

TRIBAL ID & ADDRESS GRANT PROGRAM

FOR VOTING PURPOSES

BACKGROUND

The North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State administers the Tribal ID & Address Grant Program to tribal governments. These grants are a result of the Consent Decree and Judgmentⁱ reached in 2020 with North Dakota's Tribal Governments related to North Dakota's voter identification laws and impacts to tribal members and non-member residents living within tribal boundaries.

PURPOSE

North Dakota's voter identification laws (NDCC § 16.1-01-04.1) require individuals to have identification which includes residential addresses. The Tribal ID & Address Grant Program aims to provide financial support up to \$5,000 per election cycle to aid tribal governments in issuing addresses and identification for the purposes of voting by tribal members in elections administered by the state of North Dakota. Funds are intended to help issue street addressing and/or identification cards with residential addresses to tribal members and non-member individuals living within tribal boundaries to meet the state's voter identification requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any of the Federally recognized tribal governments within North Dakota.
- Up to \$5,000 is available to each of the five (5) tribes for administrative costs related to issuing street addressing and/or identification for voting purposes.
 - Costs must be pre-approved and are paid on a reimbursement basis.

APPLICATION

Applications may be submitted at anytime between July 1, 2023 – April 30, 2025.

Applications should include the following:

- Contact Information – Include a point of contact for the tribal government who will oversee the grant application and include address, email and phone number.
- Executive Summary – Describe grant activities planned to issue addresses or identification for voting purposes planned, any outcomes anticipated, and which section of the tribal government branch will be overseeing the activities.

- Estimated Budget – Detail planned expense categories related to the grant activities planned. All grant awards will be on a reimbursement basis, requiring submission of documentation, receipts, etc. related to approved budget items.

REVIEW & APPROVAL

Applications will be reviewed within 14 days of receipt by the Office of the Secretary of State. The indicated tribal contact will be the point of contact for any questions or clarifications needed for approvals.

REIMBURSEMENT

Grant funds will be released on a reimbursement basis. Requests for reimbursement should be sent to the below contact and include receipts and/or documents showing actual costs, and should include a summary invoice for the reimbursement costs sought.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions regarding the Tribal Identification & Grant Program can be directed to:

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ⁱ The Consent Decree and Judgment was created as part of Global Settlement Agreement reached between the North Dakota Secretary of State and North Dakota's tribal governments are a result of two U.S. District Court of North Dakota Cases related to North Dakota's voter identification laws – 1) *Richard Brakebill, et. al. v. Alvin Jaeger* (Case No. 1:16-cv-00008); *Spirit Lake Tribe, et. al. v. Alvin Jaeger* (Case No. 1:18-cv-00222).