

ABOUT THE GRANTS FACILITY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The World Bank is partnering with Indigenous Peoples leaders on an initiative - the *Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples* - which supports sustainable and culturally appropriate development projects planned and implemented by and for Indigenous Peoples. Founded in 2003, this is the third year that the Grants Facility is inviting applications for small grants. The Grants Facility Board, with majority Indigenous Peoples, review and make final recommendations on grant awards.

The Grants Facility supports the aspirations of Indigenous Peoples and helps to fulfill a vital development need of Indigenous Peoples' communities. Through small grants, it supports projects that include Indigenous Peoples in development operations, improve their access to key decision-makers, empower them to find solutions to the challenges they face, and promote collaboration in the public and private spheres. The innovative projects supported by the Grants Facility build on indigenous culture, identity, knowledge, natural resources, intellectual property and human rights.

The Grants Facility Board is responsible operationally and strategically for the governance of the Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples. Board members are primarily responsible for providing strategic guidance to the Grants Facility and making decisions on grant awards. The Secretariat located in the Social Development Department of the World Bank is responsible for the administrative, technical, and financial aspects of the Grants Facility.

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR FUNDING?

The Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples will consider grants addressing the following areas:

- Increasing Indigenous Peoples communities' and organizations' capacity for self-development
- Innovative pilot projects that build on indigenous culture, identity, knowledge, natural resources, intellectual property and human rights, and/or institutions
- Planning and preparation of development projects implemented by Indigenous Peoples' communities and organizations
- Recommendations made by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on social and economic development areas
- Development of partnerships and alliances with other stakeholders, such as governments and international organizations, or between Indigenous Peoples' Organizations.

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FUNDED?

- Grassroots solutions to challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples
- Preservation, promotion, and protection strategies for Indigenous Peoples' language and sacred sites (burial grounds, religious sites, etc.)

- Protection and patenting of intellectual property rights (pharmacological, artistic, etc.)
- Culturally appropriate and economically viable artisan activities
- Culturally appropriate ethno-tourism models
- Mapping of Indigenous Peoples' territories
- Co-management of natural resources
- Partnerships with extractive industries
- Participation of Indigenous Peoples in policy formulation
- Collection of disaggregated data on Indigenous populations
- Country profiles of Indigenous Peoples

The Grants Facility cannot consider: applications from organizations without legal registration, or applications from individuals applying on their own behalf for travel grants or scholarships.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Please note that your community or organization **MUST** meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for a grant:

- Applicant must be an Indigenous Peoples' community or not-for-profit/non-governmental Indigenous Peoples' organization.
- Applicant must be legally registered in the country of grant implementation, the country must be eligible to borrow from the World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) (please visit the website www.worldbank.org/indigenous for a list of countries).
- Applicant should have an established bank account in the name of the applicant organization.
- Applicant should demonstrate internal controls to govern the use of funds. Where applicable, it should have auditing records of past grants.
- Applicant should not have received a grant from the Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples in the previous two years.
- Applicant must submit only one proposal per organization.

An Indigenous Peoples' community or organization may ask a legally registered not-for-profit organization, such as an NGO, to act as its intermediary on their behalf. In such cases, the relationship between the Indigenous Peoples group and the entity must be made explicit in the application.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS?

- All applications must directly benefit Indigenous Peoples in a culturally appropriate, sustainable, and gender inclusive manner and address issues central to Indigenous Peoples' aspirations.
- Proposed project budget requests should range between US\$10,000 and US\$30,000 and include a minimum contribution of 20% of the total project cost. The contribution can be in cash or in-kind (such as personnel costs or use of local facilities). The budget should be based on realistic local costs. Details should be provided on amounts and sources of contribution (including from the applicant organization). Budget **MUST** be submitted in US Dollars.
- Proposed project timeline should indicate how the project would be completed within 12 months from the award date.
- Applications are accepted only in English, French, and Spanish.
- **Applications must be received by November 15, 2005.**

HOW WILL THE DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS BE MADE?

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed according to the criteria listed below. **Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.** Applications will be acknowledged within one month of receipt but due to the large volume of requests it may take up to six months to notify applicants of the decisions. Decisions on projects will be made by the Grants Facility Board based on the following criteria:

- **Project effectiveness:** Does the application address the needs of the community? Will it make a difference in the community to aid or resolve issues? Does it have influence elsewhere?
- **Project feasibility:** Is the proposed approach practical? Is the timeline realistic and the budget adequate? How will the project continue after funding?
- **Institutional capacity:** What relevant skills does the organization's staff bring to the project? Has the organization succeeded in similar endeavors?
- **Institutional credibility:** What kind of reputation does the group enjoy within its community and beyond?
- **Balance of grant portfolio:** Providing for a balance of the grant portfolio with regard to geographic distribution, gender, and issues addressed.

