

Bristol Bay Cultural Heritage Grant Program 2018 Guidelines and Application Form

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The Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation's (BBNCEF) core purpose is to build and maintain "*connections to our past and invest in our future.*" To achieve this purpose, we have created two grant programs: the Bristol Bay Cultural Heritage Grant Program and the Native Place Names Grant Program.

Alaska Native culture encompasses a broad range of customs, traditions and knowledge passed through each generation in Bristol Bay. People experience culture and heritage in many ways:

- Living our values;
- Speaking traditional languages;
- Knowing our history and sharing the stories of our families and communities;
- Gathering, preparing and preserving our traditional foods;
- Expressing ourselves through the arts, traditional crafts, sewing and dance.

All of these things – and many more – create a link from the past to the present that strengthens our communities and empowers us as individuals. Knowledge and understanding of our culture and heritage can inspire us throughout our life and the lifetimes of future generations.

Through the Cultural Heritage Grant Program, BBNCEF seeks to support organizations who are finding creative ways to promote, preserve and strengthen the cultural heritage of Bristol Bay. We look forward to partnering with you and learning more about your efforts.

In order to best position projects for success, we encourage you to contact Program Officer Ricardo Lopez at (907) 265-7852 or email: rlopez@bbnc.net to discuss your proposal.

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*Applications may be submitted at any time.
Please allow 6-8 weeks for review.*

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2018 Bristol Bay Cultural Heritage Grant Program Guidelines

The Cultural Heritage Program goal is to engage BBNC shareholders and descendants in a wide range of educational activities that promote, preserve and celebrate our Alaska Native cultural heritage and way of life. Grant funds up to \$5,000 are available to support educational projects in one or more of the following priority areas:

- **Preservation, practice and teaching Native languages of Bristol Bay.**
- **Native knowledge, history, skills and practices.**
- **Cultural activities, traditions, subsistence, traditional arts and crafts, dance, history.**

Examples of project activities may include (but are not limited to): culture camps; events or workshops; food gathering and preparation; collecting stories and storytelling; interviewing Elders; formal or informal classes; skin sewing, basket making, carving; Native dancing; historical or cultural research; restoration of traditional tools, buildings, boats; preservation, collection and cataloging of art and artifacts; and using media to document our people, places, and traditions.

Note: Projects related to the collection, preservation and use of Native place names of Bristol Bay may seek funding under the *BBNC Education Foundation – Bristol Bay Native Place Names Grant Program*. Grantees may only apply for and receive a maximum of ONE award under both programs per calendar year.

To help position applications for success, we invite applicants to speak with BBNCEF staff ahead of time to discuss their project. If you would like any assistance, please contact Ricardo Lopez, Program Officer, via email: rlopez@bbnc.net or by phone at 1-800-426-3602.

Project Requirements:

- In general, applicants will need to complete their projects and grant activities within one year. Grant funds are not multi-year awards.
- Projects must have an educational component but do not need to be in a classroom setting. Experiential activities – e.g. watching, listening, and practicing – are encouraged. Applicants must be able to identify what is learned in these activities. Applicants will need to provide a detailed timeline, description of activities and expected results.
- Applicants will need to identify the number of adults, youth and elders they expect will participate in activities. If there are community events/gatherings, attendee numbers should be identified separately. Intergenerational participation of various age groups is highly encouraged.
- Grantees are expected to document and photograph activities and share that documentation with BBNCEF.
- The organization must grant permission to the BBNC Education Foundation to use photographs and any other outputs of project activities.
- Any grant funds not used for the specific purpose set forth in the grant application should be returned.
- Grantees will acknowledge BBNCEF funding on all publications/materials relevant to the funded project.

Grant Awards: The grant award range is from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Timelines for 2018

Application Due:	No deadline. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.
Funding Decisions:	Award decisions made on a quarterly basis. In most cases, applicants will be notified of a funding decision within 6-8 weeks after the application is received at BBNCEF . In developing your project schedule, we recommend applicants plan activities that would take place 3-6 months after the date the application will be received at BBNCEF.
Project Completion:	Within one year of award date. Final reports are due 45 days following completion of the project and no later than one year (plus 45 days) after the award date.

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Eligibility: Who can apply?

