Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)
and
Western Mining Action Network (WMAN)
2016-2017 Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program

The goal of the Mining Mini-grants Program is to support and enhance the capacity building efforts of mining-impacted communities in the U.S. and Canada to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health of communities.

Applications accepted are accepted three times a year: June 1, October 1, and February 1. Applicants will be notified of the funding decision within one month of the application deadline.

Please note that we have a new email address for submission of proposals and reports: minigrants@wman-info.org. We ask that you use this new address to ensure receipt of your materials and consideration of your application. We cannot guarantee your application will be considered if you do not submit it electronically to this new email address.

There will be an "emergency" fund for extremely time-sensitive projects that fall between grant cycles (i.e., needs that could not have been anticipated at the time of the last cycle and cannot wait to be addressed until the next cycle). These grants will be very limited and awarded on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Mini-Grant Review Committee**.**

This year, we want to begin highlighting the accomplishments and successes of organizations that receive our funding. We ask that when you compile your report, you include one sentence that sums up how you used the funding or achieved a successful conclusion of your work with the mini-grant funding. This information will be shared with funders, other WMAN and IEN participants, and on our websites.

WMAN/IEN Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-grants program criteria:

As stated above, the goal of this program is:

To support and enhance the capacity building efforts of mining-impacted communities in the U.S. and Canada to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health of communities.

Grant proposals submitted to this program should reflect that goal. In addition, they must meet all of the following criteria:

1) Priority will be given to US and Canadian community-based grassroots groups directly affected by mining. Secondarily, we will also accept proposals from regional or national organizations in the US and Canada working on mining-specific issues. Projects proposed should be directly related to one or more mining issues (closed/abandoned mine issues needing citizen attention are included and do fit this program).

2) Unfortunately, we are not able, at this time, to fund proposals related to oil, gas or tarsands issues. We hope in the future to see funding established to provide community-based grants to groups addressing those important issues.

3) Grassroots community-based organizations, regional and national organizations, and tribes, tribal programs, and First Nations organizations in the U.S. and Canada with any budget level may apply. However, if there are more applicants than funds available, priority will be given to organizations with an organizational or mining-specific project budget under $75,000 U.S..

4) At least half of our grants will be awarded to indigenous-led groups.

5) We prefer to make grants to organizations with a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax designation, or those working with a fiscal sponsor that has a 501(c)3, however this is not a requirement. We do not, however, write grant checks to individuals. For all US-based groups to whom we write a check we need an EIN number.

6) Requests must be project-specific for an immediate need such as legal assistance, organizing and outreach, development of campaign materials, media development, reports, travel, mailings, interns and consultants, etc. to be fulfilled within the next six months on a specific mining campaign. Funds cannot be used for an organization's usual general operating funds, staff salaries, rent or telephone bills.

7) Priority will be given to projects that build bridges and community across socio-economic and cultural lines.

8) Applicants may receive one grant per twelve-month cycle. However, this limit does not apply to emergency grants.

9) Each grant issued will not exceed $3,000 U.S.

10) Within six months after receiving the grant, recipients must submit a 1-2 page report to Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) Education Project by emailing it to: minigrants@wman-info.org. In that report, please answer the following two questions: 1) Please describe how the grant funds were used and outcomes of this investment (how did these funds benefit your issue or programs?), and 2) how specific dollar amounts were used (for example: $1000 printing, $800 plane ticket, $150 hotel, $1050 public meeting expenses = total $3000). If your organization needs an extension for using the funds and/or sending the report, that is fine, but please contact Mary and Simone to let us know. Please be aware that a group will not be considered for future grants until such a report is submitted.

11). In your report, we ask that you **include one sentence that sums up how you used the funding or achieved a successful conclusion of your work with the funding.** We want to share your success with others on our website and elsewhere. For example: "Mini-grant funding enabled us to hire a hydrologist who characterized and mapped our watershed to predict dewatering impacts from the proposed Axis copper mine in southern Arizona."

