Collective Abundance Fund Application Questions SAMPLE

Family Information. Please tell us about yourself, your family, or who you share your home with. The awards are intended for Indigenous individuals and families who live in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota. Family information provides an overall picture of your current living situation and family circumstances.

1) a) How many people are in your household (individuals living with you 50% or more of the time or anyone who spends at least 183 nights in your home in a year)? (number of adults, children, other dependents)
    i) Adults (number)
    ii) Children under 18 (number)
    iii) Other Dependents (number)

   b) Please tell us about your family or who you share your home with, including general information about your household and current living conditions. For example, you might include information about caring for additional family members outside the home or significant debt that affects the household. (3000 character count)

   c) What is your annual household income?
   - ☐ Less than $10,000
   - ☐ $10,000–$50,000
   - ☐ $50,000–$100,000
   - ☐ $100,000–$150,000
   - ☐ $150,000 and over

   d) Are you or your household currently receiving, or do you expect to receive, public, county, or tribal assistance?

   (Yes, I currently receive assistance; No, but I expect to apply in the future; No, I do not receive and do not expect to apply)
   Check all that apply (optional).
   Food and Nutrition (e.g., SNAP, TANF, WIC, free or reduced school lunches, FDPIR)
   Housing (e.g., rental assistance, housing vouchers, Section 8 housing)
   Income Assistance (e.g., BIA General Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, EITC)
   Health Care (e.g., MNCare, Medicaid, CHIP)
   Child Care Assistance
   Energy Assistance (e.g., LIHEAP)
   Education Assistance (Pell Grants, Head Start program)

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e) Receiving an award from the Collective Abundance Fund could affect a household's current or future eligibility for public assistance programs and services. Please explain how you plan to address the possible loss of benefits (if applicable).

Wealth Building Goals. Wealth-building goals describe your individual/family's overall intention and what you hope to achieve. Your goals speak to the transformative change you expect and are consistent with NDN's Indigenous wealth definition:

> *Indigenous wealth is described as a quality of life and mindset that encircles family and community well-being and the care of relationships (self, family, extended family, community, land, environment), and a spirit of generosity. Money is a tool to support basic needs (e.g., safety, food, shelter, education) and bring financial security and self-determination so that one can live a "good life," abundant in social and cultural sharing.*

2) a) What is your overall wealth-building goal? Let us know: Where do you see yourself and your family if you were awarded this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? How will receiving this gift embody Indigenous wealth and a "good life" of abundance? *(3000 character count)*

   b) Select up to two goals that will help you move towards your overall wealth-building goal.

   Wealth-building goal #1:

   Homeownership or Household Stability: Down Payment, Home Repair, Home Rehabilitation, Home Addition, Multi-generational Housing Development, Land Purchase
   Education or Skill Building: Higher Education, Trade, and Vocational Training Certificate or Diploma (tuition, fees, books, supplies)
   Business Development: Business investments that leverage or support business growth and sustainability, capital investments, equipment, supplies, and land purchase
   Food Security: Sustainable Family Food Systems (such as gardens and greenhouses, land purchase, infrastructure investments, livestock, food processing/production equipment and supplies, hunting/fishing)
   Culture and Traditions: Language, Cultural Knowledge, Healing Practices, Art, cultural mentors, apprenticeships, supplies, equipment, and land purchase.

   Wealth-building goal #2 (optional):

   Homeownership or Household Stability: Down Payment, Home Repair, Home Rehabilitation, Home Addition, Multi-generational Housing Development, Land Purchase

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Culture and Traditions: Language, Cultural Knowledge, Healing Practices, Art, cultural mentors, apprenticeships, supplies, equipment, and land purchase.
Reliable Livelihood: Reliable Childcare, Technology, Debt Relief, and Reliable Transportation may be considered to **support Wealth-Building Goal #1.** (Activities should not be luxury, recreational, or ongoing expenses, such as rent, cellphone, or utilities)

Wealth-Building Plan and Activities. A clear wealth-building plan will describe how the activities support Indigenous wealth in a **sustainable, generational** (children, grandchildren, or community benefit from the activities), and **regenerative** (renew, restore, revive, not harmful to people or the planet) manner, and directly support the wealth-building goals as described. Plans must detail how awarded funds would support lasting change and impact.

3) a) Which activities will support your selected wealth-building goal(s) and align with your spending plan? (May select more than one)

Homeownership or Household Stability
- Down Payment
- Home Repair
- Home Rehabilitation/Home Addition
- Multi-generational Housing Development
- Land Purchase
- Other _____

Education or Skill Building: Higher Education, Trade, and Vocational Training Certificate or Diploma
- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Supplies
- Other _____

Business Development: Business investments that leverage or support business vitality and sustainability
- Capital Investments
- Equipment

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Vehicle (Truck/car for business purposes)
Land purchase
Supplies
Other _____

Food Security: Sustainable Family Food Systems

Gardens, Greenhouses
Land Purchase
Infrastructure Investments
Livestock
Food Processing/Production Equipment & Supplies
Hunting/Fishing
Other _____

Culture and Traditions: Language, Cultural Knowledge, Healing Practices, Art

Cultural Mentors
Apprenticeships
Supplies
Equipment
Land purchase
Other _____

Reliable Livelihood: Reliable Childcare, Technology, Debt Relief, and Reliable Transportation may be considered to support Wealth-Building Goal #1. These one-time activities must transform your ability to achieve a reliable livelihood (Activities should not be luxury, recreational, or ongoing expenses, such as rent, cellphone, or utilities).

