



## **FINAL PROJECT: PATTY JOHNSON SEED GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Patty Johnson Fund Seed Grants:**

In 2006 Patty Johnson Seed Grants were developed in order to provide seed money for starting projects while also encouraging the participants to help each other. The Patty Johnson Seed Grant was established in memory of Patty Johnson, who participated in the first Tri-College NEW Leadership Development Institute in 2004, while she was a student at Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC). Patty passed away in 2005 after completing her education at FDLTCC. She planned to earn a bachelor degree in social work from University of Wisconsin Superior and then go on to a Ph.D. program.

Patty worked extensively with persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and alcohol/drug dependency. In her institute biography, Patty wrote of her dream of seeing Together for Youth, a program for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, grow to include a chemical health component. In these aspirations, she drew upon her own life challenges, “having known first-hand how alcohol and drugs can become an avenue to turn toward to deal with your self-esteem, and sexual orientation.”

Patty and her partner, Gail, enjoyed attending pow wows and camping during the summer. She was a Traditional Dancer, and had danced for over 10 years. Patty participated in a faith-based Dismantling Racism Committee in Duluth. She also co-facilitated a Women’s Traditional Talking Circle with other Native American women in the community.

All of the money for the fund is donated by current participants during the Institute, and is thus another important way in which we can support each other after the institute ends.

### **Application information:**

After the institute, select an issue that is affecting people in your community. Prepare a proposal for a real action that you plan to take on the issue. The action project proposal will give you the opportunity to create a plan to practice and further develop your leadership skills through a project that includes public speaking, organizing, publicity, budget management, negotiation, networking, coalition building, and time management.

These grants are typically \$500 or less but can help you to obtain some materials or supplies to get started. If your proposal is accepted, you will need to submit a follow-up report update in one year explaining how the funds were utilized. (*Note: if selected, more information will be provided about the information needed within the report update.*)

**Course credit:**

If you are receiving course credit for your participation in the NEW Leadership Institute, you must submit a proposal as a final project. Proposals for course credit must be **six pages** in length and include a one-page mock press release. If you do not wish to have your proposal considered for funding, answer question 3 (Amount Requested) as “none.”

**Evaluation:**

Seed grants will be evaluated on the projects’ strengths, weaknesses, likelihood to completion, and the value of the project to the community being served.

**Submission Information and Deadline:**

Please mail or email your Patty Johnson Seed Grant proposal by **June 30, 2011** to:

Email: [newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com](mailto:newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com) (*digital copy preferred, but not required*)

Mail: NEW Leadership Patty Johnson Seed Grant Committee  
c/o Tri-College NEW Leadership Development Institute  
Renaissance Hall #110, 650 NP Avenue  
Fargo, ND 58102

**Timeline:**

June 20, 2011	Submission deadline for feedback to Deb White at <a href="mailto:whitede@mnstate.edu">whitede@mnstate.edu</a> ( <i>optional</i> )
June 30, 2011	Application submission deadline
July 2011	Patty Johnson Seed Grant committee reviews applications
Early August 2011	NEW Leadership Steering Committee approves grants
August 15, 2011	Notification letters mailed
September 1, 2011	Signed grant agreements due
September 15, 2011	Processed checks mailed
September 15, 2011	Anticipated project start date
December 15, 2011	Follow-up contact made by NEW Leadership Seed Grant Committee
May 15, 2012	Report reminder email sent by NEW Leadership Seed Grant Committee
August 15, 2012	One Year Grant Report submission due ( <i>if seed grant award</i> )

**Grant Requirement:**

If award, all grantees must list NEW Leadership Development Institute as a contributing grantor within all promotional materials. Additionally, all promotional materials must be submitted to [newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com](mailto:newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com) (for purposes of additional advertising, highlighting the projects to funders and financial contributors of NEW Leadership, etc.)

**For questions about Patty Johnson Seed Grants or the grant process, please contact NEW Leadership Patty Seed Grant Committee at [newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com](mailto:newleadership.seedgrant@gmail.com).**