- Bristol Bay tribes and traditional councils identified in the Federal Register as entities recognized and eligible to receive services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- Bristol Bay K-12 public schools and accredited post-secondary education institutions; or
- Bristol Bay nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c) (3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

Bristol Bay education and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply under these criteria. Qualifying nonprofit organizations are asked to demonstrate strong evidence of community support for a project.

Applications will not be considered from:

- For-profit groups or corporations (including village corporations).
- Organizations that are not tax-exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Organizations that do not provide direct services to Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholders.
- Organizations without a 501(c) (3) tax status designation who are using another non-profit organization as a fiscal or umbrella agent.
- 501(c) (3) organizations that are not in current good standing with the IRS regarding their Form 990 filing requirements.
- Foreign entities.
- Individuals (including individual BBNC shareholders).
- Previous grant recipients who have not fulfilled the terms/conditions of a past grant with BBNCEF.

How to Apply:

Grant applications are available on the BBNCEF website at: www.bbncef.org. Hard copies may be requested by email at: bbncef@bbnc.net.

Grant applications may be emailed, faxed, mailed or delivered to BBNC Education Foundation. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered.

Applications should be submitted to:

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Review Process and Criteria:

When an application is received, BBNCEF staff will send the applicant a letter via email or mail acknowledging receipt. Applications will be screened for eligibility by BBNCEF staff and then reviewed by the BBNCEF Board on a quarterly basis. The Board (or a committee created by the Board) will evaluate the eligible applications as to how well the proposed project or activity addresses the priorities of the BBNC Education Foundation. Projects must address one of the themes or priorities listed at the beginning of these guidelines. Final decision for grant approval is made by the BBNC Education Foundation Board of Directors.

Project Reports:

A final project and financial report is due 45 days following completion of the project and no later than one year (plus 45 days) after the grant award date. Report forms will be provided. Final reports must describe the project approach and results; how grant funds were used; the number of people involved (including estimates of BBNC shareholder, descendant, youth and elder participants). Final reports must include actual or digital access to photographs of project activities.

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Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

We currently have an open BBNCEF grant. Are we eligible to apply for another?

Current grantees must submit the final report for their existing grant before a new proposal is submitted. Grantees may only apply for and receive a maximum of ONE award under the Cultural Heritage and Native Place Names programs per calendar year.

Are Village Corporations or individual BBNC shareholders eligible to apply?

Due to IRS regulations, for-profits (including village corporations) and individuals (including BBNC shareholders) are not eligible to apply for grants. We do encourage partnerships with eligible organizations and tribes on aligned activities, but grant funds may not be used for “pass through” or sub-grants. Please call us with ideas or questions.

How can BBNCEF grant funds be used?

Funds may be used for necessary expenses that directly support project activities. Funds may be used as a match for other grants, but grantees must accomplish the project goals stated in the application and meet all BBNCEF reporting requirements. BBNCEF Cultural Heritage and Native Place Names Program funds are intended to support projects that provide new or additional activities and should not be used to replace state, local, or tribal funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose.

Are there restrictions on how funds may be used?

Funds may be not used to lobby or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of any public election, or to carry on any voter registration drive. In addition, grant funds may not be used for “pass through,” sub-grants or re-grants; tuition, registration or similar fees; past purchases or debts; alcohol or tobacco products; endowments, capital projects or loans; or payment of any kind to BBNCEF Board members or staff. Funding may not be used for pre-award project or grant preparation costs or for projects that have been completed prior to grant award start date. Applicants are encouraged to contact BBNCEF if they have any questions regarding allowable costs.

We are a non-profit organization serving Bristol Bay shareholders. What kind of evidence of community support do we need to submit with our application?

Community support may include letters of support from organizations within the community where project activities will occur, letters from shareholders, and governing body resolutions. Support should be specific to the project.

Is it okay if grant project activities happen in a short period of time?

Yes. The grantee determines the schedule that is appropriate for their project activities. Some projects might be implemented throughout the year or a period of months, while others might be completed in a week or two.

What format do we use for the budget and budget justification?

There isn't a specific budget form required for the application. Applicants should list the estimated expenses for the project. These might include employee wages or non-employee stipends; supplies, material and equipment; travel; administration and other anticipated expenses. The budget justification should address each budget line item and explain how it relates to the project and how the budgeted amount was calculated. All expenses should clearly relate to the project narrative.

May grant funds be used for administrative costs?

Administrative and/or indirect costs must not exceed 20% of the total grant amount.