Any questions? We are happy to help. Please contact either Mary Costello, WMAN Network Coordinator at (208) 610-4896 or Simone Senogles, Indigenous Environmental Network, (218) 751-4967. You can also email us your questions: minigrants@wman-info.org.

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2016 – 2017 Application
Application should be no longer than 5 pages
(this does not include 2 page explanation preceding this application; you may cut that section out when submitting your completed application).

Organization Name:

Primary Contact (Note: this person will be our primary contact during the application period and is responsible for all reporting requirements):

If grant is awarded, to what organization name should the check be written:

For US-based groups: Organization's EIN Number:

Street Address or P.O. Box to which check should be mailed:

City, State or Province, Zip or Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

<u>Please remember, total proposal should not exceed 5 pages. We encourage you to be brief below:</u>

1. <u>Summary</u>
Summarize in 1-2 sentences (no more) the purpose/goal of your project for which you are proposing funding in this grant.

2. <u>Indigenous Leadership</u>
Is your organization indigenous-led? (At least 50% of our grants are given to groups that are indigenous-led)

3. <u>Tax Status</u>
Is your organization a 501(c)3 or do you have another organization with a 501(c)3 that can act as your fiscal sponsor? Note: This is not a requirement for receiving a grant. Please be aware, in the least, that we do not write checks to individuals; recipient needs to be your organization/tribe/First Nation or fiscal agent. Also, all US groups must have an EIN number.

4. <u>History</u>
Please provide a *short* history of your organization (mission, goals, when founded, quick summary of leading projects, etc.) [Not more than half a page.]

5. <u>Project Description</u>
Please provide a short description of the project proposed for this grant, detailing specifically how WMAN/IEN Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant funds will be used. Please also give dates by which the project will be accomplished. [Not more than a page.]

6. <u>Organizational Budget and also Portion of Budget Dedicated to Mining work:</u>
A. Please list the size of your organization/tribe/First Nation's overall budget:

B. Please list, if different, the portion of your budget dedicated to mining-related work. (For example, your organization/tribe/First Nation's community may work on a broad range of different issues with a budget of $100,000, but perhaps mining-related work is just $25,000 of that total overall budget.):

C. For groups/tribes/First Nation's with overall budgets greater than $200,000 please explain directly why you need this grant rather than prioritizing your own funds for this project:

7. Project Budget

Please use the empty table below (the one that follows the example which you can review as a reference) to fill-in the budget for the project on which you would like to use this $3,000 grant. It is fine if your project budget exceeds $3,000 overall, but the mini-grant will provide only up to $3,000 toward the total costs.

Example: (please note you may use other budget item categories as needed, these are just some examples)

Budget Item	Request to IEN/WMAN	In-kind and other funding
Consultant	$200	Donating 10 hours
Travel	$500	Donated car use
Supplies	$700	Donated paint
Lodging/meals	$1,000	$1,000 donated from Tribe X
Printing	$400	$500 from Foundation X
Total:	**$3,000**	**$4,500 plus in-kind donations**

Your Project's Budget: (please fill in the table below, you may add or delete rows as needed)

Budget Item	Request to IEN/WMAN	In-kind and other funding
Total:		

8. Other Funding Sources

Do you have another **potential** funding source for this project? If so please list source and amount here.

9. Issue Collaborations

Are other groups in your area working on the project issue for which you are requesting funding? If so, please explain how you overlap, collaborate, and/or are unique from other groups. [Not more than half a page.]

Additional Information

How have you participated in WMAN and/or IEN events, conferences, projects etc.?

Are you a member of any of WMAN's or IEN's email list serves? If not would you like to be added?

Do you want to be listed on WMAN's public database at www.wman-info.org?

How did you hear about the mini-grant program?

Have you applied previously?

Have you received funding from the mini-grant program previously? If so, when? (**If you have received funds previously, please check to assure that you have submitted a short report to us on that previous grant – see in the attached instructions above for the information to include in this report.**)

<u>References</u>
Please provide the names and contact information (phone and email) of two people not in your organization who can provide us with a reference (if asked) on the quality of your organization and/or this project for which you are proposing funding support.