



National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Innovation Grant

Native Elder Abuse Innovation Awards 2017

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"Restoring respect and dignity by honoring Indigenous elders"



Lack of Data in Indian Country

In 2004, the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) found that elder abuse was a serious and pervasive problem, attitudes and responses of indigenous people were different from non-Indians, there was a lack of information, awareness, and data on elder abuse in Indian Country. (Nerenberg, Baldrige & Benson, 2004a; Nerenberg, Baldrige & Benson 2004b).

Without data to indicate the extent of the problem and what resources are available, it is difficult to persuade policy makers that elder abuse is a problem.



NIEJI Innovation Grant

In 2016, NIEJI Innovation Grant was awarded to UND from the Administration for Community Living.

Goal 1: Provide \$150,000 in sub-awards (mini-grants) to tribal groups to develop elder abuse awareness, code development, and infrastructure development to address elder abuse in tribal communities.

Because of the lack of data on the incidence, prevalence, types and resources to elder abuse in Indian Country, NIEJI Innovation Grant is focused on innovative ways to address the issues of elder abuse among American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian programs (AI/AN/NH).



NIEJI Innovation Grant

- ❖ **Objective #1: Develop the funding announcement.**
 - The funding announcement (Request for Proposals) was developed by NIEJI Innovation Grant staff.
- ❖ **Objective #2: Call for Proposals.**
 - Request for Proposals (RFP) publicized to tribes, listservs, websites, etc. on May 1, 2017.
- ❖ **Objective #3: Review of Applications.**
 - Proposals reviewed for compliance to the RFP
- ❖ **Objective #4: Award Funds and monitor projects.**
 - Track grantees/awardees to determine progress.



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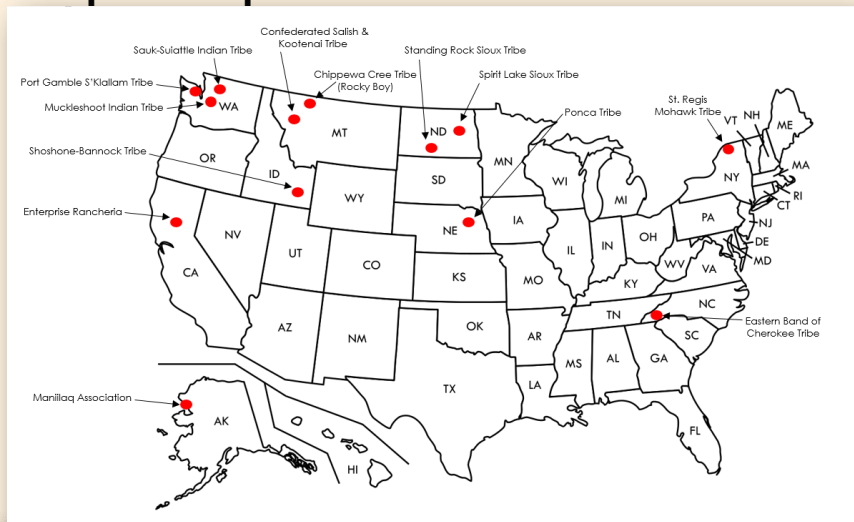
❖ Native Elder Abuse Innovation Awards 2017

- May 1, 2017: Call for Proposals
- June 30, 2017: Deadline for Applications
- Received 13 proposals
- Proposed project ideas varied
- All proposals had one main purpose:
 - To decrease the incidence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation among tribal elders



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Map of Proposals Received





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❖ Summary of Proposal Review

- List of potential reviewers contacted
 - Experience & knowledge working in Indian Country
 - 7 Reviewers
- Each proposal reviewed by three different reviewers.
- 100-point rating scale
 - Scale ensured that reviewers score each proposal with consistency
- Points given based on extent to which proposals addressed each section.
- Each reviewer received a \$50 honorarium for each proposal reviewed.



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❖ Summary of Proposal Review Continued

- Points from the 3 reviewers were averaged.
- \$150,000 funds available
 - 88.00 and above: Amount Requested
 - 85.00 – 87.99: \$18,000
 - 82.00 – 84.99: \$17,148
 - 82.00 and below: Not funded
 - Tribes not funded are able to revise proposals using feedback left by review and can resubmit them for 2018 funding cycle.



