



Na'ah Illahee Fund

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

[“Red Blanket Fund” | \\$1,000 award | Opens Sept. 13, 2021 | While funds available](#)

Na'ah Illahee Fund (NIF) will provide direct assistance to indigenous individuals and families most in need in the wake of this Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women People (MMIW) epidemic. The NIF fund will wrap our blanket of support around Native families who are conducting searches for their missing loved ones, bringing awareness to the search, and aftercare for the family as needed. NIF provides this relief fund to our indigenous communities, who often face financial barriers in this current time of crisis! A search for a loved one is costly and has a deep impact on families. NIF Red Blanket Fund is here to support those families who are in need of support during their time of crisis.

NIF Red Blanket Fund Grant will cover these support areas for those involved in searches for missing relatives: search costs, awareness campaign work, healing ceremony work, after care for loved ones found and unfortunately funeral expenses when we need to send them home.

Specific expenses this grant will cover:

1. Searches - Funding is available to individuals leading the search
 - Gas money, meals, hotel stays as they search across the state or states
 - Search expenses: water, sack lunches, gas money \$25-\$30 for each volunteer person driving to help with physical search
 - Possible MOU with someone else who has tools to rent for use: metal detectors, drones, etc.
 - Printing costs (color): banners, flyers, laminating cost, staple guns, graphics design
 - Cell phone payments, internet service or trac phones
 - Conducting targeted awareness campaign
 - Fundraisers like T-shirts to sell to raise funds for search efforts (300 shirts cost \$3,000)
 - Costs for hiring a private detective
2. Awareness
 - Prayer walks
 - Community vigils held by family for those lost
 - Rallies
 - Memorials
3. Aftercare services for families whose loved ones come home
 - Travel expense funds to get them back home
 - Healing and doctoring ceremony costs for victims and family members
4. Funeral expenses
 - Burials for those found: Funeral home expenses, casket, stone setting, burnings, service, etc. (Requires providing a death certificate by next of kin in charge)
 - Medicine people who are conduct sending them home ceremony and healing ceremonies
 - Honorariums costs for speakers / healers
 - Memorial costs (blankets, food, etc)
 - Funding for lawyer expenses to obtain a Death Certificate or fund legal probate process

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Na'ah Illahee Fund serves Native communities across the Pacific Northwest who are located in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

1. Indigenous Individuals or First Nation Individuals (With Tribal Affiliation)

For NIF, Indigenous includes anyone who holds tribal affiliation/identifies with Indigenous nations in North, Central, or South America or identifies as Native Hawaiian.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications are being accepted through Google Forms Link <https://forms.gle/cabYvkJpXBmtD8C9>

We understand during this time of need is very stressful but we need proof you have officially informed the authorities: Tribal police, City or County police, FBI Missing Persons Report, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. We will need to receive a copy of a filed "Missing Person's Report" so please have that on hand before you contact us for funding. State Missing Person Clearinghouse page should be attached for: WA, Or, ID, AK, & MT.

If you need the link, fill out an application over the phone, or by email, please contact Joni Crines and she will assist you. Contact Information: Joni Crines, Grants Program Officer via email: joni@naahillahee.org or phone: (206) 565-8041.

HOW DO WE MAKE DECISIONS?

- We will award grants that reach those individuals who are actively searching for a missing loved one
- Grant applications will be reviewed by grantmaking committee starting Sept. 13, 2021
- Please understand NIF will be able to support requests while funds are available

WHAT IS OUR GRANT PROCESS FOR THE "RED BLANKET FUND"?

Apply - Applicants will complete the application form and submit a Missing Persons Report and/or Death Certificate.

Review - Grantmaking Committee will convene to review all received applications within 48 hrs.

Notify - Recipients will then be notified by quickest method (text, phone, email)

Award - If approved, an award letter will be sent along with a check after next check run

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I APPLY?

Our intent is to help as many families as possible who are in need during this crisis. However, resources are limited. Please apply for funds only once so we can reach many families in their time of crisis.