

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PROGRAMMING IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA GRANT MAKING STRATEGY



WHY WE MAKE GRANTS IN THIS FOCUS AREA

To catalyze growth and development in the communities of Indigenous Peoples, mainly through education, especially business education, and occasionally through institutions which support development of Indigenous business. All of the Foundation's grants in this area are made to strengthen institutions that serve Indigenous Peoples.

FOCUS AREA THEORY OF CHANGE

Indigenous Peoples face obstacles in obtaining education and employment. Helping individuals to obtain education and supporting education and business development leads to increased opportunities and better quality of life for individuals and ultimately to community growth and a stronger economic system.

LINKAGE TO JSF MISSION, CORE VALUES AND JSF THEORY OF CHANGE

JSF grants help people to obtain education and employment, which catalyzes growth and development. JSF employs a multitude of strategies, which link to mission, core values and theory of change in the following ways:

1. Grants that provide scholarships to individuals to study business, entrepreneurship and occasionally professional education, and thereby catalyze individual and community growth;
2. Grants that provide support to institutions that assist Indigenous entrepreneurs, and thereby catalyze business development and growth in individuals and communities; and
3. Grants that support educational institutions which serve Indigenous Peoples, thereby catalyzing growth in individuals and communities.

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES (1 - 3 YEARS)

- There will be more Indigenous Peoples with access to post-secondary degrees and training, especially business and professional training.
- There will be more institutional support for business and educational development in Indigenous communities.

INTERMEDIATE-TERM OUTCOMES (3-5 YEARS)

- There will be more Indigenous Peoples who own or are employed in business and other professions.
- There will be stronger institutions supporting business and educational development.
- There will be more knowledge available to stimulate economic development and capacity will have been increased to support this.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES (OVER 5 YEARS)

- More individuals will be equipped to address and solve systemic issues in Indigenous communities.
- There will be stronger and more vibrant Indigenous economies evidenced by such indicators as increased ownership of homes, more development of business, increased linkages and support systems, and increased technology and physical assets.
- Law and policies will have been changed to better support Indigenous communities' economies.