Wolankeyutomone
Kisi Apaciyewik Fund
A program of the Wabanaki Commission on Land & Stewardship

2027 Application

For Organizations

The Wabanaki Commission on Land & Stewardship is now accepting applications to the Wolankeyutomone Kisi Apaciyewik ("Let Us Take Good Care of What has Returned") Fund, which seeks to repair, rebuild, and sustain Wabanaki relationship, kinship, and access to place by directly helping Wabanaki people and institutions to fulfill their care-taking responsibilities of lands and waters across Wabanaki Traditional Territory, in what is now known as Maine.

Applications are due Sunday, January 31, 2027 at 11:59 PM. View the Request for Proposals for information on how to submit.

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

This section asks for general information about you or your organization. Groups organized under a fiscal sponsor are also eligible to apply.

1. **Application type.** (select one)
   - ☐ Wabanaki Tribal Government
   - ☐ Non-profit
   - ☐ Fiscally sponsored group
2. **Organization name.**
3. **Tribal government department. (If applicable)**
4. **If you are using a fiscal sponsor, please list the name of the organization here.**
5. **Organization EIN.**

7. **Organization mission statement.** (2-3 sentences)

8. **What year was your organization founded?**

9. **What is your mailing address?**

Street Address 1 _____

Street address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

10. **What tribe(s) are represented or served in your work?** (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- ☐ Mi'kmaq Nation
- ☐ Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk
- ☐ Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik
- ☐ Penobscot Nation
- ☐ Wabanaki-wide

11. **Organizational budget.** Please share your operating budget for the most recently completed fiscal year. Operating income may include in-kind contributions.

a. Operating income for the most recently completed fiscal year $

b. Operating expenses for the most recent completed fiscal year $

12. **Who is the primary contact person for your organization?** (This might be the executive director, board president, or other most prominent spokesperson)

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

13. **Who is the primary contact for this proposal, if different from the person named above?**

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SECTION B: ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & STAFF

This section will help our grantmaking committee gain a clearer picture of people closely involved with your organization. Wabanaki is defined as *a citizen* of one of the five federally recognized Wabanaki tribal governments in what is now known as Maine. The applicant attests that all Wabanaki staff and leaders meet this definition.

1. **Please share the number of paid staff at your organization and the number who are Wabanaki.**

Total Paid Staff | *Wabanaki Staff* | ☐ Not applicable

2. **Please share the number of key staff leaders at the organization and the number who are Wabanaki.**

Total Staff Leaders | *Wabanaki Staff Leaders* | ☐ Not applicable

3. **Please share the number of community organizers at your organization and the number who are Wabanaki.**

Total Organizers | *Wabanaki Organizers* | ☐ Not applicable

4. **Please provide a full listing of your current board members or governing body members, including tribal affiliations for Wabanaki individuals where applicable.**

SECTION C: NARRATIVE PROPOSAL

Use the space provided to tell the Wabanaki Commission and advisory committee about your work. There are no word limits. Applicants are encouraged to write their proposal in whatever way best reflects their work and vision for their communities.

1. **Which of the following do you do in your work?** (Check all that apply)

☐ Build involvement around land and culture, and bring elders and community members together around traditional uses of land and stewardship

☐ Create opportunities around cultural healing and Wabanaki connections to land

☐ Support Wabanaki access to places using appropriate access-building strategies (e.g. policy work, knowledge sharing, education about current opportunities, etc.)

☐ Help Wabanaki people who want to make their livelihoods through relationship with land (such as through guiding, canoeing, harvesting, hunting, etc.)

☐ Incorporate tribal language education in land stewardship activities

☐ Recognize the importance of our spiritual relations with one another, places connected to our ancestors and their activities, and our non-human relations

2. **Please explain what you seek to achieve during the proposed funding period.** *Please note this is a text field only. Applicants may submit up to five (5) photos with their proposals. See Section E for more information. Images provided in this field will be removed.*

3. **How does your work support the cultural traditions and lifeways of Wabanaki people? How does it support the well-being of living human and non-human relatives as well as the next seven generations?** *Please note this is a text field only. Applicants may submit up to five (5) photos with their proposals. See Section E for more information. Images provided in this field will be removed.*

4. **How will you know that your efforts are successful in your vision for supporting Wabanaki people, non-human relatives, and homelands?** *Please note this is a text field only. Applicants may submit up to five (5) photos with their proposals. See Section E for more information. Images provided in this field will be removed.*

5. **What previous funding or in-kind donations have you received, if any, to support your efforts?** *Please note this is a text field only. Applicants may submit up to five (5) photos with their proposals. See Section E for more information. Images provided in this field will be removed.*

SECTION D: BUDGET NARRATIVE

Funding from the Wolankeyutomone Kisi Apaciyewik Fund is entirely unrestricted, allowing grantees to allocate their funding to wherever it is needed most. Using the form below or another of your choosing, please provide the committee with a general description on how you plan to use the funds.

Line Item	Description	Amount

SECTION E: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOS (OPTIONAL)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On no more than one (1) additional page, please share with us anything you wish we would have asked but didn't or anything that will help our grantmaking committee better understand your work. There is an area to include this on the following page if you choose to include your own custom document

Please note, it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit no more than the allotted material. Materials greater than one (1) page will be removed from the application.

PHOTOS

All applicants may send up to five (5) photos to help the grantmaking committee better understand their work. This could be photos of community workshops, historical documents (e.g. maps) photos or artwork, or anything else that will provide additional visual benefit to your application.

Please limit file sizes to 5MB or smaller.

Please note, it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit no more than the allotted material. Applications that include more than five (5) photos will have those photos removed from the application.