



## **NATIVE VOICES RISING 2026 APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Native Voices Rising (NVR) is a fiscally sponsored project of Common Counsel Foundation. 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 impacts the community.

Native Voices Rising expects to make general support grants of \$30,000.

### **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 who represent and are accountable to the Native American communities that are 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 and its territories
- 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 Native Voices Rising. 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)

**TIMELINE**

Native Voices Rising must receive complete proposals no later than Friday, July 3, 2026, at 11:59pm Pacific Time. Confirmation of your submission will be sent by email. Final decisions will be made in early November 2026.

(Note: please mark [administrator@grantinterface.com](mailto:administrator@grantinterface.com) and [gabriela@commoncounsel.org](mailto:gabriela@commoncounsel.org) as safe senders to ensure you receive email notifications).

## **Native Voices Rising 2026 Application Questions - Proposal Narrative**

### **Mission Statement\***

Briefly state your organization's mission.

(Suggested length: 1 paragraph)

### **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)

### **Recent Accomplishments\***

Please highlight any recent accomplishments. If you received a grant from NVR in 2023, 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)

### **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)

### **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)

### **Leadership Development\***

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

(Suggested length: 2 - 3 paragraphs)

**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)