

## **NATIVE VOICES RISING 2022 PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

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Native Voices Rising (NVR) is a project of [Common Counsel Foundation](#) and [Native Americans in Philanthropy](#). Native Voices Rising provides general operating support grants that are intended to strengthen Native-led groups that have a membership base in the community, work to develop leadership, and take collective action to win progressive social change.

Eligible organizations are rooted in a Native community, led by Native people, improve Native communities through organizing and advocacy, engage large numbers of community members to take action together, and seek to improve the policies and rules that impact the community.

Native Voices Rising expects to make general support grants that will average \$30,000 and range between \$20,000 to \$40,000.

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### **ELIGIBILITY**

Before applying to Native Voices Rising, please review the following questions to determine whether you meet Native Voices Rising funding guidelines:

- Is your organization based in and serving a Native community or population?
- Does your organization have a strong set of leaders and board members comprised of 51% Native Americans who represent and are accountable to the community that is served?
- Does your organization have a leadership development or political education program for Native community members?
- Does your organization engage Native community members in determining priorities and the focus of its programs?
- Does your organization engage a significant number of community members to take collective action to promote public policy or campaign for corporate accountability to address the problems in your community? (This can be at the tribal, local, state, national or international levels, as well as against corporate actors)
- Does your organization have IRS 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, 7871 Designation, or a fiscal sponsor who does?

Only requests from organizations that meet the guidelines will be considered.

## **EXCLUSIONS (what we do NOT fund)**

We are UNABLE to support the following:

- Organizations that are not based in the United States
- Grantmaking or re-granting institutions
- Capital campaigns, construction or renovation programs, endowments
- Scholarship funds or other aid to individuals
- Research or fellowships
- Land trusts/land acquisitions
- Government-sponsored programs or programs undertaken by tax-supported institutions
- Films, books, or other stand-alone documentation projects,
- Emergency funding

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS**

If your organization fits all or most of the above eligibility criteria, you may submit an online application to Common Counsel Foundation. Please submit your application via our online grant portal. Note that if you are a new applicant, you will need to register to obtain a user account. The grant portal can be found at [www.nativevoicesrising.org/apply](http://www.nativevoicesrising.org/apply).

If you do not have the technical capacity to submit via our online applications, we will also accept submissions of this application and accompanying attachments to [grants@nativevoicesrising.org](mailto:grants@nativevoicesrising.org).

## **TIMELINE**

Native Voices Rising must receive complete proposals no later than **Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11:59pm Pacific Time**. Confirmation of your submission will be sent by email. Final Decisions will be made in early November 2022.

*(Note: please mark [administrator@grantinterface.com](mailto:administrator@grantinterface.com) as a safe sender to ensure you receive email notifications).*

# Native Voices Rising 2022

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*Common Counsel Foundation*

## *Eligibility and Exclusions*

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### ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSIONS

Please review the Native Voices Rising eligibility guidelines posted on the NVR website [www.NativeVoicesRising.org](http://www.NativeVoicesRising.org). Please note that only requests from organizations that meet the guidelines will be considered.

### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

If your organization clearly meets the NVR criteria for eligibility, you are welcome to submit a proposal using the form and questions included below. Please also be sure to include all requested attachments.

**Timeline:** Native Voices Rising must receive complete proposals no later than **Friday, July 15, at 11:59pm Pacific time**. Confirmation of your submission will be sent by email. You will receive an update about the status of your application in early November 2022.

**NOTE: Each narrative question has a suggested paragraph length to help guide how long an answer could be.**

Most questions have a character limit of 7,000, but it is **not** the expectation that each answer is 7,000 characters long. We wanted to offer spaciousness if you feel compelled to elaborate or add in other pieces of information that might be helpful. *Please do not feel obligated to write 7,000 characters for each answer. Instead, use the suggested paragraph length as a general guide.*

## *General Information*

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### Project Name\*

Name of Project. If this proposal is for general support, please type 'general support'.

*Character Limit: 100*

### Fiscal Sponsorship\*

Are you a fiscally sponsored project? (In other words, do you have a fiscal sponsor that has 501c3 status?)

### Choices

Yes

No

### Year Founded\*

State the year in which your organization was founded.

*Character Limit: 4*

### Organizational Budget\*

What is your organizational budget (defined by expenses from the last completed fiscal year)?

*Character Limit: 20*

### Grant Funds Requested\*

State the amount of grant money desired. (NVR grants will average about \$30,000).

*Character Limit: 20*

### Proposal Activities\*

If this proposal is for program or general operating support, please select up to **three (3)** activities that will be conducted with the funds.

#### Choices

\*Not Applicable

Advocacy

Coalition Building

Conferences & Learning Exchanges

Direct Services

Leadership Training

Litigation

Organizing

Outreach & Community Education

Research

Voter Engagement

Other

If you selected OTHER in the previous question, please describe here.

*Character Limit: 250*

### Issue Area (Primary)\*

Please select the option that best reflects your organization's **primary** issue area.

#### Choices

Arts & Culture

Campaign Finance & Responsive Government

Criminal Justice

Disability Rights

Economic Justice/Development

Education

Environment & Climate

Fair Trade/Globalization  
Food Security  
Healthcare  
Housing/Homelessness/Tenants Rights  
Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Leadership Development  
LGBT & Gender Rights  
Media Access  
Native Sovereignty  
Peace/Anti-militarism  
Philanthropy & Socially Responsible Investing  
Racial Justice  
Reproductive Justice  
Voting Rights  
Women's Rights

### Additional Issue Areas

Please select up to **three (3) additional** choices that reflect your organization's issues areas

#### Choices

Arts & Culture  
Campaign Finance & Responsive Government  
Criminal Justice  
Disability Rights  
Economic Justice/Development  
Education  
Environment & Climate  
Fair Trade/Globalization  
Food Security  
Healthcare  
Housing/Homelessness/Tenants Rights  
Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Leadership Development  
LGBT & Gender Rights  
Media Access  
Native Sovereignty  
Peace/Anti-militarism  
Philanthropy & Socially Responsible Investing  
Racial Justice  
Reproductive Justice  
Voting Rights  
Women's Rights

### *Fiscal Sponsor Information*

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#### Fiscal Sponsor\*

Please provide the name of your fiscal sponsor.

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person\***

Please provide the name and email of your contact person at your fiscal sponsor.

*Character Limit: 250*

### **Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement\***

Please upload a copy of your fiscal sponsorship agreement.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

## *Grant Payment Information*

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To streamline grant processing, we are collecting award payment information. In the event that you receive an award, we will use this information to disperse your grant. If your information changes, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

### **Bill.com Account Information**

If you already have a Bill.com account, please enter your organization's Bill.com Payment Network ID (PNI). Your PNI is a 16-digit number that starts with the number 0. If you are a fiscally sponsored project, enter your fiscal sponsor's PNI instead.

*Character Limit: 250*

### **ACH Payment Information**

If you (or your fiscal sponsor) do NOT have a Bill.com account already, please enter your ACH payment information. If you are a fiscally sponsored project, please enter the information for your fiscal sponsor instead.

Account Holder's Name

*Character Limit: 250*

Account Number

*Character Limit: 250*

Routing Number

*Character Limit: 250*

### **Paper Check Payment Information**

If you prefer to receive a check, please confirm your correct mailing address.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Please double check that the information you entered above is correct.**

By checking the box below, I understand that any errors in this information might cause any

funds that are awarded to be delayed or sent to the wrong account. I also verify that the information entered is correct and understand that CCF will rely on it to disperse payment if a grant is awarded. \*

### Choices

Yes, I confirm that this information is correct

## *Proposal Narrative*

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### Mission Statement

Briefly state your organization's mission.

*(Suggested length: 1 paragraph)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

### Current Request and Activities\*

Briefly describe 1) the need your organization is currently trying to change and/or address and 2) your current activities/programs, goals, and campaigns. Be sure to describe how you are engaging your community to take collective action towards improving their lives. If this includes advocacy for policy change or corporate accountability, mention those activities.

(This can be at the tribal, local, state, national or international levels and against corporate actors).

*(Suggested length: 3 - 4 paragraphs)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

### Recent Accomplishments

Please highlight any recent accomplishments. If you received a grant from NVR in 2021, please provide a brief report on the activities named in your last grant application. If you prefer, you can submit a pre-written report instead.

*(Suggested length: 1 - 3 paragraphs)*

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### Community Engagement and Leadership\*

Please describe your community and how you engage this community to determine the priorities and the focus of the organization and its programs. Please be specific.

*(Suggested length: 2 - 3 paragraphs)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

### Collective Impact and Action\*

Please describe how your organization actively engages community members to take collective action to benefit their communities. How many community members are actively involved in your organization on an ongoing basis? If your organization has recruitment goals, please

share.

*(Suggested length: 2 - 3 paragraphs)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

### **Leadership Development\***

Describe ways that your organization develops the leadership skill or political knowledge of your members or constituents.

*(Suggested length: 2 - 3 paragraphs)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

### **Collaborations/Key Allies**

Please share how the organization collaborates with other organizations within and outside of Native communities. Who are your key allies? In what coalitions, alliances, or collaborative work do you participate (formal and informal)?

*(Suggested length: 1 - 2 paragraphs, or bullet points)*

*Character Limit: 7000*

## *Financials and Attachments*

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### **Other Funding Sources\***

Please list other sources of revenue and related funding amounts for this current fiscal year (foundation, corporate, individual donors, government, etc.). If it is easier, you may submit a document with that information.

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### **Last Year's Financial Statement\***

Please upload an income statement from the last completed fiscal year (actual revenue sources, and actual expenses). PDF is the preferred file format.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste this information in the textbox provided here.

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### **Current Year Approved Budget\***

Please provide a copy of your organization's approved budget for this year. PDF is the preferred format.

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### **Media Attachments\***

Please share at least one (maximum of three) relevant articles, newsletters, or video links that might highlight your work beyond the questions above.