

Doyon Foundation

“Our Language”

Grant Proposal Information

Complete Proposal Applications Due:

Friday, February 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM



Our Mission

To provide educational, career and cultural opportunities to enhance the identity and quality of life for Doyon Shareholders.

The ten ancestral languages of the Doyon Region are all severely to critically endangered, and will be lost within the span of a few generations if no action is taken. These languages are Benhti Kenaga' (Lower Tanana), Deg Xinag, Denaakk'e (Koyukon), Denak'i (Upper Kuskokwim), Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa (Gwich'in), Hän, Holikachuk, Nee'aandëg' (Tanacross), Née'aaneegn' (Upper Tanana), and Inupiaq. In 2012, the Doyon, Limited Board of Directors generously approved funding to promote the revitalization of our Native Languages. In FY 2016 eight proposals were funded up to \$5,000.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Doyon Region Tribal Governments/Tribal Councils/Communities;
- Not-for-profit Alaska Native organizations, societies and community groups;
- Alaska Native cultural, educational and recreational organizations/centers;
- Previous applicants can apply but they must have satisfactorily completed all final reporting on previously funded projects, as required by Doyon Foundation or Doyon, Limited.

Who is not eligible to apply?

- Individuals;
- Non-Alaska Native organizations (unless in partnership with Alaska Native organizations or Alaska Native advisory committees);
- For-profit organizations;
- Federal departments and agencies; and
- State and municipal governments and their agencies

Proposals must include the following:

- Project description and timeline of proposed program/event. Strong proposals will answer the following in the project description:
 - What will your project do to promote language revitalization?
 - How does this project combat negative language stereotypes?
 - How does this project fit in a larger community language revitalization plan?
 - Does this project utilize partnerships?
 - How will your project be advertised?
 - How will your project be evaluated? How will success be measured?

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Proposals must include the following (*Continued from page 1*):

- Plan for documentation of language through audio recordings, videos, written lessons, and/or lesson plans, and signed consent for Doyon Foundation to use such materials for educational purposes.
- Project budget (sample attached)
 - What other sources of funding are provided?
- Complete Identifying Community Language Survey (attached)
- Letter of support from Village Council or Tribal Office
- Community language plan (see attached). *Note that this plan is not a requirement for Doyon Foundation funding of your language proposal, but we are urging all communities to adopt a plan to address language loss in the region.*

***Incomplete proposals will not be considered**

Once we have received your proposal, Doyon Foundation staff will notify you via email that it has been received. If you do not receive verification of receipt, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Each awardee agrees to submit a final report (see attached sample) at the end of their project, and no later than Friday, September 29, 2017. Articles about completed language projects will be published on the Doyon Foundation website, blog, and Facebook page.

Failure to submit the final report by Friday, September 29, 2017 will adversely affect any future grant opportunities.

Find details and download the application at www.doyonfoundation.com. For more information or to have an application sent to you, please contact Sommer Stickman at 907.459.2048 or stickmans@doyon.com.

Applications can be mailed to:
Doyon Foundation
615 Bidwell Avenue, Suite 101
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Or Applications can be sent to:
Fax: 907.459.2064
Email: stickmans@doyon.com

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Identifying Community Language Survey
(Continued)

Who in your community normally organizes cultural and language events?

Has your community/organization been awarded a language grant before?

**If awarded, your community/organization will be agreeing to assist Doyon Foundation in assessing the language status in the Doyon Region.*

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Sample Project Budget

EXPENSES

		Narrative/Explanation
Program Cost	\$	
Advertisement	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Staff	\$	
Travel	\$	
Other (please explain)	\$	
Total Need	\$	

MATCHING FUNDS

Matching Funds	Anticipated Aid
Grants/Donations	\$
Community Contribution	\$
In-Kind Donations	\$
Other (please explain)	\$
Total Resources	\$

TOTAL

Total Need (From 1 st Table)	\$
Total Matching Funds (From 2 nd Table)	\$
Unmet Budget (<i>Subtract matching funds from total need</i>)	\$

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Community Language Plan

This plan is not a requirement for Doyon Foundation funding of your language proposal, but we are urging all communities to adopt a plan to address language loss in the region. Creating a plan will help develop a long-term vision for the languages, decide strategy, set goals, create action steps, and mobilize individuals to promote and strengthen the language for future generations.

When creating a language plan for your community, you might call a public meeting for everyone to share their input in the plan, and provide daycare, transportation, and any other assistance that will get the maximum number of people to attend.

Helpful Questions to Consider When Developing Your Plan

- What are the language needs for our community?
- Is our community interested in revitalizing the language?
- Is our community interested in documenting the language?
- Who in the community can carry out the activities?
- Do we need a “language committee” in the community?
- Are there short- and long-range plans for the language?
- Where should the activities take place?
- Are there allies outside of the community that can help us?
- Where would money best be spent in support of the language?
- How much money would it take to do what we want to do?
- Who would be responsible for the grant follow-through?

The language projects you are creating are important to the bigger picture of language revitalization across the region. Every effort – no matter how small – will contribute to the overall momentum we need to make a lasting difference for the future of our languages. It is important we begin the conversation about language revitalization in our region, and we invite you to share with us your community language plans.

Resources:

2014 Report of the Alaska Native Language Policy and Advisory Council:
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/4/pub/ANLPACReport.pdf>

First Peoples Cultural Council language policy and planning guide:
http://www.fpcc.ca/files/PDF/Language_Policy_Guide/FPCC_Policy_Guide_2013.pdf

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Community Language Plan

Name of Tribe/Organization: _____

Program Contact: _____

Language Spoke/Taught:

Language Plan/Proposal:

Action Step/Activity <i>These steps/activities can be repeated for each new one</i>	
Activity Details:	
Goals:	
Start Date:	
Finish Date:	
Outcome:	

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Final Report Template

(Due September 29, 2017)

Reporting Organization: _____
Program Contact: _____
Period of Performance: _____

Please list the approximate number of Doyon, Limited shareholders and others served by your project:

Shareholders: _____ Others: _____ Total: _____

Report:

- How did your project promote language revitalization?
- How did this project combat negative language stereotypes?
- How does this project fit in a larger community language plan?
- Did the project promote partnerships?
- How was your project advertised?

Evaluation:

- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- Were the projected goals achieved?
- What would you do differently next time?
- What did participants enjoy?
- What would they have changed?
- Interview community members involved in the project to see what they thought worked/didn't work, and include quotes/feedback.
- Use pre- and post-proficiency evaluations to help measure the success of the project.

Please include any photos, videos, recordings, written material, language lessons, or lesson plans your organization has captured during your project.

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Actual Award Financial Report

	Source	Amount
Income		

	Source	Amount
Expenses		

Please attach any additional reports or documents that outline your successful project.