When are grant awards made?

Grant applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered on a rolling basis each quarter in 2018. In most cases, applicants will be notified of a funding decision within 6-8 weeks after the application is received. In developing your project schedule and timeline, we recommend applicants plan activities that would take place 3-6 months from the date the application will be received at BBNCEF.

What help is available in preparing an application?

At any time during the application process, you are welcome and encouraged to contact Ricardo Lopez, Program Officer, with any questions or for additional assistance. He can be reached at: (907) 265-7852 or email: rlopez@bbnc.net.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name of Organization	Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
President or CEO	Title	
Email	Telephone	
Primary Contact for this application (if different from CEO/President)	Title	
Email	Telephone	

Project Title: _____

Project Dates: _____ **Project Budget Request: \$** _____

The Applicant Organization is: (check one)

- A Tribal entity
- A public school or accredited post-secondary educational institution
- A Bristol Bay nonprofit organization certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

Project Proposal Priority Areas:

Which BBNCEF Cultural Heritage priority area does your project best address? Applications must address at least one of the BBNCEF Cultural Heritage priority areas. Selecting more than one priority area does not impact the scoring in any way.

- Preservation, practice and teaching Native languages of Bristol Bay**
- Native knowledge, history, skills and practices**
- Cultural activities, traditions, subsistence, traditional arts and crafts, dance, history, etc.**

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Project Description: Please address the following questions and attach extra pages as needed.

1. Describe the specific purpose or project for which grant funds are requested. Explain how your project or activity will address at least one of the BBNCEF Cultural Heritage priority areas. What do you hope participants will learn? Your description should include a summary of the Alaska Native cultural activities that will take place and the groups you are targeting (such as youth, Elders, teens, families). If planned, describe any Elder involvement or youth/elder interaction during the project.
2. Who will supervise the activities and provide leadership for the project?
3. Provide your proposed timeline for carrying out project activities.
4. Provide estimates of how many people will participate in your project.
How many youth? _____ Age Range: _____
How many adults? _____
How many Elders? _____
How many volunteers? _____
Estimate percentage of participants that will be BBNC shareholders or descendants: _____%

Project Budget and Narrative: Provide a project budget and budget narrative that explains how grant funds will be used. Itemize your expenses and provide an expense total. Clearly identify any administrative and/or indirect costs. Administrative and indirect cost combined may not exceed 20% of the total grant amount. If you will be using this grant as a match, provide information about that matching program and identify the BBNCEF line item expenses.

Partnerships and Collaborations: Please list any other partner organizations or agencies that are involved in the project. Describe how they are involved. Identify partners as: **Funding Partners** – if they are only providing monetary support, **Project Partners** – if they are only involved in project activities, or **Both** – if they are providing funds, plus participating in project implementation. It is not necessary to include dollar amounts or details of partner participation.

Assurances and Certification

By signing this application form, the signer acknowledges and certifies:

- The information provided is accurate and any grant funds received will only be used according to the stated purposes and approved awarded purposes.
- The organization will comply with BBNCEF regulations and guidelines.
- The organization provides assurances that funds will not be used to lobby or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of any public election, or to carry on any voter registration drive; as “pass through,” sub-grants or re-grants; tuition, registration or similar fees; past purchases or debts; alcohol or tobacco products; endowments, capital projects or loans; payment of any kind to BBNCEF Board members or staff; or for pre-award project expenses, grant preparation costs, or projects that have been completed prior to action on the proposal by the BBNCEF Board of Directors.
- The organization will provide a final evaluation and expenditure report by the deadlines and in the format required by BBNCEF. Final reports must provide a narrative describing project activities, information about participants as outlined in the grant application, and photographs of project activities.
- The organization will maintain adequate financial records that track all uses of grant funds. The organization agrees to make its financial records available to BBNCEF representatives upon request.
- The organization grants permission to the BBNCEF to use any project written materials, photographs, and video or audio recordings.
- The organization understands that grant funds can only be used for the purposes stated in the grant proposal and agrees to return all unspent funds to BBNCEF.
- The person signing this application has the authority to commit the organization to these conditions.

If submitting the application by email, and applicant cannot create a signed PDF version, the email will be used as a signature.

Authorized Signature:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please attach and submit with your completed application:

- Verification of tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code
- Project description
- Project budget and narrative