



NIISA

NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR A

“2025 Stepping Stones Grant”

- PURPOSE:** To support the implementation of research based and culturally relevant practices that meet the needs of students attending NIISA member school districts.
- DESCRIPTION:** The NIISA Stepping Stones Grant will be awarded to successful applicants who develop innovative and research based strategies to improve student engagement, achievement, reduces behavior referrals and increases the graduation rate.
- AMOUNT:** A Stepping Stones Grant, not to exceed \$5,000, will be awarded to a maximum of two (2) member districts.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Limited to NIISA members in good standing
- DEADLINE:** Applications must be emailed or postmarked NLT December 1, 2024. GRANT PERIOD: JANUARY 1-- DECEMBER 31, 2025
- NOTIFICATION:** Grant awards will be announced at the NIISA Annual Conference, December 9th and 10th, 2024.

Member District Data

School District: _____

Superintendent: _____

District contact: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Total enrollment: _____ Impact Aid LOT %: _____

Age of district PreK-12 facilities and teacher housing if applicable:

NIISA Stepping Stones Grant—Application Guidelines

1. Complete district data information
2. Proposed initiative must address the following: 1) A brief description of the need or challenge to be addressed; 2) A brief description of **HOW** the identified need will be addressed?; 3) Goals of the project—**HOW** will success be measured?; 4) *Budget-Provide a proposed budget breakdown. *** NIISA funds may not supplant nor be used to purchase equipment. A detailed financial report will be required to receive funding;** 5) Provide a brief timeline for the project; 6) Application should not exceed two (2) pages.
3. Submit two (2) copies signed by authorized district representative:
Stepping Stones Grant, Attn: Brent Gish, P.O. Box30, Naytahwaush, MN 56566 or scan/email to: gishbd@arvig.net . Contact Brent Gish at gishbd@arvig.net or (218) 935 5848 for more information.