

ŚW,ÇENENITEL Initiative Winter Grant Criteria 2022: **For Grant Applicants and Grant Proposals**

Applications Open: December 21st, 2021 (Tuesday)

Application Deadline: January 14th, 2022 (Friday) by midnight

Do not feel discouraged if you have never applied for a grant or led a project before. We want to hear about your ideas and support the vision of our relations. Please reach out with questions or feedback.

ŚW,ÇENENITEL is committed to making this process accessible to our community members and communities, from the filling out the forms to receiving the funds. **This entire Grant Process, including reviewing criteria and requirements, can be done orally (phone or video) or in writing.**

Written Application: Submit completed [Google Form](#)

Oral Application: Email grants@indigenousfoodsinitiative.com to arrange a time for a call, video, or in-person application

These grants aim to eliminate financial barriers from the colonial economy and inspire change by investing in the land, which is where our wealth as xʷíŋəxʷ | hwulmuhw | quuʔas lives. These grants are an investment and legacy for our future generations, and we need your help to materialize the work together.

See the *ŚW,ÇENENITEL Foundational Document* for our mandate and guiding principles.

Application Requirements:

- Select Grant Amount (\$);
 - Select Grant Category;
 - Personal information, including ancestry;
 - Proposal information, including simple budget;
 - Follow up phone or video call with ŚW,ÇENENITEL Leadership Team; and
 - Agreement to meet mandate, principles, and application review process of ŚW,ÇENENITEL Initiative.
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Applicant Eligibility:**Applicants must:**

- Currently reside or work within the CRD (for grant distribution)
 - Due to the limitations of the administrative partners of the ŚW,ØENENITEL Initiative, funds need to be disbursed to those with an address in the colonial borders of the CRD. Please contact us if you have questions or need clarification.

Applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Ancestral to one or more of the 4 ancestral territories ŚW,ØENENITEL serves;
- Clear connection to any of the 4 ancestral territories served by ŚW,ØENENITEL (ie. relationship to land, families, communities, etc); and/or
- Indigenous Person(s)* living or working within the CRD, willing to follow local protocols of the lands in which they are on
 - We recognize that there are Indigenous peoples' from across the world living in these territories and that we can all be working together to uplift the autonomy and sovereignty of the lands that we are on today. We encourage Black, African, and Afro-Indigenous community members to apply and self-identify. It is important to the Initiative to actively make space outside of white supremacy and canadian definitions of Indigenous identities.

Project Eligibility:

- Commit to participating in ŚW,ØENENITEL Indigenous-led Place Based Grant model;
- Be in line with the ŚW,ØENENITEL mandate and principles;
- Clearly identify connection to any of the 4 ancestral territories;
- Indigenous-led, priority given to local Indigenous leadership;
- Meet with ŚW,ØENENITEL Initiative Team (application and reporting stages); and
- Commit to sharing project story with the ŚW,ØENENITEL Initiative.

High priorities include:

- local Indigenous language and culture;
- projects that hire Black, Indigenous peoples, and People of Colour;
- land-based activities;
- ancestral connections and obligations;
- collaboration;
- long-term impacts; and/or
- showing leadership by example.