

NABI FOUNDTION NARRATIVE

A. PURPOSE OF GRANT

1. NABI Educational Youth Summit & Basketball Invitational (project). The project will address the needs of providing quality educational programs to our under-served Native American youth. Established in 2003, the project was created for the sole purpose of providing and securing high educational opportunities for our Native American youth.

Basketball is a sport loved by all out tribal nations and a sport that has brought out tribal youth and communities together for generations-with this knowledge NABI was formed.

The NABI Foundation uses basketball as a tool to “unite” over 1500 Native American youth to a week of educational programs. Annually, NABI host 128 - 136 teams representing youth from all over Arizona, out-of-state, Canada and New Zealand.

All participants who register for our basketball tournament must participate in our college & career fair and educational youth summit.

The Foundation also awards \$20,000.00 in college scholarships. Since our inception, we have awarded over \$300,000.00 in scholarships. Many NABI alumni have received athletic scholarships and returned to be guest speakers at our educational seminars and youth summit, bringing our message of higher education full circle. One NABI alum was recruited by the WNBA and many are playing college basketball, as well as, have become doctors and attorneys. All contribute their successful higher education path to the NABI programs for opening opportunities they otherwise would not have had exposure and access to. NABI is so much more than BASKETBALL.....

2. Our target population are Native American and Indigenous high school aged youth. In 2003 our goal was to create a local tournament addressing the needs of our Arizona tribal youth, within one-year NABI gain the interest of tribal youth from all over the Nation and has since opened our programming. NABI is committed to making sure 40% of our youth are from Arizona. The project location will be in Phoenix, AZ. The NABI Foundation will utilize facilities (gyms, auditoriums, hotels) in the Phoenix area. Though our educational youth summit is open to only NABI registered participants, our basketball games (350+) are open to the public to attend. Every year our games attract over 10,000 attendees coming from all over Arizona and the U.S to support our tribal youth.

3. Project Goals and Objectives: to provide and secure higher educational opportunities for the youth the NABI Foundation serves, by planning the following programs during the project:

College & Career Fair to educate our youth on the many higher education institutions that are available to assist them in their higher education goals. This event attracts colleges from all over the US. We also encourage companies who are recruiting for future employment opportunities. These companies work closely and partner with colleges and universities to assist our youth in obtaining the education needed to successfully work for their establishments. Trade schools are also encouraged to participate.

Educational Youth Summit for all participant to be inspired, motivated and provide a platform for their voices and concerns to be heard. 36+ presentations and workshops will take place during the summit conducted by professionals in their field. The summit addresses the importance of higher education, health & welfare, suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention and community building. Open discussions are encouraged.

4. Timetable: October 1, 2020-June 17, 2021
 - i. October 1, 2020-announce 2021 NABI dates on NABI Social Media and press release
 - ii. November 1, 2020- Open participant registration
 - iii. February 1, 2021-Registration closes
 - iv. March 1, 2021- NABI teams announced on NABI website
 - v. April 1, 2021-Announce speakers for summit
 - vi. May 1-June 10-Organizing and promote the project
 - vii. June 11-17, 2021- Implement project

B. RESOURCES

1. Current Funding

- a. Tohono O'odham/\$50K -long term commitment through gaming funding
- b. Gila River Indian Community/\$25k-long term Governor Office
- c. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation/\$50K-one-time. Invited to apply for gaming funding annually.
- d. Nike N7 Fund/\$25K long term through N7 fund
- e. Phoenix Suns/\$50K long term starting 2021
- f. Freeport McMoran/\$25k 3-year commitment
- g. KONE/\$25K 3-year commitment
- h. Wynn Medical Solutions/\$20k 3-year commitment
- i. Rolling Plains Construction/\$26K one-time

2. Partners

- a. Phoenix Suns-provides arena and game operations to host NABI Championship games (partners since 2003).
- b. Maricopa County Community Colleges-provides venues to host games, college & career fair, and educational summit.
- c. Phoenix Union High School District- provides venues to host games.
- d. Heard Museum-provides venue to host opening ceremonies, parade of flags and break out rooms of educational summit.
- e. Nike-provides Nike N7 product for all participants: gym sacks, lanyards, t-shirts, and polos.

3. The project, established in 2003, is annual. Through annual grants, gaming funds, sponsorships, participant fees and in-kind donations the project will continue to take place every summer. The NABI Foundation takes pride in reaching our fundraising goals every year and will continue to be committed to making fundraising a priority.

4. Arizona Tribe Funding

- a. Pending/Unsuccessful
 - i. 2019 Ak-Chin Indian Community \$250,000-NABI Educational Youth Summit-unsuccessful
 - ii. 2019 Gila River Indian Community \$50,000-NABI Educational Youth Summit-unsuccessful.
 - iii. 2020 Tohono O'odham Nation \$50,000- NABI Educational Youth Summit-successful

iv. 2020 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation \$50,000-2021 NABI Educational Youth Summit-pending.

b. Funding Requests last five years: n/a

C. REPORTS:

All funding is managed through our QuickBooks accounting software over seen by out accounting firm. The NABI Foundation uses classes to allocate and track grant funds. Donor reports, to include expenses funds were used for, can be generated, and submitted at the request of Ak-Chin Indian Community.

D. BUDGET (see attached)

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Ak-Chin Indian Community seal will be promoted as a major donor of the project on all project printed material, team uniforms and Foundation website. The NABI Foundation will also consider any requests from the Ak-Chin Indian Community to have council or designate representative(s) to participate in any/all project events.

Reference Letter Brief Statement:

Relationship with the NABI Foundation and Vada Manager stems from his involvement with NABI since our inception in 2003. At the time of his involvement he worked for NIKE and has come to be a huge advocate and supporter of the NABI Foundation, our mission and our Native American youth and communities. The NABI Foundation does not employee nor compensate Vada Manager.

Thank you for your consideration to fund the NABI Foundation.