How Was Your Application Experience?
Assessing ANA's Funding Opportunity Announcements

ANA is seeking honest feedback about our Funding Opportunity Announcements and the grant application process to improve the overall experience moving forward. As a recent applicant, ANA would appreciate your views on the process. Responses are anonymous and have no impact on funding selection for this year's funding competition. Responses will be reviewed to assist ANA in the planning and implementation of future FOAs and any other improvements to the process in the next funding cycle.   Your participation is voluntary, and the information provided will be kept private.

1. Please describe your role in the organization? Grant Writer, Community Member, Project Staff, Tribal Administrator, Tribal Leader, Financial Director, Executive Director….

2. What describes your grant writing experience?
    a. I have written no federal discretionary grant applications
    b. I have written federal discretionary grant applications 5, 10, 15+

3. Is this your first time submitting an application to ANA?
    a. Yes
    b. No

4. Have you submitted an application to another federal agency (not ANA)?
    a. Yes
    b. No

5. Did you find any steps of the ANA grant application process difficult?
    a. Yes
    b. No
    c. If so, please rank the three most difficult aspects of the grant application? Please start with 1 to indicate the hardest aspect.
        i. Electronic Submission
        ii. Complying with Two-file Submission
        iii. SAM Creation or Renewal
        iv. Completing the financial section
        v. Writing the narrative
        vi. Gathering community input
        vii. Designing an original project
        viii. Submitting Tribal Resolution

        ix.   Understanding the criteria

        x.   Understanding how to put together a full application

Comments on what you found difficult for some of these steps:

6. ANA offered a webinar on the ANA 2019 FOAs – What you need to know. Did you view it?
   a. Yes
   b. No, I wasn't available during that time.
   c. No, I didn't know about it.
   d. If yes, now that you have submitted the application, how would you rate the helpfulness of the training 1 to 5. 5 being very helpful and 1 being not helpful at all.

7. If you watched the webinar, is there anything that would strengthen the webinar next year.
   Comments:

8. ANA offers free electronic TA services for reviewing your application. Did you use the service?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. If no, was there a reason you did not use the service (other than running out of time)?
      Comments:
   d. If yes, can you provide brief feedback on the electronic TA service?
      Comments:

9. What was most helpful to you in the process of applying for an ANA grant?

10. Are there any other federal agencies that have a better FOA or grant process that ANA should look at modeling? If so, please list the agency, subagency, and grant name competition.
    Comments:

11. Did you attend any in-person free Pre-Application Training?
    a. Yes
    b. No
    c. If yes, now that you have submitted the application, how would you rate the helpfulness of the training 1 to 5. 5 being very helpful and 1 being not helpful at all.

12. Which of the following online resources did you use on the ANA website to prepare your grant application? (Y/N)
    a. ANA Application Toolkit
    b. ANA Pre-Application Manual
    c. ANA Project Planning and Development Manual
    d. Currently funded grantees

    Other Resources?

13. Did the FOA clearly describe the information expected for the evaluation criteria sections of the application? For each evaluation criteria below, please rank from 1 to 5 (1 less understanding and 5 being great understanding) your understanding of the information expected that aligns with project description.

    a. Expected Outcomes
       Comments:

    b. Approach
       Comments:

    c. Budget and Budget Justification
       Comments:

14. Which section took the most time and effort, and why?

15. Were there terms in the FOA hard to understand or needed more clarity? If so, please provide:

16. In 2019, ANA reduced the number of required application criteria from five (Expected Outcomes, Outcome Tracking Strategy, Approach, Organizational Capacity, OWP, Budget) to three (Expected Outcomes, Approach, Budget and Budget Justification). These three criteria now contain several sub-criteria. Select the answer below which best reflects your response to the revision:
    a. It improved my understanding and grasp of the criteria
    b. It reduced my understanding and grasp of the criteria
    c. No change – I understood it the same
    d. N/A – This is my first year applying

17. Did you refer to the ANA Project Framework, found in *Section IV.2 Project Description*, in preparing your application?
    a. Yes
    b. No

18. If yes, on a scale from 1 to 5, rate the helpfulness of the ANA Project Framework to design your project, where 1 represents unhelpful and 5 represents very helpful.
    Comments:

19. ANA allowed for a 90 day application period. In addition, ANA forecasted in 2019 FOAs on Grants.gov in October, 2018. Was that sufficient time to put together your application?

    How many people or how many hours were used to complete the grant application?

20. If you were to apply for another ANA grant, what would be most helpful for you in the future?
    Comments: