

Application Submitted on: Wednesday, 1 May, 2024 - 13:01

Applicant First Name : [REDACTED]

Applicant Last Name: [REDACTED]

Applicant E-mail: [REDACTED]

Are you applying as a(n): Individual

Location of Community: Berkeley

Are you requesting: both

Total Amount of Money Requested: 1500

List of Goods or Services Requested:

access to publications, seeds native to CA (especially white sage)

Person in charge of money if awarded::

- **Name:** [REDACTED]
- **Email or Phone:** [REDACTED]

Tell us a little bit about you, or the community, or organization (as relevant) with regards to the history and background of you or the group that is the focus of the need. Include links to your organization's webpage, if applicable.:

I am an Indigenous (Purépecha & Miwok) and a medicine woman, who has work extensively with the native plants of California and Mexico, and others. I live in Berkeley on Jalquin/Yrgin Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Territory, and have been very involved with community here. I have participated in many ceremonies, workshops relating to our relationship and kinship of the land.

I have done independent fieldwork since I first arrived at Berkeley, documenting native plants and their growth, as well as their medicinal and spiritual uses. Much of what I have done independent, has been shared to other community organizers, Elders, and others. My focus has been on native plants here, especially our sacred white sage.

What happened or is happening? Please describe the need and explain why the funding is urgently needed.:

In my fieldwork in Berkeley, I've noticed a troubling trend: our sacred white sage, crucial for traditional ceremonies and healing, is dying off. This change threatens not just a plant, but a pillar of our cultural heritage and medicinal practices.

I urgently need funding to document and understand why this is happening before we lose these plants completely. The support will go directly to fieldwork and later, to organizing workshops on traditional medicine. These workshops will teach our community how to cultivate and use sage and other plants sustainably, ensuring that our traditions thrive for generations to come.

This project is vital for preserving our culture and passing on our knowledge of healing practices.

Budget. Please explain what you will do with the awarded funds. Be detailed and specific of who will be involved, what the goal is, and what impact you expect it to have. It is important to explain in the application how the funds will be used to assist the review committee in understanding why you are requesting the amount that you are (give specific budget/prices) :

I am requesting \$1,500 to support crucial fieldwork on the native plants of California, with a specific focus on sage, which is vital to our traditional medicinal practices. Here's how the funds will be allocated:

Travel (\$700): This covers mileage for extensive trips to field sites around Berkeley and surrounding areas, where sage and other native plants are found. The travel budget allows for thorough documentation and sample collection necessary for study.

Supplies (\$400): Funds will be used to purchase field supplies and any other fees relating to fieldwork.

Workshop Materials (\$200): These funds will support the purchase of materials needed for community workshops, including handouts, materials for participants to engage in hands-on learning about plant cultivation and use.

Food or Beverage (\$200): This will provide snacks and beverages for community members participating in the fieldwork and initial workshops, which are crucial for maintaining engagement and volunteer support throughout the day.

The goal of this funding is to preserve and expand our knowledge of traditional plant uses, ensuring this wisdom is passed on and practiced by future generations. The impact expected is significant: by empowering our community with this knowledge, we enhance our self-sufficiency in health care and cultural practices, strengthening our connection to our heritage and the land.

How did you hear about this Fund?: Online