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❖ Results

- **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe, Montana**
 - \$17,148 for “*Elder Abuse Infrastructure Development Project*”

- **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe, North Carolina**
 - \$19,704 for “*Elder Justice Project*”

- **Maniilaq Association, Alaska**
 - \$20,000 for “*Challenging Elder Abuse in Northwest Arctic*”

- **Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington**
 - \$20,000 for “*Elder Abuse Community Empowerment*”



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❖ Results Continued

- **Ponca Tribe, Nebraska**
 - \$17,148 for “*Elder Abuse Prevention Project*”

- **Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Idaho**
 - \$18,000 for “*Elder Protection Improvement Project*”

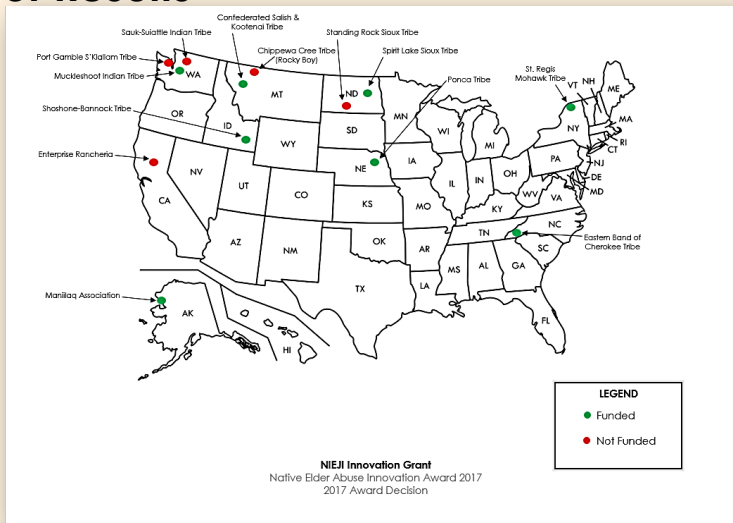
- **Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, North Dakota**
 - \$20,000 for “*Dakota Elders Preservation Traditions Project*”

- **St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York**
 - \$18,000 for “*Multidisciplinary Team Implementation to Address Elder Abuse Issues*”



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Map of Results



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❖ These grants from will be for one year for projects to address the following areas:

1. Innovative approaches to preventing and addressing elder abuse in Indian Country;
2. To create awareness of elder abuse its signs and impact;
3. Development of tribal resolution, code and laws that will address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation;
4. Development of infrastructure, policies and procedures for reporting, investigating, and intervening in elder abuse cases in tribal communities; and
5. Development of cross-jurisdictional processes for reporting, investigating, or intervening in elder abuse cases.



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- ❖ NIEJI Innovation Grant will support grantees throughout the grant period in their efforts of managing, tracking, and reporting on their projects.
- ❖ Technical Assistance will be provided throughout the grant period to address the needs of the grantees.
 - Through WebEx
 - Monthly or Quarterly Basis
 - Individual Basis, as needed
 - Possible Topics
 - Getting Started
 - Financial and Legal Responsibilities
 - Performance Reporting
 - Closeout Process
 - Etc.
 - Grantees can also call any time between 8:00am to 4:30pm, Central Time, Monday through Friday



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Funding Announcement

Call for Proposals

Native Elder Abuse Innovation Awards 2018

RFP Release: Friday, September 15, 2017

Deadline for Applications: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Award Notification: Tuesday, January 2, 2018

These awards will allow tribes to carry out activities that will prevent, identify, and/or address elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation in their communities. NIEJI Innovation plans to award between 8-12 awards, up to \$20,000.

For more information, go to: www.niej.org/innovation-grant

Good luck to all applicants!



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Questions?



National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Innovation: Elder Justice Survey

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NIEJI Innovation

The NIEJI Innovation provides opportunities for tribes to:

- ❖ Develop elder abuse protection programs
- ❖ **Gather tribal data about elder abuse in Indian Country**
- ❖ Produce additional training modules for professionals on working with elder abuse in Indian Country.

