deforestation for People and Climate
- **Ocean Initiative:** Ensuring a Healthy Ocean for Nature and People

Families and Communities

- California Communities Initiative: Promoting Thriving Communities in California
- Children and Families Initiative: Supporting Healthy Moms and Kids

Just Societies

- Civil Society and Leadership Initiative: Supporting a Thriving Civil Society
- Democracy, Rights, and Governance Initiative: Fostering a Thriving U.S. Democracy
- Global Reproductive Health Initiative: Advancing Reproductive Health and Rights Globally
- U.S. Racial Justice: Promoting Racial Justice in the U.S.
- U.S. Reproductive Health Initiative: Advancing Reproductive Health and Rights in the U.S.

Additional Support

Contact the appropriate program officer to inquire.

Application Procedures:

Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.