



2026 Grant Cycle NC Tribes & Tribal Communities Information Session

August 2026

Agenda

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Our Team



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Kristine Urrutia – Executive Director



Tanya Varanelli – Operations Consultant

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About Catawba Nation Foundation

The Catawba Nation Foundation believes in a legacy of change that will shape the future of our communities long after we are gone. We fund projects that honor this principle by both honoring the past and strengthening opportunities for future generations.

Mission and Values

Our Values



Collaboration



Community



Ethical



Leadership



Mutual Respect



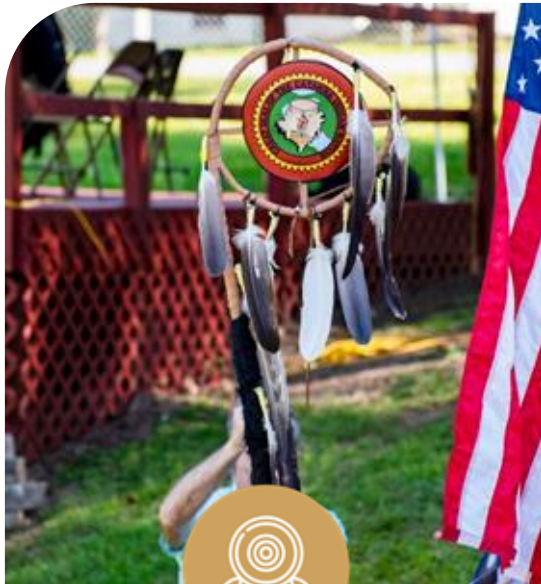
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The Catawba Nation Foundation was established as a stand-alone philanthropic 501(c)(3) as part of the Nation's 2021 Compact with the State of North Carolina. Our work is funded primarily from proceeds generated by the Nation's Catawba Two Kings Casino.



Who we fund



**Catawba
Nation**



**Cleveland County
& Extended
Communities***



**North Carolina
Tribes & Tribal
Communities**

**Cleveland County Region includes Cleveland, McDowell, Burke, Gaston, Rutherford, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, and Lincoln Counties.*

What we fund



**Educational
Advancement**



**Cultural
Preservation**



**Environmental
Conservation**



**Economic
Development**



About the NC Tribal Communities Grant Cycle

Grant Eligibility

- Organization Type
 - 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organization
 - Fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3)
 - Tribal Government
 - Tax-exempt organization dedicated to Native American Communities
- Tribal Affiliation
 - North Carolina Tribes

Recent Changes

- Separate Grant Cycles for each Area of Focus
- Request Amount Range
 - Share Any Matching Grants
- Grant Request Categories
 - General Operating
 - Program/Project
 - Capital/Equipment
- Budget Template
 - Allowable IDC Rates

2026 Grant Cycle Timeline – NC Tribes and Tribal Communities



September 1 – 30
due by 6 PM

Application Window



December 1

Award Announcements

*Award funds disbursed by
January 15, 2027*



September 2027

Grant Progress
Reports Due



About the Grant Application

- Visit catawbanationfoundation.org
- Click “Apply for a Grant” heading
- Register to Create an Account

How to Apply

Logon

Email Address*

Password*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the Catawba Nation Foundation's online grants portal!

Applicant Tutorials:

[Video Tutorial 1: Site Access & Account Creation](#) (mins: 0.00 to 1.34)
[Video Tutorial 2: Applying for Funding](#) (mins: 1.35 to 3.20)
[Video Tutorial 3: Your Applicant Dashboard](#) (mins 3.21 to 4.48)
[Written Tutorial](#)

First time here?

Click "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your organization's logon credentials.

TIP: This email address is the one we will use to communicate with you if we have questions, which sometimes require prompt response. We suggest using an email address that is available to anyone at your organization who needs to access the application.

Been here before?

If you have already used our new online grant system, but have forgotten your password, please click "Forgot Your Password?" and follow the instructions.

