

Information Memorandum

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TO: Administration for Native Americans' (ANA) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Grant Recipients

SUBJECT: ANA's Guidance for Use of Emergency Native Language Funds Appropriated in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2); Accompaniment to ACF-IOAS-DCL-22-01

Purpose

To provide an overview and guidance on ANA's Emergency Tribal Native Language and Emergency Native Language Funding for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders made available through ARP.

References

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act , section 11004 authorized section 816 of the Native Americans Programs Act (NAPA) of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2992d) to amend section 803C of NAPA (42 U.S.C. 2991b-3) to create (g) Emergency Grants for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance to award grants to entities eligible to receive assistance under subsection (a) (1) to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages during and after the public health emergency declared by the Secretary with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background

\$20 million in ARP Emergency Native Language grants were awarded on a non-competitive basis using an equal allocation per eligible entity. The base tribal allocation was \$82,609 and the Hawaiian and Pacific Islander allocation was \$311,939. The funding was awarded to 210 Tribal and Native American entities. The funds were to be awarded within 180 days, per statute, and funds are available until expended. ANA made the grant awards on September 1, 2021, which met the statutory deadline.

Guidance

- Allowable Uses – The emergency language projects should identify one or two of the following domains as the focus of the project.

- Resources and documentation (language instruction modules, recordings, transcribing, curriculum development, dictionary building)
 - Instruction (teacher training, professional development, Master-Apprentice)
 - Technology and infrastructure (computer and devices, internet enhancements, IT networking)
 - Planning (survey, community readiness or interest assessment, strategic plan)
 - Elder or intergenerational engagement (Elder language instruction, Elder storytelling in the language, Elder speaker recordings)
- Examples by usage type:
 - Funding can be used to support project expenses such as personnel and fringe benefits, as well as supplies such as laptops and mobile devices, stipends for elder speakers or language learners, curriculum development, language camps, contractors/vendors, equipment such as IT servers
 - Contact your program specialist if there is a need to modify the project's budget, which can be done informally.

Additional Resources

- American Rescue Plan Award Recipients and Map [American Rescue Plan Award Recipients | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- Clearinghouse of all ANA ARP Resources: [ARP Grant Recipient Resources Hub | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- Post Award Training [Log In Page | American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Recipient On-Demand Post Award Training \(easygenerator.com\)](#)
- [ARP Tribal Collaborative Webinar](#): To honor ACF's commitment to help ACF grant recipients maximize their ARP dollars and provide frequent and consistent guidance to support development of effective implementation strategies that fit the unique needs of their communities, view a webinar between ACF's ARP Tribal and Native American grant recipients, ACF leadership, and ACF staff on how to best leverage ARP funding.
- [Administration for Native Americans \(ANA\) | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [Administration for Children and Families | American Rescue Plan Webpage](#)

Upcoming Events (If Applicable)

ANA ARP Monthly Office Hours

Held on the first Tuesday of every month at 3:00 -4:30 PM Eastern Time, this is a special recurring event designed specifically to support our ARP grant recipients. Although attendance on this monthly call is not required, it is encouraged. The purpose of the ANA ARP Monthly Office Hours is to provide a standing space for recipients to learn and address any common challenges, opportunities to network, share success stories or best practices, and serve as a forum to address any questions or concerns that you may have about your grant. Program Specialists will attend the "Office Hours" along with representatives from the Regional TTA Center(s). We will also invite our colleagues from the Office of Grants Management attend.

Date for ANA ARP Monthly Office Hours	Time	Access Instructions
September 2, 2022	3PM - 4:30 PM Eastern	Contact your program specialist for the meeting invite.
October 4, 2022	3PM - 4:30 PM Eastern	Contact your program specialist for the meeting invite.
November 1, 2022	3PM - 4:30 PM Eastern	Contact your program specialist for the meeting invite.
December 6, 2022	3PM - 4:30 PM Eastern	Contact your program specialist for the meeting invite.

National Native American Language Summit – Cosponsored by ANA, Bureau of Indian Education, and the U.S. Dept. of Ed.

The goal of the National Native American Languages Summit is to identify ways to further support communities teaching their Native languages, improve accountability for educational progress, provide measurable goals to show our success, and encourage our youth to gain the skills to speak their language. ANA will provide the link to grant recipients when available.

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