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Entrepreneurship Grant Application

2024

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Purpose

This grant aims to provide St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin tribal members with financial support to begin, grow, or sustain their businesses. With up to a \$5,000 award of funding, it is designed to empower our indigenous entrepreneurs while fostering self-sufficiency, inspiring creativity, and contributing to the overall well-being of their local and/or tribal community.

Grant Program Information

Applicants can apply for a MAXIMUM amount of \$5,000 between January 1st and December 31st, 2024, to support the development of their business. A limited number of grants will be awarded based on available funding. Applicants will be screened and reviewed for completeness and only complete applications will move to the review phase. All applicants will be submitted anonymously, and no personal applicant information will be provided to the Board during the review. Grantees will be asked to return to the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation after one year to present the impact this grant had on their business. Please note these funds may be subject to taxation. Grantees are responsible for any taxes incurred by accepting this grant funding.

Other pertinent information highlighted below:

- Only 1 grant per member per year
- The Board may ask for clarification or updates on your application
- After 3 revision attempts, you will be asked to wait until the following year to resubmit
- The SCTEDC Executive Director is here to guide you to a successful application

Eligibility Requirements

- Enrolled with the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- Twenty-one (21) years of age or older
- Business is a for-profit entity (start-up, acquisition, or expansion)
- Has 60% or more ownership stake in the business
- Actively manages the business

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Application Process

- Step 1: Complete the Applicant Information, Enrollment Verification, Business Information, and Grant Fund Usage portions of the application.
- Step 2: Complete supplemental material. This includes of your business's monthly budget and 1-year incurred or projected revenue & expenses. Please include a business plan if possible.
- Step 3: Send your completed application, supplemental materials, and completed W-9 to the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation Executive Director.
- Step 4: After reviewing and assessing for completeness, the SCTEDC Executive Director will submit to the Board of Directors for scoring, review, and acceptance/declination.
 - Upon Acceptance:
The SCTEDC Executive Director will notify you on the acceptance of the grant. The awarded funds will be submitted, and the check will be mailed to the address provided. Please note, this may take up to three weeks to from submission to arrival in your mailbox. You will be asked to return to the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation after one year to present the impact this grant had on your business.
 - Upon Declination:
The STEDC Executive Director will notify you on the declination of the grant. The Board of Directors may ask for updates or clarification on pieces of your application and will request you resubmit. Please note, after 3 revisions, you will be asked to resubmit the following year.

Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Information | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Year Incurred or Projected Revenue & Expenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund Usage | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed W-9 |

Contact Us



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Applicant Information

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enrollment Verification

I, _____ (applicant name), authorize the release of the necessary information to confirm my enrollment with the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin for use by the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

Applicant Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

Applicant Social Security Number: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

- Enrollment Office Use Only -

Applicant must coordinate with the Enrollment Office to complete this portion.

The St. Croix Tribal Enrollment Office certifies that _____ (applicant name) is an enrolled tribal member of the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, making him/her eligible for the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation Entrepreneurship Grant.

Authorized Tribal Enrollment Office Name (printed): _____

Authorized Tribal Enrollment Office Official Title: _____

**Authorized Tribal Enrollment Office
Signature**

Date

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Business Information

Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Business: New Existing

Business Summary: _____

List of Products and/or Services: _____

Supplemental Items Included (Check All That Apply):

- Business Plan
- Monthly Budget (Required)*
- 1-Year Incurred or Projected Revenue & Expenses (Required)*
- Completed W-9 (Required)

* We understand these documents contain confidential and proprietary information belonging exclusively to the applicant. It will only be shared with the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation Executive Director and the Board of Directors.

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Grant Fund Usage

Amount Requested (Maximum \$5,000): _____

How will the requested grant funds be used to develop your business? Please include actual expenses and be prepared to reconcile them at the end of the grant period.

I, _____ (applicant name), understand that funds awarded to me for business development will be reported as income, and I will be issued a form 1099 for these funds. I understand that I am solely responsible for all taxes that acceptance of this grant may incur. I also certify that answers given herein are true and completed to the best of my knowledge.

Liability Release Statement

I, _____ (applicant name), agree to release and hold harmless the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, the St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, or expenses arising from or related to the use of grant funds. I assume full responsibility for compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms and conditions.

Applicant's Signature

Date

St. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation **Entrepreneurship Grant Application Resources**

Small Business Resources

To help guide you to a well-rounded submission, below you will find online resources and tools for your small business.

[Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation \(WIEDC\)](http://www.wiedc.org)
www.wiedc.org

[Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans \(V.R.N.A.\)](http://www.stcroixjibwe-nsn.gov/education/vrna/)
www.stcroixjibwe-nsn.gov/education/vrna/

[Native Business Center](http://www.nativebusinesscenter.com/small-business-resources/)
www.nativebusinesscenter.com/small-business-resources/

[Native Learning Center](http://www.nativelearningcenter.com)
www.nativelearningcenter.com

We are here to guide you through the application process and want to provide you with as many opportunities for success as possible. Please reach out to the ST. Croix Tribal Economic Development Corporation Executive Director for any questions you may have as you're working through.

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