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TRADITIONAL CULTURE GRANT GUIDELINES



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(All grants are subject to trust income availability)

What is Traditional Culture?

Traditional Culture can be described as experience and inherited knowledge shared across generations within a nation or community. It's a concept that can be expressed and these forms of expressions can include language, music, art, storytelling, dance, symbols, performances, ceremonies, rituals, holidays, clothing, crafts, architecture, hobbies, religion, gathering/harvesting, and techniques/skills.

Traditional Culture is a structural piece of Anishinaabe identity. Through the expression of Traditional Culture beneficiaries can be rewarded with reinforcing community values, creating everlasting memories, providing a sense of belonging and connecting generations.

Traditional Culture Eligibility Examples

The Atikameksheng Trust has developed the Traditional Culture grant to maximize beneficiary access to Trust Income under section 7.05(n) of the Trust Agreement. The maximum annual grant funding amount per beneficiary is **\$150.00**; these monies may be used for one or more expenses that assist in enabling the expression of Traditional Culture.

Some examples of how the Traditional Culture grant can be accessed are:

- Tools, and or equipment.
- Crafts, art, sewing, and beading supplies.
- Supports and or admissions for ceremonies, rituals, holidays (ex: regalia, incidental honorarium, musical instruments, and equipment).
- Cultural camps, workshops, and teachings (ex: annual language conference.)
- Land based activities.
- Landscaping, and gardening.
- Preservation, promotion, and study of the Nation's language and writing.
- Hunting, fishing, and gathering / harvesting.

Traditional Culture Grant Application Requirements

- ❁ Applicants must be registered members of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.
- ❁ The grant request is to empower the expression of Traditional Culture.
- ❁ Application forms must be completed in full, including a description of the request, the expected benefits, and a breakdown of the costs.
- ❁ All required documents must be submitted.
- ❁ If the applicant is a minor, a parent and/or guardian must apply on their behalf.

Traditional Culture Grant Application Form Tips

The Traditional Culture Grant Application Form contains three connected components. The components request the beneficiary to provide written statements for the description of the request, the expected benefit for how it fosters your traditional culture, and a breakdown of costs. Below you will find an example of how this written statement could look.

Additionally, it's recommended to include with your application as many supporting documents you can, such as receipts, quotes, flyers, advertised prices, brochures, agreements, communications, and or schedules.

*Example:

Description of the request: I am requesting funding to reimburse my purchases of equipment for the intent of harvesting maple syrup, this includes 5 buckets, 5 taps, a drill, a boiling pot, and a hatchet.

The expected benefits: By having this equipment it enables the opportunity for my family, friends, and I to go out on the land and exercise the Anishinaabe tradition of harvesting maple syrup.

Breakdown of the costs: I paid \$28 for 5 buckets, \$30 for 5 taps, \$80 for a drill. \$40 for a boiling pot, and \$40 for a hatchet. I have attached my receipts alongside this application for a total request of \$218.00.

Failure to Submit

It is the responsibility of the beneficiary to submit all requested documents. Failure to submit required or requested documents may result in your application being denied. Please note that additional documentation may be requested from time to time.

Restricted Requests

The Atikameksheng Trust has restricted the following requests to be ineligible for Traditional Culture grant funding consideration.

- ☉ Projectiles, firearms, ammunition, and or explosives.
- ☉ Recreational, Personal, or Commercial vehicles / vessels such as watercrafts, atv / utv, snowmobiles, motorcycles, off road vehicles, and drones.
- ☉ Fuel and energy products or costs.
- ☉ Travel expenses.
- ☉ Licensing fees.

Withdrawing from Grant Commitments

Beneficiaries interested in withdrawing a traditional culture grant application should notify the Atikameksheng Trust. In the event of the beneficiary owing monies for receiving ineligible grant funds – the Atikameksheng Trust will contact the beneficiary to inform of the processes.

Confidentiality

The Atikameksheng Trust holds the confidentiality of our applicants in high regards. Applications will not be discussed with any third party unless otherwise noted on the application. It is the responsibility of the age of majority applicants to submit their information as the person of contact.

Any situation for issues not covered in this document will be dealt with on an individual basis and will be updated. The Board of Trustees maintains their discretion in all decision making and will use this document as additional guidelines in their decision-making process.

