

ŚW,ŒENENITEL Initiative Spring Grant Criteria 2022: **For Grant Applicants and Grant Proposals**

Applications Open: April 4th, 2022

Application Deadline: April 22nd, 2022

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,ŒENENITEL 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: Complete this form or submit through a [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,ŒENENITEL [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,ŒENENITEL Leadership Team; and
 - Agreement to meet mandate, principles, and application review process of ŚW,ŒENENITEL Initiative.
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Applicant Eligibility:**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 with Indigenous relationships/ancestry. It is important to the Initiative to actively make space outside of white supremacy and canadian definitions of Indigenous identities.

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.
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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 BIPOC
- land-based activities;
- ancestral connections and obligations;
- collaboration;
- long-term impacts; and/or
- showing leadership by example.

Individual: Ranging from \$100-1,000 (1-2 people)

Family-Community: Ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 (3+ people)

Large Scale-Community (can include organizations): Up to \$10,000 (multiple families, communities)