



# Food Distribution Program

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## Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) - Mountain Plains Region

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): LOCAL ARTISTS FOR LAKXOTA/DAKXOTA SIGNAGE FOR NEW STORE AND SATELLITE SITE

**Issued by:** *Standing Rock Food Distribution Program*

**Issue Date:** 10/06/2025

**Response Deadline:** 10/20/2025

**Contact Person:** Nathaniel Brown, Director Food Distribution Program

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## 1. Purpose

The **Standing Rock Food Distribution Program** is seeking proposals from local Lakxota and Dakxota artists to design culturally respectful and language-appropriate signage for use throughout our new store in Fort Yates, ND and new satellite site in McLaughlin, SD. This project aims to celebrate Lakxota/Dakxota identity, promote language revitalization, and create a welcoming environment for all members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and surrounding communities.

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## 2. Project Overview

We are looking to install signage that includes:

- **Lakxota/Dakxota language translations** for food and grocery sections (e.g., Produce, Meat, Dairy, Frozen, Canned Goods)
- **Culturally relevant artwork and symbolism** (e.g., patterns, visual motifs, or iconography rooted in Lakxota/Dakxota culture)
- **Bilingual signs** (Lakxota/Dakxota and English)

- Optional: **Larger artistic pieces or murals** for visual identity
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### 3. Scope of Work

Selected artist(s) will be responsible for:

- Collaborating with program employees and local language experts to ensure accuracy and cultural alignment
  - Designing signage for key store sections; entrance/exit, food shelving, designated offices, welcome sign, additional program operation signs
  - Delivering completed designs in a format ready for printing or fabrication
  - Participating in a community presentation or installation event (if available)
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### 4. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Identify as Lakxota, Dakxota, or Nakxota
- Reside within the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe territory or surrounding area
- Have experience in visual art, graphic design, sign-making, or cultural art
- Be willing to collaborate with staff and community language experts

Collaborative proposals (e.g., artist + fluent language speaker) are welcome and encouraged.

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### 5. Proposal Requirements

Please include the following in your proposal:

- **Full Name and Contact Information**
  - **Tribal Affiliation and Community Ties**
  - **Artist Statement or Bio**
  - **Portfolio or Examples of Past Work**
  - **Statement of Interest** – explaining your approach and connection to this project
  - **Preliminary Ideas or Concepts** – sketches, descriptions, or vision for the signs
  - **Proposed Timeline** – when you could begin and estimated turnaround
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### 6. Selection Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed based on:

- Cultural authenticity and respect for Lakxota/Dakxota language and imagery
- Artistic quality and clarity of vision
- Connection to the Standing Rock community
- Readiness and feasibility of completing the project
- Alignment with the goals of the Standing Rock Food Distribution Program

We may follow up with applicants for interviews or clarifications before making a final decision.

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## 7. Submission Process

Please send your proposal via email to:

**Nathaniel Brown, Director**

**Standing Rock Food Distribution Program**

Email: [Nathaniel.brown@standingrock.org](mailto:Nathaniel.brown@standingrock.org)

Subject Line: *RFP – Lakota/Dakota Artist Signage Proposal*

**Deadline to Apply:** 10/20/2025

Incomplete or late submissions may not be considered.

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## 8. Timeline

- **RFP Released:** 10/06/2025
  - **Proposals Due:** 10/20/2025
  - **Artist(s) Selected:** 10/21/2025
  - **Design Work Begins:** ASAP after selection and formal approval
  - **Signage Installed:** To Be Determined
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## 9. Additional Information

- Signage created through this project will be used within Standing Rock Food Distribution Program facilities to serve the community.

We encourage proposals that reflect traditional knowledge