



**\*GRANT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WITHIN MN, ND, AND SD REGION\***

The NDN Collective Abundance Fund provides wealth building grants to Indigenous people who reside within the tri-state region of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. The program supports the rebuilding of generational wealth, while beginning to address the wealth gap among Indigenous individuals and families. This is just one action that supports the advancement of our work to Defend, Develop, and Decolonize. We see this grant as an opportunity to advance the dismantling of colonial thinking that created exploitative and extractive economic systems that have proven un-useful for our People and communities. This includes centering this work around a redefinition of wealth from our Indigenous perspective, rather than the western definition of wealth that is rooted in capitalism which promotes the accumulation of money and material possessions often without regard to the protection of people and mother earth. The NDN Collective Abundance Fund embraces the following definition of wealth:

“Indigenous wealth is a quality of life and mindset that encircles family and community well-being and the care of relationships (self, family, extended family, community, land, environment), and a spirit of generosity. Money is a tool to support basic needs (safety, food, shelter, education) and bring financial security and self-determination so that one can live a “good life,” abundant in social and cultural sharing.

**The Grant Application process is open and grant applications are being received until July 11, 2023, 5 p.m. Central Standard Time.**

Registration must be completed prior to the Initial application. **Registration ends at 3 p.m. US Central Standard Time on Friday, July 7, 2023.** Be sure to complete registration well in advance of the registration deadline to ensure a timely submission.

**ALL sections of the application must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. US Central Time on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.**

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://grants.ndncollective.org/collective-abundance-fund/>

Hard copy applications are available at the front desk at the Fond du Lac Tribal Center located at 1720 Big Lake Road Cloquet, MN 55720. Wanda Smith is available to help Fond du Lac Band members through this application process. \*Please note: This is not a Fond du Lac funded program\*