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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Funding Agency:	New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (“IAD”)
Opportunity Title:	Veterans Grant Program
Total Funding Available:	\$279,200.00
Application Open Date:	July 1, 2024
Priority Application Date:	July 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM MST
Application Close Date:	Continuous until funding expended
Period of Performance:	Date of executed agreement to June 30, 2025
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BACKGROUND

During the 2024 Legislative Session, IAD received a general funds appropriation from the Legislature to support special projects in Fiscal Year 2025 that benefit Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (“NPTs”) in New Mexico. IAD has decided to dedicate a portion of that funding to support Tribal Veteran’s Programs.

PURPOSE

Veterans play a vital role in Native communities and deserve much honor and respect. The funding for the Veterans Grant Program is intended to assist NPTs in enhancing or supplementing services for Native Veterans. Eligible projects may include but are not limited to providing services such as transportation, social activities, promoting health care and mental health programs as well as other initiatives to promote the well-being of the NPTs Veteran population.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

IAD has established the following application requirements for NPTs for this funding:

1. Complete the attached Special Veterans Grant Program Application.
2. Applications must identify and address how the NPT will use funds to support Veterans in NPTs and how that will benefit tribal communities and/or Native American people in New Mexico.
3. Applications must specify how they intend to expend awarded funds by June 30, 2025.

4. Applications must include an itemized budget and a letter of support from their Tribal Leadership.
5. **Capital projects will not be considered.**

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated to determine their direct benefits to NPTs in New Mexico. Applications that meet the majority of the criteria listed below will be selected for funding:

1. Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the tribal population to be served and the needs of the population that the project will benefit. Projects should include existing data and information that supports the applications for funding.
2. Provides an organized plan for the grant to implement the project.
3. Provides a budget with justification related to the project plan.
4. Project timeline and budgetary obligations meets Period of Performance.

DELIVERABLES

Upon award, grantees will be required to 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, 2025.
- 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 seth.damon@iad.nm.gov. For any questions, contact Deputy Seth Damon, at the same email address.