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Applications for 2008 grants are now CLOSED. Further applications will not be accepted for this round. We expect that the next grant round will open in October 2008.

Advice on successful applications for the 2008 round will be available in mid-June 2008.

AIATSIS is not currently offering grants for attendance at conferences.

General Information

AIATSIS is a national funding body for research in Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies. The Research Grants Program supports research into areas such as:

- history (including family and community history)
- politics, law, and public policy
- health (social, cultural and environmental aspects) and biological sciences
- education and cultural transmission
- Indigenous knowledge systems
- linguistics
- social anthropology
- archaeology and
- the arts

Within these categories, AIATSIS places special emphasis on applications dealing with

- relations with Government
- knowledge about and caring for Country
- Indigenous knowledge systems

AIATSIS does not fund: publication or production costs; returning materials to communities or repatriation of material; or research for Native Title claims.



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I. Funding Opportunity Description

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Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Program Office: Administration for Native Americans
Funding Opportunity Title: Native Language Preservation and Maintenance
Announcement Type: Initial
Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2008-ACF-ANA-NL-0016
CFDA Number: 93.587
Due Date for Applications: 03/12/2008

Executive Summary:

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 funds for new community-based activities under ANA's Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program area. Grants are provided under the following four categories: Category I-Native Language Assessment grants are used to conduct the assessment needed to identify the current status of the Native American language(s) to be addressed; Category II-Native Language Project Planning grants are used to plan a language project; Category III-Native Language Project Implementation grants are used to implement a preservation language project that will contribute to the achievement of the community's long-range language goal(s); and Category IV-Native Language Immersion Project grants are only used for immersion projects with language nests and language survival schools in accordance with P.L 109-394.

Administration for Native Americans, USA

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Research Grants

The Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) is funded by [Arcadia](#), governed by an [international panel](#), and administered by [SOAS](#). ELDP plans to grant a total of £15 million in research grants for the documentation of endangered languages over a 10 year period. So far, ELDP has awarded up to £1.4 million in grants each year, and has funded over 110 teams to document endangered languages across the world.

In 2007, ELDP awarded £1,395,798 for projects ranging from the documentation of A'ingae (Cofan) in the Ecuadorian-Columbian border region to the [Ikaan in Southern Nigeria](#).

In one funded project, Professor Jinfang Li and his colleagues (*pictured at right*) will document [Zou Lei and A Hou](#), varieties of Gelao, one of the most endangered languages in China. More examples of funded projects can be found at <http://www.hrelp.org/grants/projects>.



In evaluating applications for grants, we look at the degree of language endangerment and the urgency of the situation. We favour projects that will document social and cultural contexts as well as formal aspects of languages. Projects that are likely to enhance expertise in field linguistics for researchers and members of language communities are also welcomed.

The key objectives of ELDP are:

- to support the documentation of as many endangered languages as possible in order to facilitate the preservation of culture and knowledge
- to encourage fieldwork on endangered languages, especially by younger scholars with skills in language documentation
- to create a repository of language resources for the linguistic, social science, and language communities

Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project, UK



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Endangered Language Fund

The Endangered Language Fund provides grants for language maintenance and linguistic field work. The work most likely to be funded is that which serves both the native community and the field of linguistics. Work which has immediate applicability to one group and more distant application to the other will also be considered.

Publishing subventions are a low priority, although they will be considered. Proposals can originate in any country. The language involved must be in danger of disappearing within a generation or two. Endangerment is a continuum, and the location on the continuum is one factor in our funding decisions.

Eligible expenses include consultant fees, tapes, films, travel, etc. Overhead is not allowed. Grants are normally for a one year period, though extensions may be applied for. We expect grants in this round to be less than \$4,000 in size, and to average about \$2,000.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by APRIL 21st, 2008. Decisions will be delivered by the end of May, 2008.

