

## **Esther Martinez Immersion (EMI) Program Areas of Interest**

Programs funded under this NOFO must meet one of the following requirements as specified in the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 2991b-3(b)(7)):

- **Native American Language Nests** are site-based educational programs that provide instruction and childcare in a Native American language for at least 5 children under the age of 7 for an average of at least 500 hours per year per child; provide classes in such languages for parents or legal guardians of children enrolled in such language nests; and must ensure that a Native American language is the dominant medium of instruction in the Native American language nest.
- **Native American Language Survival Schools** are site-based educational programs that provide an average of at least 500 hours of Native American language instruction to at least 10 school-age students per year per student, for whom a Native American language survival school is their principal place of instruction; develop instructional courses and materials; provide for teacher training; work toward a goal of all students achieving fluency in a Native American language; academic proficiency in mathematics, reading, and sciences; and are located in areas that have high numbers or percentages of Native American students.
- **Certification** To receive funding under this opportunity, you must submit an official document that certifies your organization has **at least three years of experience** operating and administering a Native American language survival school, a Native American language nest, or an educational program in which instruction is through Native American language immersion. ANA will not fund applications that do not provide the certification as required by law.