CATAWBA NATION FOUNDATION

2026 Grant Cycle
Cleveland Co. Region
Information Session

February 2026

Agenda

- Welcome & Agenda Review
  - CNF Team
  - CNF Overview
  - Funding Principles
  - Areas of Focus
  - Grant Eligibility
  - 2026 Changes
  - Grant Cycle Timelines
- Application Process Overview
  - Foundant Overview
  - Application: Budget Template
  - Application Resources
- Live Q&A

About Catawba Nation Foundation

Meet the Team

CATAWBA NATION FOUNDATION

Kristine Urrutia

Executive Director

Tina Cheney

Finance Director

Tanya Varanelli

Operations Lead

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Contact Info

Mission and Values

The Catawba Nation Foundation funds projects that focus on educational advancement, cultural preservation, environmental conservation, and economic development for the Catawba Nation, Cleveland County and the surrounding region, and Native American Tribal Nations and communities throughout North Carolina.

Our Values

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.

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NATION FOUNDATION

CATAWBA
TWO KINGS
CASINO

Who we fund

Catawba Nation

Cleveland County Region*

North Carolina Tribes & Native Organizations

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

What we fund

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Educational Advancement

Cultural Preservation

Environmental Conservation

Economic Development

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
  - Catawba Nation
  - 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

Grant Timeline

- **Cleveland County Region**
  - Applications open March 1 – 31, 2026
  - Awards will be announced by August 1, 2026.
- **North Carolina Tribes and Native Organizations**
  - Applications open September 1 – 30, 2026
  - Awards will be announced by December 1, 2026
- **Catawba Nation**
  - Applications open in Fall 2026

About the Grant Cycle

2026 Grant Cycle Timeline – Cleveland County Region

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March 1 - March 31

Application Window

May

CNF Board Reviews

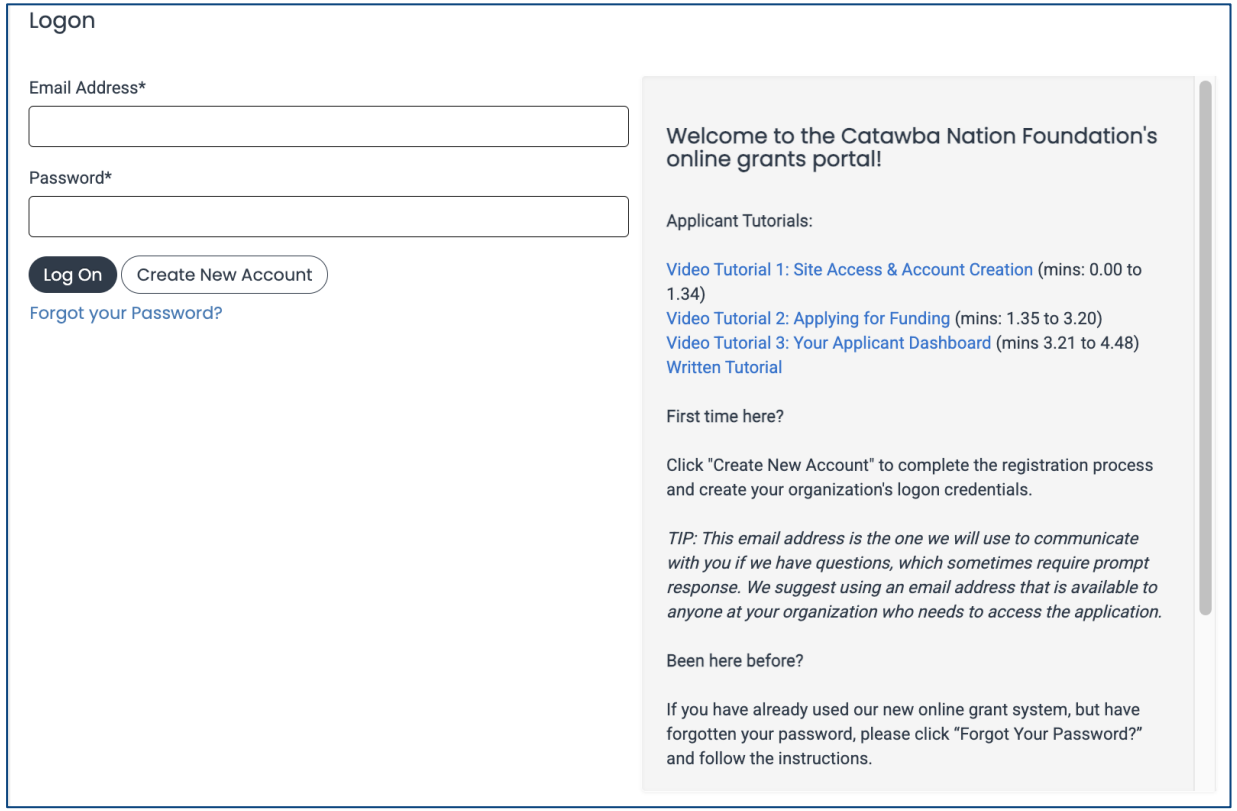
All Applications

August 1

Award Announcements

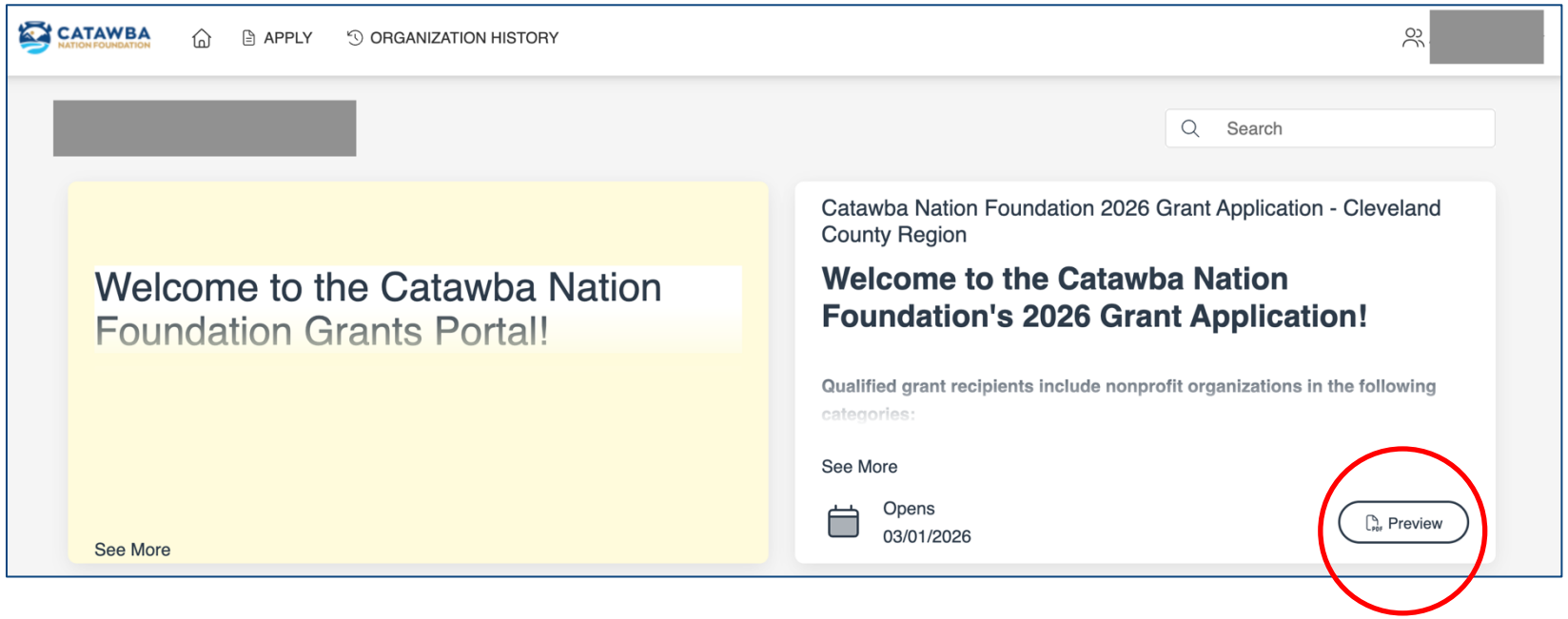
How to Apply

- Visit catawbanationfoundation.org
- Click “Apply” button
- Register to create an Account



How to Apply

- **View Applicant Dashboard**



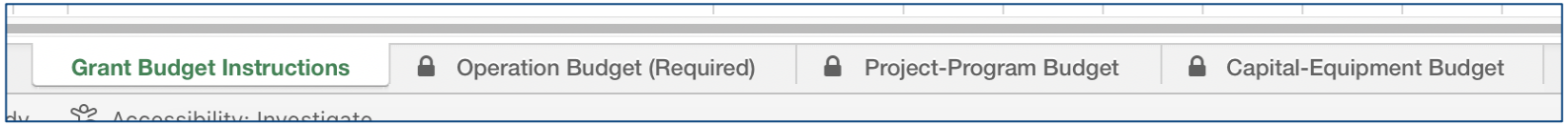
Application Resources - Budget Template

The Catawba Nation Foundation Grant Committee will seriously review and evaluate the grant budget attached to your grant application.

Which Grant Budget Template Do You Need?

The budget template you should complete depends on how your grant funds will be used. Please review the guidance below:

1. All Applicants MUST Complete Operations Budget Template
2. Applicants Funding a Specific Project or Program will ALSO Complete Project/Program Budget Template
3. Applicants Purchasing Equipment or Completing Construction will ALSO Complete Capital/Equipment Budget Template



Application Resources – IDC Rates

- Tiered IDC Based on Organization Type
  - Tribal or grassroots orgs: 15%
  - Small nonprofits: 12%
  - Universities, hospitals, large institutions: 10%

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

Live Q&A

We're Here To Help

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