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The mission of Four Directions Development Corporation is to improve the social and economic conditions of the Native American tribes in Maine — the Maliseet, Mi'kmaq, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot — through education and investment in affordable housing, tribal business ventures, and Native entrepreneurship.

What is the Ask?

Given

- Loss of funding
- Unpredictable landscape
- Rapidly increasing costs (especially costs for artisans associated with getting to markets)

We are seeking **$40,000 in grant funding** to continue to offer this program and increase the number of awards to 20

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THE ARTISAN GRANT PROGRAM

- Started in 2023
- Currently structured as a $2,000 grant awarded to Native artisans in Maine
- We have seen steady growth, this year we had 50 applicants and awarded 15 grants
- The main point of differentiation with this program is the application doubles as a business plan without the pressures of making your art a business.
- Check out what we've done so far!