



News from the Office of Indian Education

Reminder: State Tribal Education Partnership Grant Program (STEP)

Applications Available: May 2, 2023

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: June 1, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 3, 2023 (upcoming)

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications on July 3, 2023

The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for the State Tribal Education Partnership Grant Program (STEP).

The purposes of STEP are to:

- Promote Tribal self-determination in education.
- Improve the academic achievement of Indian children and youth; and
- Promote the coordination and collaboration of Tribal educational agencies (TEAs), as defined in this notice, with State educational agencies (SEAs) and local

educational agencies (LEAs) to meet the unique education and culturally related academic needs of Indian students.

STEP is authorized under section 6132 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA). In this competition, the Department uses the priorities from section 6132 of the ESEA and from the Department's notice of final priorities, requirements, and definitions published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register (NFP). The priorities support the development of partnerships among TEAs, SEAs, and LEAs to promote the creation of new TEAs or expansion of early TEAs to improve the identification of Native students in public education data and enhance Tribal consultation. STEP is one of many efforts across the Federal Government to strengthen the government-to-government relationships with Tribal Nations throughout the United States.

The intent for this competition is to award STEP grants to create new TEAs; increase collaboration among TEAs, SEAs, and LEAs; and build the capacity of TEAs to directly administer education programs, including formula grant programs under the ESEA, consistent with State law and under a written agreement among the parties.

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Applications for New Awards: Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program - Native American Teacher Retention Initiative (NATRI)

Applications Available: May 23, 2023

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: June 22, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 24, 2023 (upcoming)

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 20, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications on July 24!

The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program—Native American Teacher Retention Initiative (NATRI), Assistance Listing Number (ALN)

84.299A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1810-0722.

Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the Demonstration program is to provide financial assistance to projects that develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of Indian students attending preschool, elementary, and secondary schools.

Background

The joint explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 directed the Department to use at least \$2,750,000 of funds available for the Demonstration program for “a teacher retention-initiative to help address the shortage of Native American educators and expand their impact on Native American students’ education” and recommended that the initiative support “teacher leadership models to increase the retention of effective, experienced Native American teachers.”

This competition will fund projects that meet the purpose of the Demonstration program as described in the absolute priority and encourages projects that support Native American teacher retention in keeping with the directive from the joint explanatory statement and in recognition of the positive impact that Native American teachers have on educational opportunities and achievement for Native American students. Through an invitational priority, the Department encourages projects that provide Native American teachers with leadership responsibilities, facilitate professional learning with peers, and help develop resources to meet students’ unique academic and social-emotional needs.

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Application and Submission Information

Applicants are required to follow the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045).

Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 27, 2021.

[View the Common Instructions to Applicants](#)

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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs>

Indian Education Discretionary Grants Programs: Native American Language Resource Centers (NALRC) Program

Applications Available: June 7, 2023

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: June 27, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 27, 2023 (upcoming)

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 28, 2023

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications on July 27, 2023!

The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for the Native American Language Resource Centers (NALRC) Program.

Purpose

The purpose of this program, which further aligns resources provided by the Department with the policies in the Native American Languages Act (NALA), 25 U.S.C. 2901 et seq., is to support establishing, strengthening, and operating one or more Native American language resource centers.

Background

Congress recently emphasized the need to support the use of Native American languages as a medium of instruction for a variety of age levels, academic content areas, and types of schools, including Native American language medium education by passing the Native American Language Resource Center Act of 2022 (NALRCA) (20 U.S.C. 7457). The NALRC Program supports projects that will preserve, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, practice, and develop Native American languages in furtherance of the policies in NALA and the United States' trust responsibility to Tribal Nations. Native American language resource centers supported by the NALRC Program will be staffed by individuals with relevant expertise and experience, including staff who speak American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian languages and have worked in Native language education in a preschool, elementary school, secondary school, adult education, or higher education program. For FY 2023, this competition includes two absolute priorities, one for regional centers and one for a national center, to advance policies set forth in NALA, including the rights of Native Americans to express themselves through Native American languages in any public proceeding, including publicly supported education programs. 25 U.S.C. 2904. This competition also includes a competitive preference priority for projects that are led by a Tribal college or university (TCU).

Tribal Consultation

This competition was informed by Tribal consultation with elected Tribal leaders or their officially designated proxies. The Department held a virtual Tribal consultation on January 10, 2023, and announced the opportunity through various external community listservs. You can view that consultation on the [Consultation and Engagement Session webpage](#).

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