Goal 2: Collect data on the prevalence and types of elder abuse occurring in Indian Country, the services available, and awareness of resources by elders in tribal and urban communities.



NIEJI Objectives

- ❖ **Objective 1: Develop a survey to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country.**
 - Native Elder Maltreatment Survey was adapted from Jervis et al. (2014). Items were tested to identify risks of elder abuse.
- ❖ **Objective 2: Program scanner for surveys.**
 - Survey was created and printed forms were developed.
- ❖ **Objective 3: Collect tribal resolutions, distribute surveys, and create forms.**
 - All forms available on NIEJI website. Surveys announced on national Elder Abuse websites and listservs.
- ❖ **Objective 4: Scan surveys, analyze data and provide reports.**
 - Surveys will be scanned, data cleaned, reports developed and returned to tribes.
- ❖ **Objective 5: Dissemination of aggregate data.**
 - Reports, posters, presentations, and publications will be prepared for dissemination.



NIEJI Purpose

NIEJI Innovation provides technical assistance to American Indian tribes, Alaskan villages, and Native Hawaiian homesteads in the collection of local data on elder abuse.

❖ Technical assistance includes:

- Native Elder Maltreatment Survey
- Assistance in sampling
- Remote training and consultation for interviewers via email or telephone.
- Data storage, entry and analysis
- Production of tables and comparisons with national data



Tribes/Consortiums

❖ **Each Tribe/Consortium will provide:**

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation with Native Elder Maltreatment survey as applicable
- An estimated number of elders (participants) to interview
- Volunteer interviewers to conduct the survey
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results of tribal leaders and health officials



Native Elder Maltreatment Survey

❖ Purpose

- focus on awareness, elder abuse policy development, and infrastructure building for reporting, investigation, and intervention for indigenous elders.
- data collection of indigenous elder abuse risk indicators through the Title VI programs with a tribally based participatory research model.

❖ Duration of survey

- Participation may take approximately 30-60 minutes.

❖ Participants

- (AI, AN, NH) elders 50 years and older.



Native Elder Maltreatment Survey

❖ Procedures

- Participation is confidential & voluntary.
- Surveys topics include: demographics, cultural identification, experiences and/or observations of elder maltreatment and elder abuse, & general lifelong experiences.

❖ Risks

- Minimal potential risks in this study. Participants will be asked personal questions some pertaining to possible traumatic experiences.
- Participants may withdraw at any time without penalty.
- Local and national resources will be provided to participants in case of any effects of participation.



Native Elder Maltreatment Survey

❖ Compensation/Cost

- No costs associated with the participation in this study.
- No compensation from NIEJI
- Tribes will receive their overall tribal data & a national aggregate.

❖ Confidentiality

- Information gathered from the surveys will be coded with an identification number.
- All materials collected will be kept in a locked file cabinet
- Electronic files of the data will be stored on a secure, access controlled, and password protected server.
- NIEJI may transport coded data to the UND SMHS for data entry & data analysis.



Native Elder Maltreatment Survey

❖ Right to Refuse or Withdraw

- Refusal to participate or withdrawal from the study will not result in loss of benefits or relationship with the designated site of data collection or the University of North Dakota.
- Participants can withdraw from the interview at any point.
- If the study design is to be changed you will be informed and your consent re-obtained.



Survey Sample

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA Native Elder Maltreatment Survey

This project was supported in part by grant number 83300001 from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20549.

• Use black or blue pen or a number 2 pencil.
• Make dark marks that fill the oval completely.
• Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
• Make no stray marks and do not bend survey.

Correct Incorrect

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Gender: Male Female

2. Age: 3. Zip Code:

4. Tribal Affiliation:

5. District/Charter House:

6. Education:
 Less than High School/GED
 Completed High School/GED
 More than High School/GED

7. Marital Status:
 Married/Life Partner
 Single/Not Married/Divorced/Separated

8. Household Status:
 Own home/apartment
 Assisted Living
 With family member
 Retirement home
 Not applicable

9. How many people live in your household?
Adults Children

10. Employment:
 Currently employed, full time
 Currently employed, part time
 Unemployed (not job seeking)
 Retired
 Disabled (not paid)
 Other (specify):

11. How well do you speak your tribal language?
 Do not speak my tribal language.
 Speak a little bit, but not very well.
 Speak moderately well (limited sentences).
 Speak my language very well.

