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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Funding Agency:	New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (“IAD”)
Opportunity Title:	Youth Council Special Project Grant
Eligible:	New Mexico’s Indian Nations, Pueblos or Tribes (“NPTs”)
Total Funding Available:	\$100,000
Application Open Date:	February 18, 2025
Priority Application Close Date:	February 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM MST
Application Deadline:	Continuous until funding is expended
Deadline to Expend Funds:	June 30, 2026
Contact Person:	Carmela Quitugua, Program Coordinator Phone: (505)819-9049 Email: carmela.quitugua@iad.nm.gov

BACKGROUND

During the 2024 New Mexico Legislative Session, IAD received a general fund appropriation to administer to New Mexico NPT’s Youth Councils for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. This Notice announces the availability of that funding.

PURPOSE

Eligible projects and/or activities include the creation or expansion of Youth Councils; opportunities for Youth Council members to participate in conferences, trainings or cultural activities that can increase their skills, influence their communities and learn about governance; and/or providing outreach and training to youth peers on Youth Council initiatives in NPTs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS and REVIEW CRITERIA.

IAD has established the following application requirements for NPTs for this funding. Additionally, Applications that meet the majority of the criteria listed below will be selected for funding:

1. Complete the attached Youth Council Special Project Grant Application.
2. Projects and funding requests must clearly identify youth-centered community initiatives.
3. Applications must identify and address how the NPT will use funds to support activities

and/or projects of Youth Councils and how that will benefit tribal communities and Native American youth in New Mexico.

4. Applications must detail how the awarded funds will be used by June 30, 2026.
5. Applications must include an itemized budget and a letter of support from their Tribal Leadership.
6. **Capital projects will not be considered.**

DELIVERABLES

Upon award, grantees must fulfill the following deliverables:

- Participate in at least one site visit and a quarterly progress call with a program monitor from IAD.
- Ensure project funds are expended by June 30, 2026.
- Submit quarterly reports detailing the progress and outcomes of the program. Quarterly reports should include information regarding the progress on the project and if necessary, how IAD can support the grantee in expending all funds.
- Submit requests for reimbursement with detailed invoices, receipts, and other supporting documentation on a monthly basis. Please note that purchases or expenditures made before the date of the IAD Purchase Order will not be reimbursed.
- Submit a final report which includes an assessment of the stated need, impact made by grant funds, and challenges met during the project.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit all completed applications and supporting documents electronically to carmela.quitugua@iad.nm.gov. For any questions, contact Carmela Quitugua, Program Coordinator, at the above email address.