

# First Alaskans Institute

**2009 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS - FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Open October 20, 2008 – closes December 18, 2008**

**A Project to Support Healthy and Thriving Alaska Native Communities**  
**Project Period: January 1, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009**

## **Request for Proposals**

First Alaskans Institute announces the third year of its Community Investments funding initiative. This funding opportunity is targeted to projects that demonstrate long lasting and collaborative efforts among community organizations to plan and implement innovative projects.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **1. Eligible Applicants:**

- Demonstrated evidence of a collaborative community effort serving the Alaska Native community.
- Organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code that serve Alaska Natives or are federally-recognized Alaska Native tribal organizations.
- Organizations that have received funding through the Community Engagement Awards program are encouraged to apply; however, they are **not** eligible for funding in the same project **area** for the 2009 funding cycle.

#### **2. What will be Funded:** Community-based projects that result in long-term measurable outcomes and project sustainability. Funding will be available for results-based activities that include family and community partnerships in the following areas:

- **Pre-school education activities that better prepare children for success in school;**
- **Promoting youth leadership development opportunities and cultural learning.**

#### **3. Proposal Due Date:** Proposals must be received at the Institute by **Dec. 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** via e-mail, fax, or mail. Applications received after this deadline will not be rated or considered.

#### **4. Pre-deadline Teleconference: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This teleconference will provide an opportunity for applicants to discuss questions regarding the application process.

**Teleconference: 1-800-528-2793, Conference ID: 9387827**

#### **5. Project Timeline:** January 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009.

#### **6. Total Funding Available: \$300,000**

- Awards will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000
- There will be between 6 – 15 Awardees, if a significant number of applications meet the evaluation panel's criteria for "excellent" application, Awardees may be asked to submit a revised budget with a reduced amount of funding so more Awards can be distributed benefiting more programs.

#### **7. Proposal Evaluation and Selections:** Proposal Evaluation Committee meetings:

Jan. 2 – Jan. 16, 2009.

**8. Awardees Announced:** Feb. 1, 2009

**9. Fund Distribution Start Date:** February 2009

**10. Reporting requirements of an award:** Four quarterly reports on the award status will be required 30 days after the end of each period. Periods will be 1/1/09-3/30/09 (1<sup>st</sup> report due 4/31/09), 4/1/09-6/30/09 (2<sup>nd</sup> report due 7/31/09), 7/1/09-9/30/09 (3<sup>rd</sup> report due 10/31/09), 10/1/09-12/31/09 (4<sup>th</sup> report due 1/31/10), and a final project report covering the whole period 1/1/08-12/31/08 will be due by 2/30/10.

**11. For Applications:** Visit the website, [www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org), click on the Community Investment tab on the top bar, or contact First Alaskans Institute, 677-1700, or e-mail Program Coordinator, Jenel Franklin, [jenelfranklin@firstalaskans.org](mailto:jenelfranklin@firstalaskans.org)

**12. Proposal Evaluation Criteria:** Proposals will be scored as follows:

| Evaluation Criteria for Project  | 100 Points Possible   |
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| <p><b>Project Activities</b></p> <p>The proposal reflects new ideas for project activities with measurable outcomes that increase school readiness for pre-school children, increase leadership and cultural learning activities that youth are involved in.</p>   | <b>15</b>   |
| <p><b>Community Partnerships and Long-Term Benefits to Community Project Activities</b></p> <p>The proposal clearly articulates that the project is a partnership between Community organizations rather than an individual project of one organization. List which organizations in the community will be involved, what that involvement entails, which organization will be responsible for achieving specific activities within the work plan, and how the project will be continued when the funds are expended (how will the project be sustained after FAI funding has been exhausted).</p> | <b>25</b>   |
| <p><b>Participants</b></p> <p>The proposal clearly identifies the geographic area to be served, the targeted participants, and the number of participants to benefit from the project.</p>   | <b>10</b>   |
| <p><b>Reporting and Measuring Outcomes</b></p> <p>The proposal is clear on the specific outcomes for each quarterly reporting period, how progress will be measured, what the long-term impacts of the project will be and how that will be verified over time.</p>  | <b>25</b>   |
| <p><b>Budget and Project Management</b></p> <p>The proposal includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a description of the skills of the project staff (resume and/or qualifications to achieve project goals)</li> <li>• a description of how the organization has succeeded in implementing similar projects</li> <li>• a clear description of how the funds will be used</li> <li>• a budget that accomplishes the proposed outcomes</li> <li>• a description of the community's contributions to the project (financial or in-kind)</li> </ul>                                    | <b>25</b><br><br><b>(5pts for each bullet within this category)</b> |