Reliable childcare
Technology
Debt Relief
Reliable Transportation to support Wealth-Building Goal #1
Other _____

b) **Health and Wellness: *(Optional)*** Describe your commitment to personal wellness and healing needed to support the "good life" and sustain a life of abundance. What activities will support your family's wellness and healing? How will the *optional* Health and Wellness (up to $2,000) be used? Examples include fitness equipment, gym memberships, therapy, ceremonies, and uninsured healthcare. **This amount is included as part of the total award and **NOT** additional funding*. (3000 character count)

c) **Financial Wellness & Planning: (*Optional*)** Applicants are encouraged to include Financial Wellness & Planning in their application. While *optional*, you can allocate up to $1,000 of the requested award amount to support activities like tax advice, tax advisement, and financial wellness classes. Please note that **these**

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funds *cannot* be used to pay taxes and must be included in your total award request. (3000 Character count)

d) How does your plan support making changes for **lasting impact** and building Indigenous wealth in your family? Describe what will be sustained and how your plan supports the next generation. In other words, ***why now*?** How does your plan uphold **non-extractive regenerative practices** (renew, restore, revive, and not harmful to people or the planet), for example, fireworks or extractive farming/ranching? (3000 character count)

e) Describe your **Plan** and **Timeline**: The activities leading to your wealth-building goals.
Explain your spending plan by listing wealth-building goals, activities, estimated costs, and when you plan to expend the funds. (3000 character limit)

f) Download and complete the **Spending Plan**. List your activities (example: paying off debt, supplies, equipment, vendor or consultant payments, large purchases, etc), and the estimated costs. The total amount must not exceed the gift amount or the 18-month award period.

Resource Planning. Our People have always planned and prepared, seasonally and ceremonially. Planning is required to support a life of abundance and living the "good life." When we plan our resources, we look at what we have, figure out what we need, and try to anticipate any challenges.

4) a) What have you done to prepare and start your wealth-building plan?

💡 Describe secured or pending resources you have leveraged or used to support your wealth-building activities to demonstrate **preparedness.**
On-Reservation Homeownership - is the land secured, tribal land lease, approval to build, pre-qualified by a lender for reservation, credit building support, and completed a first-time home buyer course?
Off-Reservation Homeownership - have you been pre-qualified by a lender, received credit-building support, and completed a first-time home buyer course?
Household Stability - have you received three quotes from certified, insured contractors and (if available) contacted the Tribal TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) on Reservation land?
Education - have you applied to school, received an acceptance letter, and applied for or been notified of a tuition waiver/scholarships?
Business Development - created a business plan or updated your current business plan? Examples could include skills, equipment, financial resources, technical assistance, land, or community resources. (3000 character count)

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b) Describe the anticipated challenges or barriers and how you will address them. What is your "plan B?"
(3000 character count)

c) If this is part of a collaborative or collective effort, please include the names of other members of your group applying to the Collective Abundance Fund and explain how you plan to leverage your resources. (3000 character count)

Being a Good Relative. Indigenous wealth includes a spirit of generosity and the ability to contribute to social and cultural sharing across our families, clans, and communities. Being a good relative also includes creating safe spaces that consider the health and well-being of others, including the prevention/protection of participants from the harms of physical/sexual abuse or exploitation.

5) a) Describe your connection to your Indigenous community and how your wealth-building plan supports a spirit of generosity, or not, due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., adoption, etc). How will the results of your activities contribute to social and cultural sharing with your family, extended family, clan, or community?

b) How do you assure people you interact with are safe and healthy? How do you practice being safe and healthy in your community? (3000 character count)

c) *OPTIONAL:* Background information. If recommended for this opportunity, background checks are reviewed. Is there anything you want to share about your background with us?

Navigators. Applicants may have a relative or other trusted community member assist them in navigating the application process, including logging into the application portal on their behalf. Applicants should select a **trusted relative or community member** as their Navigators due to the confidentiality and personal information shared in the application.

6) a) Did someone assist you with completing the application?
Yes, I had an Individual Navigator
No. I completed the application myself.

(Individual) Please provide their information and describe how they supported you with the application process.

First Name
Last Name
Phone
Phone Extension
Email
Address

City
Country
State/Province
Postal Code (zip)

b) Describe how the Navigator supported your application (writing, computer support,
etc)_____
(paragraph space 500 character count)

Navigator and Applicant Agreement

7) I agree that:
All the information I have provided is true and accurate.

I applied and was declined previously:
- ☐ Year One - 2023
- ☐ Year Two - 2024

I applied and was awarded previously:
- ☐ Year One - 2023
- ☐ Year Two - 2024

I understand that if awarded, I will be expected to adhere to my wealth-building plan and activities. Any changes must be approved by my Program Officer. Further, I will submit a progress and final report at the end of the award period, including demonstrating how the gift impacted your generational wealth. I will attend 5 Trauma of Money Power Building Sessions prior to receiving the award. As part of its review process, NDN Collective reserves the right to collect additional background information about applicants who may be invited as awardees. This could include a check of public records and a formal or informal check of references within your community.

I commit to living and or working towards a life of wellness.

_____ Print your Full Name (First, Middle, and Last)
_____ Date of Birth

_____ (Signature/Date or a Check Box)

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