How to Apply

- **View Applicant Dashboard**



 **CATAWBA**
NATION FOUNDATION

  APPLY

ROLE (APPLICANT) 

 Search

 **Add an Organization to apply**
Set up your organization on your profile so we know who you're applying on behalf of. [Complete Registration](#)

Welcome to the Catawba Nation Foundation
Grants Portal

[See More](#)

Catawba Nation Foundation 2026 Grant Application - NC Tribal Communities
Welcome to the Catawba Nation Foundation's 2026 Grant Application!

Qualified grant recipients include nonprofit organizations in the following categories:

- North Carolina Tribal Communities - Applications

[See More](#)

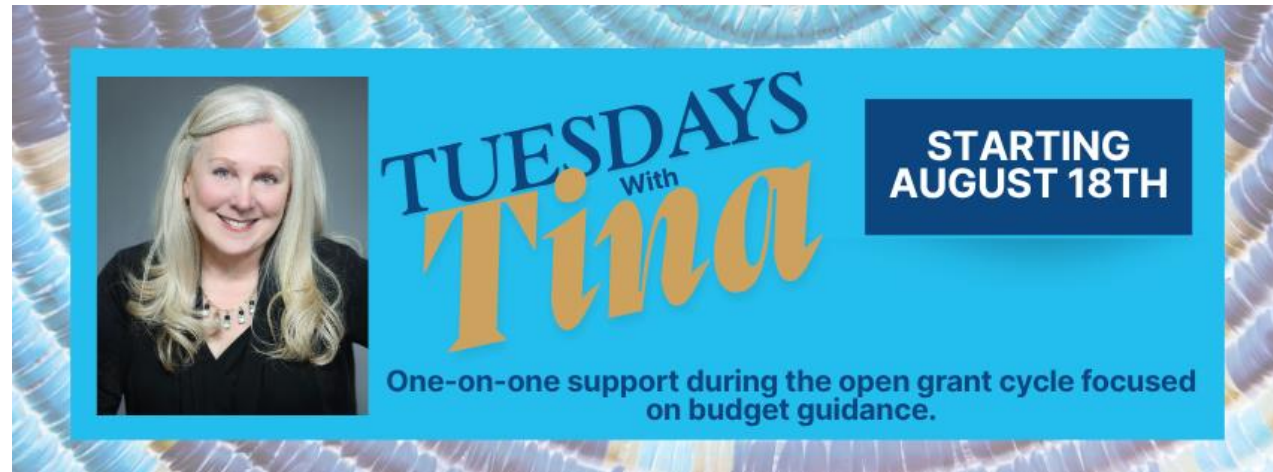
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 [Preview](#)

Application Resources - Budget Template

Catawba Nation Foundation grant reviewers look for evidence that an organization is sustainable.

The budget template will be available online with the application materials. Instructions for completing the budget are located on the first tab of the Excel workbook.



Application Resources – IDC Rates

- **Tiered Indirect Costs (IDC) Based on Organization Type**
 - Tribal: 15%
 - Nonprofits: 12%
 - Universities, hospitals, large institutions: 10%
- **General Operating Support grants are exempt from IDC requirements**
- **IDC are not allowed on subgrants, scholarships, or microgrants**

Application Resources – Reporting

Progress Report

- One-time progress report is designed to capture your organization's impact in the community
- Reporting prompts will be sent **60 days before the September 2027 deadline**
- If your program concludes later, reporting deadlines can be adjusted – please contact us to discuss a timeline that works for your project.

GRANT TIPS FOR A STRONGER APPLICATION



01
Start Early



02
Attend a Session



03
Define Community Impact



04
Keep the Budget Clear



05
Demonstrate Readiness



06
Proofread Before Submitting



TIP 07
Don't Miss the Deadline

**PLAN AHEAD.
SUBMIT ON TIME.**

Application Resources

- **Info Session Slides and Recording**
- **Application Preview**
- **FAQ Guide**
- **Budget Template file**
- **Tuesdays with Tina** – one-on-one sessions focused on budget guidance

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Live Q&A

We're Here To Help

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