

Block 15 of the SF-424. Justification: The firm commitment of these resources must be documented and submitted with the application in order to be given credit in the review process. A detailed budget must be prepared for each budget period.

- Total Direct Charges, Total Indirect Charges, and Total Project Costs (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria One: Approach (25 Points)

The applicant should provide a Project Description with objectives and discuss the project approach and the implementation plan. The Applicant's narrative should be clear and concise. It should include a logical breakdown of the project, and discuss in detail the strategy and approach the applicant intends to employ in order to accomplish the project objectives and activities over the project period. In this section, the applicant should describe the project strategy using the Objective Work Plan (OWP). In the OWP, the applicant should identify the project objectives, time frames, proposed activities, outcomes, and evaluation activity, as well as the individuals responsible for completing the objectives and performing the activities. The project description, objective(s), approach, strategy and implementation plan are inter-related. The applicant should also include the names and activities of any organizations, consultants, or other key individuals who will contribute to the project. The Applicant should discuss "Leveraged Resources" (see definition section) used to strengthen and broaden the impact of the proposed project. The Applicant should discuss commitments and how they impact the project. Applicant should provide "Letters of Commitment" that identify the time, dollar amount, and activity to be accomplished through partnerships. Applicants should discuss the relationship of non-ANA funded activities to those objectives and activities that will be funded with ANA grant funds. (Letters of Commitment should be included in the Appendix). (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

Criteria Two: Objectives and Need for Assistance (20 Points)

Discuss the Need for Assistance. The need for assistance should clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, and institutional challenges

and problem(s) requiring a solution that supports the funding request. Describe the Community (see Definition section) to be impacted by the project and the Community Involvement in the project. The Applicant should describe the community's long-range goals, and how the project supports these community goals. The applicant describes the planning and/or consultation efforts undertaken, and the proposed objectives and activities that reflect either the economic and social development or governance needs of the local community. Discuss the Geographic Location of the project and where the project and grant will be administered. Applications from National and Regional Indian and Native organizations should clearly demonstrate a need for the project, explain how the project originated, identify the beneficiaries, and describe and relate the actual project benefits to the community and organization. National Indian and Native organizations should also identify their membership and specifically discuss how the organization operates and impacts Native American people and communities. Applicant should show a clear relationship between the proposed project, the social and economic development strategy, and the community's long-range goals. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

Criteria Three: Organizational Profiles (20 Points)

Provide information on the applicant's organization and cooperating partners. Include organizational charts, and information associated with experience in the program area. Describe the organizations capabilities such as the management structure, the administrative structure, and the program delivery process. If relevant to the project, applicants must provide a Business Plan or any Third-Party Agreements (include in the appendix). Applicants are required to make a positive statement that they will give credit to the Administration for Native Americans, and reference the ANA funded project on any audio, video, and/or printed materials developed in whole or in part with ANA funds. Applicants should list all current sources of federal funding, the agency, purpose, amount, and provide the most recent certified signed audit letter for the organization to be included in Part One of the application. If the applicant has audit exceptions, these issues should be addressed. Applicants should provide evidence of its ability to

successfully manage a project of similar scope. Applicant should provide "staffing and position data". This is a proposed staffing pattern for the project where the Applicant highlights the new project and staff. All positions proposed for the project are the same positions discussed in the Objective Work Plan and in the proposed budget. Note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to give preference to qualified Native Americans in hiring project staff and in contracting services under an approved ANA grant. Applicant should provide a paragraph of the duties and skills required for the proposed staff and a paragraph on qualifications and experience of current staff (Full position descriptions are required to be submitted in the Appendix). Applicant should explain and discuss how the current and future staff will manage the proposed project. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) and Section 803B(c) (6) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b and 2991b-2*)

Criteria Four: Results or Benefits Expected (20 Points)

In this section the applicant should discuss the "Performance Indicators" (see Definition section) and the Benefits Expected as a result of this Project. Performance indicators specifically identify qualitative and quantitative data directly associated with the project. Each applicant may select five indicators to support the applicant's project. Three of the performance indicators may be selected from the list below. Each grantee is required to develop two additional indicators that are project specific and directly support the success of the project objectives and goals. Each performance indicator should be discussed in the application, as well as the method for collecting the data and evaluating the project. Performance indicators will be reported to ANA in the grantee's quarterly report. Three of the five Performance indicators required, should be selected from the following list: (1) The number of jobs created; (2) the number of workshops/classes provided; (3) the number of people to successfully complete a workshop/class; (4) the number of community-based small businesses established or expanded; (5) identify the tribal or village government business, industry, energy or financial codes or ordinances that were adopted; and (6) the number of children, youth, families or elders assisted. In this section discuss how the applicant will determine the success of the individual project components and the project as a whole. The applicant should describe how the