Applicants, where required, must receive necessary clearance from their respective governments for receipt of funds. Applicants must provide proof of legal registration and organizational bank account information upon approval.

The Grants Facility Secretariat may forward the application to other funding organizations (such as foundations or other multilateral agencies) if it is not selected for funding.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Applicants should carefully read the guidelines of the Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples prior to completing the attached application form. **The completed application should not exceed 10 pages;** any attachments will be disregarded.

Applications should be emailed to: indigenouspeoples@worldbank.org . They may also be mailed or faxed to the address below. Please allow a minimum of one month for all postal deliveries to the World Bank in order to meet the deadline.

World Bank Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples
Social Development Department
Mailstop MC5-526
World Bank
1818 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20433 USA

Fax: 1-202-522-1669
Email: indigenouspeoples@worldbank.org

THE WORLD BANK AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Over the last decade, the World Bank has moved towards engaging directly with Indigenous leaders. This approach is reinforced by the Social Development Agenda which places Indigenous Peoples and other vulnerable groups at the center of development, so that they can have control over their own future.

In an effort to implement a proactive approach to establishing direct partnerships with Indigenous Peoples, the World Bank facilitates direct partnerships and dialogues with Indigenous Peoples and their representative organizations, while continuing its work with borrower governments and civil society organizations. Proactive measures supported by the World Bank at the request of the borrower country include:

- Strengthening and improving the policy and institutional frameworks affecting Indigenous Peoples and their relations with other groups of national society;
- Building indigenous capacity for self-development, based upon their cultural heritage and knowledge;
- Demonstrating the important role that Indigenous Peoples can play in the management of fragile ecosystems and biodiversity conservation; and
- Disseminating the experience learned from such indigenous development initiatives to national governments and the international donor community.

GRANTS FACILITY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES APPLICATION FORM

Contact Information

1. Name of the Indigenous Peoples' community
2. Name of the organization that will manage the grant (organization must be legally registered with a bank account in the organization's name)
3. Title of project
4. Name and title of the person in charge of project
5. Mailing address, including district, state, province, and postal code
6. Country where project will be implemented
7. Telephone, including country and city codes
8. Fax, including country and city codes
9. Email
10. Please provide details of legal registration (such as date, registration number, government agency, etc).

Community / Organization Information

11. Please describe the mission of the community or organization and how it relates to the project and people it serves.
12. Please describe the Indigenous Peoples that the community or organization serves, works with, or supports. What is the name of the Indigenous Peoples' group?
13. Please describe 3 major accomplishments of the community or organization since it began, including a description of the funding source, outcomes, and cooperation with community organizations, NGOs, government agencies, donor organizations, or international institutions.
14. Please describe the relevant skills of the staff who will be implementing the proposed project.
15. Please describe the organizational structure of the community or organization, including the staffing and governance structure and the role of its Indigenous members, including women.
16. Please note any local, regional, national and global Indigenous Peoples' organizations and networks with which the community or organization works and describe the relationship.
17. How much money in US dollars (\$) does the organization plan to spend this year, including all projects and operating expenses. Please list the organization's major sources of funding.
18. What internal controls are in place to govern the use of funds?

Project Information

19. What are the issues and problems that the project will address? Why are these issues critical to Indigenous Peoples' communities?
20. How will the grant from the Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples be used to address these issues? Please describe the activities to be funded by the grant within the one-year timeframe.
21. How will Indigenous Peoples be involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project?
22. What are the anticipated results of the project? What changes will occur as a result of the project?
23. How will the implementation of the project be monitored and evaluated?
24. How will the project be sustained after the period of grant implementation?

Grant Request Information

25. Grants range from US \$10,000 to US \$30,000. What is the total amount in US dollars requested from the Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples for the proposed project?
26. Please provide an itemized project budget in U.S. dollars and for a period of one year only.

BUDGET ITEMS (quantity and cost per unit)	Cost in U.S. \$	Amount Requested from World Bank Grants Facility	Other funding (specify source of funding)
List items			
TOTAL	US \$	US \$	US \$ (should be minimum of 20% of total costs)

Checklist for applicants:

The organization submitting the proposal must meet the following eligibility criteria before applying and submitting the proposal:

- Organization managing the grant is legally registered
- Organization has a bank account in its name
- Proposed project is designed and implemented by an Indigenous Peoples organization or community
- Budget includes 20 percent match amount