

## **Native American Arts and Cultural Traditions Special Grant Program Overview**

The Native American Arts & Cultural Traditions Special Grant program was launched in 2008 to provide a pathway for artists and organizations in San Francisco that focus on Native American arts and cultural traditions to access existing funding and technical assistance resources and participate in broader arts policy discussions.

The Native American Arts and Cultural Traditions Special Grant consists of a one-time grant to address emerging needs within the arts ecosystem of San Francisco that supports and/or highlights the Native American community. Specifically, the proposed project provides an opportunity to engage and celebrate the resurgence and resilience of Indigenous people in traditional practices with an emphasis on California Native culture.

The American Indian Cultural Center (AICC) proposes to lead the “Indigenize Project” in partnership with the American Indian Cultural District. The Indigenize Project is focused on honoring American Indian culture, history, people, and contributions through works of art placed throughout the American Indian Cultural District. This project will help confront systematic erasure and add to the rich culture of San Francisco by increasing public awareness through visibility and a interactive experiences through an Indigenous lens.

Grant window: October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023, with potential to extend.

The guidelines and application were released on June 30, 2021 with a deadline to apply by July 21, 2021.

### **Panel Composition**

The three-member staff review panel from SFAC convened on July 27, 2021 to discuss with a fund/no fund approach. The participating staff bring deep expertise and familiarity with arts and culture organizations, community development, and the Native community.

### **FY20-21 Native American Arts and Cultural Traditions Funding Recommendation**

We received one application in response to this RFP. The panel discussed the strengths and areas of improvement of this applicant and recommended funding.