HOW TO APPLY

There is no form, but the information requested below should be included in the first page of an electronic document, preferably a PDF file. Email the single file containing all the material to: elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org

Applications must be submitted electronically. No mail or fax applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please write to our address (300 George St., Suite 900, New Haven, CT 06511, USA) or email to: elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org

Further enquires can be made to:

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What and Where we Fund:

Geographic Focus

The Christensen Fund (TCF) focuses its grantmaking on maintaining the rich diversity of the world—biological and cultural—over the long run, by focusing on five geographic regions:

- The Greater Southwest (Southwest USA and Northwest Mexico)
- Central Asia and Turkey (currently focusing on the mountains and associated valleys of Northeast Turkey, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan)
- The African Rift Valley (especially Southwest Ethiopia and also Northern Kenya)
- Northern Australia (currently focused on Arnhem Land, Far Northern Queensland, the Kimberley and the Torres Strait Islands)
- Melanesia (sub-region of Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu)*

Grants within the regional programs are generally directed to organizations based within those regions or, where appropriate, to internationally based organizations working in support of the efforts of people and institutions on the ground.

Grant size is typically in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range over one or two years, with larger multiyear grants being available generally to our established local partners and per invitation only.

*New Melanesian applicants should apply initially for up to 12 months duration. Projects longer than 12 months will currently only be considered for previous grantees.

Global Biocultural Initiative

Applications are welcome within the following framework: to support efforts aimed at building and sharing global knowledge, wisdom and practice of stewardship of biocultural diversity, landscape integrity and resilience, as well as supporting global institutions and policies that sustain diversity, in particular around agrodiversity and food sovereignty.

Maximum grant size at this time is \$200,000 over two years (Larger grants are by invitation only.)

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Documenting Endangered Languages is a joint, multi-year funding program of the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop and advance scientific and scholarly knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Made urgent by the imminent death of approximately half of the 6000-7000 currently used human languages, DEL seeks not only to document these endangered languages but to integrate, systematize, and make knowledge concerning them widely available by exploiting advances in information technology.

Principal Investigators (PIs) and Applicants for Fellowships (Applicants) may propose projects to:

1. conduct fieldwork to record in digital audio and video format one or more endangered languages;
2. carry out later stages of documentation including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases;
3. digitize and otherwise preserve and provide wider access to such documentary materials, including previously collected materials and those concerned with languages which have recently died and are related to currently endangered languages;
4. further develop standards and databases to make this documentation of a certain language or languages widely available in consistent, archivable, interoperable, and Web-based formats;
5. conduct initial analysis of findings in the light of current linguistic theory;
6. train native speakers in descriptive linguistics;
7. create other infrastructure, including workshops, to make the problem of endangered languages more widely understood and more effectively addressed.

PIs or Applicants may propose projects involving one or more of the above activities. Proposed projects may range from a single investigator working for six months to a group of investigators working for three years. DEL gives the highest priority to projects that involve actually recording in digital audio and video format endangered languages before they become extinct.

Documentation is a key complement to language revitalization efforts, but DEL does not support other aspects of projects to revive or expand the actual use of endangered languages. Tribal groups interested in the full range of language revitalization activities should also contact the Native Language Program of the Administration for Native Americans in the Administration for Children & Families of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

NSF/NEH - Documenting Endangered Languages, USA

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Next application deadline	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
Notification of Intent: August 15				Application form not available Web CV and instructions
Application: October 15	Up to \$100,000 per annum, but not totalling more than \$250,000 in a three-year period	Up to 3 years	April	

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Objectives

The broad purpose of the Standard Research Grants program is to support research and develop excellence in research activities in the social sciences and humanities.

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- support high quality independent programs of research, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers;
- provide opportunities for the training of future researchers;
- contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research;
- maintain and develop vigorous disciplinary research activities;
- foster and develop vigorous collaborative, multidisciplinary research activities among researchers in the social sciences and humanities; and
- assist the communication of research results both within and beyond the academic community.