



Western Mining Action Network (WMAN) Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)

2019-2020 Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program

The IEN/WMAN Mining Mini-Grants Program offers financial grant assistance to communities threatened or adversely affected by mining in the U.S. and Canada.

We fund approximately 70 grantees at \$3,000 each and 10 grantees at \$5,000 each. In order to receive funding at the \$5,000 grant amount, we will ask you to provide additional information in *Part 2* of the Program application below.

We recognize that mining activity often has detrimental impacts to all aspects of community and cultural well-being and IEN/WMAN encourages projects that strive to protect the environment, ecosystems, cultural resources, and community health from mining impacts. This includes projects that may require scientific/legal/technical expertise.

Applications for the Program are accepted three times per year. The deadlines are: June 1, October 1, and February 1. Applicants shall be notified of the funding decision within one month of the application deadline. Emergency assistance outside of these grant cycles is also available on a case by case basis (see details below).

If you have any questions about whether or not your project would qualify, please contact us to talk about it prior to the application deadline. Simone Senogles, Indigenous Environmental Network, (218) 751-4967 simone@ienearth.org, and Mary Costello, WMAN Network Coordinator at (208) 610-4896. You can also email questions to wman.ien.minigrants@gmail.com We are happy to talk with you.

Grant proposals and reports should be submitted to wman.ien.minigrants@gmail.com. We cannot guarantee your application will be considered if it is not submitted to this email address.

Grant priorities will be acknowledged as follows:

- 1) Priority is given to *community-based grassroots groups and Tribal/First Nations directly affected by mining*. We strive to award at least half of our funding under this program to Indigenous-led organizations because mining has disproportionate impacts on Indigenous Peoples and their traditional lands.

- 2) Secondly, we will fund proposals from *regional or national organizations* in the U.S. and Canada working on mining-specific issues.
- 3) Priority is given to applicants with an organizational or mining-specific program budget under \$75,000 U.S.

We do not fund the following:

- 1) Proposals related to oil, gas, pipeline, fracking, or tar sands issues.
- 2) Work or organizations outside of the U.S. and Canada.
- 3) General operating expenses including: rent, utilities, etc.
- 4) Staff salaries above 10% of the total grant amount (\$300 for a \$3,000 grant, \$500 for a \$5,000 grant).

Before you apply, please read the following additional grant criteria:

- The Program funds work that directly addresses hard rock/mineral/metals mining issues, such as gold, silver, iron, copper, zinc, nickel, tin and lead, uranium, placer, and coal mining. Legacy, closed and abandoned mine issues are included and do fit this Program. Your proposal should discuss which type of mining issue is impacting the environment or the environment or your community and how you will use these Program funds to address it.
- Requests must be **Project-Specific** for needs such as scientific/technical/legal assistance, organizing, education and outreach, development of materials, media development, reports, travel, mailings, interns and consultants, etc. to be fulfilled within the next twelve months on a specific mining campaign.
- Although funds are not intended to support an organization's general operating expenses, a small proportion (up to 10%) of the funding can be applied as work compensation or staff salaries for the organization submitting a grant application. However, there is no such limitation for external contractors hired to complete a project-specific task or objective.
- Applicants may only receive one grant per twelve-month cycle. This limit does not apply to emergency grants (see details below).
- Applicants must comply with the tax status and requirements referred below. If you do not have a tax ID number, you must secure *fiscal sponsorship* by another organization that has a tax ID number.
- All grant awards will be issued via check and must be made payable to an organization. Checks will not be made payable to an individual.
- **If your organization receives general support from True North Foundation we may require additional information. Please contact us prior to submitting your application.**

Emergency Grants

Emergency funds for extremely time-sensitive projects that fall in 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) may be applied for. These grants are limited and awarded on a case-by-case basis. They will not exceed \$3,000. Please email or call Mary Costello or Simone Senogles at the phone numbers/emails provided in this grant notice.

Grant reporting requirements:

- Within twelve months of receiving the IEN/WMAN Mini-Grant, recipients shall submit a 1-2 page report. *Please be aware that a group may not be considered for future grants until a report is submitted.*
- For reports, please answer the following two questions:
 - 1) Outcomes: How did these funds benefit your issue or programs (1/2 page)? Please also include one sentence that sums up how you used the funding to achieve a successful outcome of your work. This information may be shared with funders, within the IEN and WMAN networks, and on our websites. When possible, please submit photographs that profile the project and accomplishments achieved.
 - 2) How was the grant spent (Example: \$1,000 printing, \$800 plane ticket, \$150 hotel, \$1,050 public meeting expenses = total \$3,000).
- Reports should be emailed to: wman.ien.minigrants@gmail.com, or sent to 220 S. 27th St. Suite B Billings, MT 59101, attn: Kerri Wolenetz. If an extension is needed for using the funds and/or sending the report, please contact us.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to ask. We are happy to help, please contact Mary Costello, WMAN Network Coordinator at (208) 610-4896 and Simone Senogles, Indigenous Environmental Network, (218) 751-4967 simone@ienearth.org . You can also email questions to: wman.ien.minigrants@gmail.com.



Indigenous Environmental Network and Western Mining Action Network Mini-Grants Program

2019-20 Program Application

Part 1: For all applicants (no more than 5 pages)

1. Contact Information

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: (Checks will not be made out to individuals.)

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:

2. Brief Summary

Summarize your request for grant assistance in 1-2 sentences.

3. Indigenous Leadership

Is your organization Indigenous-led? We aim to provide at least 50% of our grants to groups that are indigenous-led; this means that decision-making power and leadership is held by Indigenous Peoples.

4. Tax Status

U.S. applicants: Please provide your IRS-approved non-profit organization's tax ID number. If you do not have a tax ID number, you must secure fiscal sponsorship by another organization that has a tax ID number. The organization you use to file an application must provide an EIN number. Canadian applicants: Federal and provincial charitable and/or non-profit status may apply.

5. History

Please provide a **short** history of your organization (mission, goals, when founded, quick summary of leading projects, etc.) *[Not more than half a page and does not apply to the fiscal sponsor organization.]*

6. Project Description

Please provide a short description of the project proposed for this grant, detailing specifically how these Program funds will be used. Please include how this project deals with the impacts of mining activity, and what you expect will be the long term benefits or regional benefits of your project. Include timeline if possible. [Not more than 1 page.]

7. Organizational Budget and Portion of Total Budget Dedicated to Mining work:

A. Please list the amount of your Group/Organization/Tribal Nation/First Nation's *overall* yearly budget:

B. Please list, if different from your overall yearly organizational budget, the portion of your budget *dedicated just to mining-related* work. (For example, your community group, organization, Tribal Nation/First Nation may work on a broad range of different issues with a budget of \$100,000, but perhaps your mining-related work is just \$5,000 of that total overall budget.):

8. Project Budget

Please use the empty table below to fill-in the budget for the project on which you would like to use your grant. See sample budget below:

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

Budget Item	Request to IEN/WMAN	Additional in-kind & other funding	Total
Consultant	\$250	Donating 10 hours	\$250 + 10hrs in-kind
Travel	\$500	Donated car use	\$500 + donated car use
Supplies	\$750	Donated paint	\$750 + donated paint
Lodging/meals	\$1,000	\$1,000 donated from Tribe X	\$2,000

Printing	\$500	\$500 from Foundation X	\$1,000
Total:	\$3,000	\$1,500 + in-kind donations	\$4,500 + donations

Your Project's Budget: The request to IEN/WMAN should not exceed \$3,000. You may add or delete rows as needed. *For those requesting \$5,000 there is an additional budget in Part 2.*

Budget Item	Request to IEN/WMAN	Additional in-kind & other funding	Total
Total:			

9. Other Funding Sources

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

10. Issue Collaborations

Are there 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. This is particularly relevant if partner groups are applying for funding from the IEN/WMAN mini-grant. *[Not more than half a page.]*

11. Additional Information

- How have you participated in WMAN and/or IEN events, conferences, projects, actions, etc.?
- Are you a member of any of WMAN's or IEN's email list serves? If not, would you like to be?
- Do you want to be listed on WMAN's public database at www.wman-info.org?
- How did you hear about the mining mini-grant program?

12. Previous Mining Mini-Grants Funding

Have you received funding from the mining mini-grant program previously? If so, when? *[If you have received funds previously, please make sure 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.]*

13. References

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.

Part 2: For \$5,000 Grant Application Only (2 additional pages max.)

1. Please explain how an additional \$2,000 would aid your project in countering and/or minimizing regressive policies, regulations, laws or decisions made by Local, State, Provincial, Tribal, First Nations, or Federal agencies / administrations.
2. Will additional funding for your project directly benefit multiple organizations, tribes and communities? If so, tell us how.
3. Please complete the following budget table, listing expenditures for the additional \$2,000 or less.

Budget Item	Request to IEN/WMAN	Additional in-kind & other funding	Total
Total:			