



The Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development

Navajo Artisan and Business Relief Grant Program Accepting Applications Starting 05/16/22

The Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development has been approved to administer the Artisan and Business Grant Program using funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This program is a continuation of the 2020 CARES Act Artisan and Business Grant Program and will prioritize those certified Navajo artisans and small business, who have **not** been previously awarded during the 2020 award period.

Artisan Economic Relief Grant Eligibility Criteria:

- Artisan is certified under the Navajo Nation Business Registration.
- Organized as an artist in a medium or discipline in art or performance.
- Artist or artisan is at least 18 years of age.
- Artist or artisan must be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.
- Artist or artisan must be able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to their work, careers, and public audience for their work.
- Artist or artisan is facing a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Independently owned and operated.
- Artist or artisan has not been previously reimbursed by another Federal program, any disaster relief programs under the CARES Act (such as the Paycheck Protection Program) or any other Navajo assistance program.

Business Economic Relief Grant Eligibility Criteria:

- Business is facing a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Business is organized for profit and at least 51% owned by an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.
- Business was in operation prior to January 1, 2020.
- Business has 500 employees or less as of March 1, 2020 (for the purpose of this requirement, each individual employee, regardless of typical number of hours worked, and each owner, is considered one employee).
- Business is registered or certified under the Navajo Business Regulatory Department or Navajo Business Registration.
- Business has not been previously reimbursed by another Federal program, any disaster relief programs under the CARES Act (such as the Paycheck Protection Program) or any other Navajo assistance program.

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Ensure business is register or to be registered with the Navajo Business Registration or the Navajo Business Regulatory Department.

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Submit application to the Division of Economic Development. Paper applications available beginning 5/16/22. Online applications coming soon.

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