12. How well do you speak English language?
 Do not speak English.
 Speak a little bit, but not very well.
 Speak moderately well (limited sentences).
 Speak English very well.

13. What language do you prefer to use?
 English
 Tribal language
 Other (specify):

14. How important is it to you that you maintain your tribal identity, values and practices?
 Not at all
 A little
 Somewhat
 Very important

15. How important is it to you that you maintain your non-Native American identity, values and practice?
 Not at all
 A little
 Somewhat
 Very important

SUBSIDY/INCOME

How do you get (or potentially exclude family in household income)?

16. Are you currently receiving any of these? (Check all that apply.)
 Social Security
 VA General Assistance, or Welfare benefits
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 Social Security Supplemental Retirement
 Pension
 Disability benefits from pensions, VA, retirement
 Health insurance/medicare
 Long-term care insurance
 Child Support or EIT
 Unemployment benefits
 Financial help from relatives
 Scholarships
 Other (specify assistance identify):

17. Do you have anyone who spends time with you, taking you shopping or to the doctor?
 Yes
 No

18. Are you helping to support someone?
 Yes
 No

19. Do you feel uncomfortable with anyone in your family?
 Yes
 No

20. Are you sad or lonely?
 Yes
 No

76. Has someone hit or tried to hit you with an object in the past year?
 Yes No
If yes, did this happen in the past month?
 Yes No

77. Has someone beat you up within the past year?
 Yes No
If yes, did this happen in the past month?
 Yes No

78. Has someone threatened you with a knife or gun in the past year?
 Yes No
If yes, did this happen in the past month?
 Yes No

79. Has someone used a knife or fired a gun at you in the past year?
 Yes No
If yes, did this happen in the past month?
 Yes No

TREATMENT OF ELDERLY

Think of a situation where an elderly person you know has been treated badly by family. Can you tell me a little about what you think it means for an elder to be well treated?

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Elder"?

Think of a situation where an elderly person you know has been treated badly by family. Can you tell me a little about what you think it means for an elder to be well treated? We are not looking for any names.

In recent years, have you been treated badly by family members?
 Yes No
If yes, what happened?

NEEDS OF SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

80. Are you now using, or at some point you became unable to meet your own needs, would you be willing to use the following services? (Please mark all that apply)

Need	Yes	No
Adult Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elder Protection Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Protective Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comp. Serv. Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Respite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Rep. Serv.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Assistance/Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation/Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language Translation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Health/Wellness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Violence Prevention Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Caregiver Support Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial and Legal Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governmental Housing Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Question Examples

- Do you have anyone who spends time with you, taking you shopping, or to the doctor?
- Are you helping to support someone?
- I know how much money I have and know when money is coming.
- Someone has taken cultural regalia or sacred items for use without my permission.
- I have enough to eat everyday.
- Someone has made it hard for me to move around (moving cane/walker).



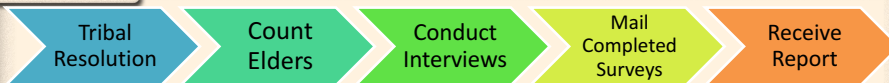
Interviewer's Guide

❖ Interviewer's Roles and Responsibilities

- Build rapport
- Interviewer's role is not to investigate, probe, or pry for specific names or incidences while gathering information.
- Interviewer is responsible for appropriately handling any adverse situations.
- Provide information about community resources (programs, agencies, identify support network).
- Participants have the right to self-determination.



How to Get Started Overview



- **Get tribal permission & mail signed resolution**
- **Count number of elders**
- **Begin conducting interviews**
- **Mail completed surveys**
- **Receive report**



Conducting the Survey: Step-by-Step Guide



- Find a location to conduct the survey
- Develop friendly connection with elder
- Explain the survey to the elder
- Get verbal consent
- Conduct the survey
- Close the interview
- Return the surveys to tribal contact
- Mail completed surveys to NIEJI Innovation office



Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ Why is there a need to complete the surveys?
- ❖ Describe what data will be recorded?
- ❖ Will I be informed of my results?



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Other Questions?



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