



**RADICAL
IMAGINATION**
ARTIST GRANT
2025

**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & QUESTIONS

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Values and mission alignment: NDN Radical Imagination Artist grant provides support to Indigenous Peoples whose work, goals, and intentions align with the NDN mission, values, core principles, and strategies. NDN grantmaking is intended to honor and advance the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. Align with **NDN Collective's mission** to build the collective power of Indigenous Peoples, communities, and nations to exercise our inherent right to self-determination, while fostering a world that is built on a foundation of justice and equity for all people and Mother Earth.

See: **Our Mission**

- b. Be Indigenous to and reside in the post-colonial borders of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the related Island Nations of Hawai'i, Borikén/Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

NDN Collective defines Indigenous peoples as ethnic communities whose ancestry descends from the earliest, original inhabitants of a given region, in contrast to groups that have settled, occupied, and/or colonized the region more recently. The land on which we live and the natural resources on which we depend are inextricably linked to our identities, cultures, livelihoods, as well as our physical and spiritual well-being. The total estimated population of Indigenous Peoples is approximately 370 million people worldwide (5% of the global population). We use Indigenous Peoples with an "s" to recognize the diversity of individuals and groups that identify with the term, which has been distilled to a singular noun throughout history in an attempt to group our people together rather than recognize our differences and diversity. This is consistent with the **UN Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples**.

- c. Be Indigenous artists, artist collectives or small nonprofits

Note for Artist Collectives and Small Nonprofits:

- Must be Indigenous-led and run, meaning 100% board of directors and decision-makers, and at least 70% staff are Indigenous. These indicators are to ensure Indigenous self-determination is at the forefront of the collective or nonprofit's efforts. Examples of decision-makers may include: Board of Directors, Senior Organizational Leadership such as, Executive Directors, Associate Directors etc". **If you have questions about eligibility, please contact programofficer@ndncollective.org.**



- If you are partnering with a fiscal sponsor to apply for this funding stream, the fiscal sponsor does not have to meet the "Indigenous-led" criteria as outlined in this section. Only the individual doing the work with the funds must meet the criteria to be eligible.
- d. Be at least 18 years of age by the time the grant term begins on October 1, 2025.

WHAT IF I'M AN INDIGENOUS PERSON FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY BUT LIVE IN THE US, MEXICO, OR CANADA?

Although it may change at some point in the future, NDN Collective currently only provides grants to people who are Indigenous TO the United States, Canada, Mexico, and US "Territories".

IS THE GRANT FOR ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS?

The NDN Radical Imagination Artist grant is for individual artists, artist collectives, or small nonprofits. It is a 1-year grant designed to strengthen the resources, stability, and dreaming power of artists who are deeply engaged with their communities to develop alternative visions that inspire the Indigenous movement.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ARTIST COLLECTIVE AND SMALL NONPROFIT?

NDN Collective defines an "Indigenous Artist Collective" as:

*An **Indigenous Artist Collective** is defined as a group of Indigenous artists who collaborate to imagine, conceptualize, create and exhibit art. Artist collectives can be made up of any type of artists, including storytellers, weavers, painters, sculptors, photographers, videographers, musicians, poets, performers and more. They often have a shared goal or vision and are deeply engaged with their communities to develop alternative visions that inspire the Indigenous movement towards a new future and just world for all people and Mother Earth. **Indigenous Artist Collectives** must be Indigenous-led and run, meaning 100% board of directors and decision makers, and at least 70% Indigenous-staffed. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact programofficer@ndncollective.org.*

NDN Collective defines a "small nonprofit" as:

An organization that operates on an annual budget of less than \$500,000 USD and typically has five or fewer staff. The small-nonprofit must directly fund Indigenous artists, allocating at least 90% of the grant budget for these means.



WHAT IS THE AGE LIMIT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT?

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply. The NDN Radical Imagination Artist grant encourages and considers applications from Indigenous Peoples of all adult ages and backgrounds.

CAN I APPLY TO THE GRANT IF I OR MY ORGANIZATION IS A CURRENT GRANTEE OF ANOTHER NDN GRANT OR PROGRAM?

Yes. If you or your organization is a current grant recipient for another NDN grant or program of the NDN Foundation, NDN Fund, etc. you can still apply to the NDN Radical Imagination Artist grant. You cannot have two grants active under the same funding stream and must also ensure each project is distinct.

DO YOU NEED TO HAVE A PARTICULAR BACKGROUND TO BE CONSIDERED A RADICAL IMAGINATION ARTIST?

You do not need to have a particular background to be eligible. We define Radical Imagination artists as **creatives** who:

- Propose solutions to dismantle structural racism through their art & creativity
- Imagine and practice justice within their communities while working to rebuild and assemble a better world
- Amplify community voices to counter inequitable systems, policies and practices

Applicants are Indigenous artists (18 years and over), artist collectives or small nonprofits, who come from all life experiences and backgrounds, whose creativity works towards social change, such as: defending their homelands and rights, developing regenerative Nations, revitalizing their ceremonies, cultures, languages, ways of life, actively decolonizing and healing their communities and families.

DOES THE PROPOSED RADICAL IMAGINATION ART PROJECT NEED TO BE BASED IN A SPECIFIC COMMUNITY OR CAN IT BE BASED IN MULTIPLE REGIONS AND COMMUNITIES?

The proposed art project can be actualized in and beyond the local region the applicant is based in. The proposed art project must contribute to the greater movement for collective liberation within our geographic focus (see Question 1, Part B). We encourage *artists, artist collectives, or small nonprofits who are deeply engaged with their communities to develop alternative visions that **inspire the Indigenous movement** towards a new future and just world for all people and Mother Earth to apply.*

TAX QUESTIONS

IS THIS GRANT TAXABLE INCOME?

Grant funding is taxable income in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. There are also tax implications for residents in U.S. "Territories". All NDN grantees, upon notification of acceptance, should consult a qualified tax advisor on the implications of receiving the grant in order to properly plan and manage their finances. We do not control, evaluate, endorse, or guarantee any of the advice provided by an independent tax advisor. Further, we do not assume any responsibility or liability for the actions, products, services, and content provided by an independent tax advisor.

CAN WE USE A FISCAL SPONSOR TO APPLY FOR THE RADICAL IMAGINATION GRANT?

Yes, individual artists and collectives can establish a fiscal sponsorship with a nonprofit organization. This may be a local non-profit organization with which you have an established relationship or with a regional/national organization that is willing to serve as your fiscal sponsor. You or your collective can then apply for an NDN grant utilizing the tax status of the fiscal sponsor.

A memorandum of understanding, letter of agreement, or some form of documentation must also be submitted verifying the fiscal sponsorship (signed by both parties) at the time of submitting your application for it to be considered complete. You will also need to submit your fiscal sponsor's tax verification document within Fluxx.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN APPLYING AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND BEING FISCALLY SPONSORED?

The main difference between applying as an individual versus with a fiscal sponsor is who will be responsible for any tax liability and complying with grant terms.

Individual: individual is responsible for accountability of the grant and/or taxable income if applicable, and must submit a tax identification number with the application.

Fiscal sponsor: a fiscal sponsor assumes legal responsibility for the grant. The fiscal sponsor must retain responsibility for the project and is NDN's grantee. If you decide to take this route, please follow the steps in question 10.



WE ARE A COLLECTIVE THAT DOES NOT HAVE NONPROFIT STATUS OR A FISCAL SPONSOR, COULD WE STILL APPLY?

Yes. In order to receive an NDN Foundation grant, you or your group/organization must have a Tax Identification Number. If your collective does not have a Tax Identification Number or a fiscal sponsor, you can appoint one "point person" from the collective to be NDN's primary contact in the grantmaking process. The tax identification of the individual becomes responsible for accountability of the grant and/or taxable income if applicable, and must be submitted with the application. This person will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the terms of the grant.

BUDGET QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A BUDGET WITH MY APPLICATION?

Yes, applicants must propose a budget for the use of the grant funds during the grant term that can include a living stipend, supplies, and equipment necessary to publicly amplify the proposed work. It is required that **12% of the budgeted funds be allotted to support artist's self-care, health, and well-being.**

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

IS THERE A CHARACTER LIMIT FOR ANSWERING THE APPLICATION QUESTIONS? DO SPACES COUNT IN THE CHARACTER LIMIT?

Each response to the application questions has a 3000 character limit which does not include spaces.

IS THIS AN ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP?

This is not an academic fellowship. You do not have to have ever been enrolled in any educational institution to be a great candidate for the Radical Imagination grant.

IS THIS A PROJECT-BASED ARTIST GRANT?

Yes. The Radical Imagination Artist grant is a project-based grant. You will need to have a project that you complete during your grant term. This grant is to support the development and amplification of your work.



IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL I NEED TO SUBMIT TO SUPPORT MY APPLICATION?

REQUIRED: All applicants must share a minimum of 4 examples and/or documentation of your work. Please do not submit more than 8 examples of your work. Examples of your work must be uploaded to your application within Fluxx.

DO I HAVE TO GIVE UP MY JOB IF I GET THE ARTIST GRANT?

No. It is up to recipients of the NDN Radical Imagination Artist grant to decide if they continue or take time from their current employment. Grantees are encouraged to keep in mind the time and capacity to fulfill their proposed artist project(s) and plans over the course of the year.

WHO CAN I REACH OUT TO FOR HELP WITH MY APPLICATION OR QUESTIONS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY?

For Grant Program-related questions please contact
programofficer@ndncollective.org

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

CAN I FAX / MAIL / EMAIL MY APPLICATION?

All applications must be submitted through our Fluxx system. We do not accept faxed, mailed, or emailed applications due to the specific formatting requirements and character limits within the application. Given the high volume of submissions we receive, we are unable to accept late or incomplete applications.

WHAT IF I CANNOT REMEMBER MY PASSWORD?

If you have forgotten your password, please visit the **"Reset or Create Password"** link on the Fluxx login page and follow the instructions. For security reasons, the password reset link will expire after 30 minutes, so be sure to complete the reset process within that timeframe or you will need to request a new link.

I TRIED TO RESET MY PASSWORD, BUT I STILL CANNOT ACCESS MY ACCOUNT.

If you enter your password incorrectly three times, your Fluxx account will be locked. To regain access, please contact grantsinfo@ndncollective.org to unlock your account and reset your password.



WHICH WEB BROWSER WORKS BEST WITH FLUXX?

For optimal performance with our Fluxx system, we recommend using Google Chrome as your web browser.

DOES FLUXX HAVE AN AUTO-SAVE FEATURE?

The Fluxx system does not have an auto-save feature. To prevent loss to any of your application answers, please remember to save frequently.

WHO CAN I REACH OUT TO FOR HELP WITH ANY TECHNICAL INQUIRIES RELATED TO FLUXX?

For all technical-related inquiries, please contact: [**grantsinfo@ndncollective.org**](mailto:grantsinfo@ndncollective.org)