



National Problem Gambling Helpline: Call or Text 1-800-GAMBLER or visit 1800gamblerchat.org

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Research on Traditional Native Healing Practices for Gambling Addiction

Summary

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) invites investigators to apply for a contract to conduct a community-based participatory field study on traditional Native healing practices for gambling addiction. The funded study should include an understanding of tribal knowledge and resilience in treatment, problem gambling, as well as responsible gambling efforts in one or more Native American communities. The award of up to \$95,000 is inclusive of reimbursement for travel, equipment, and materials (Facilities & Administration costs limited to 15% of award).

Scope of Work

The Principal Investigator will collaborate with NCPG and other stakeholders to:

- Identify and engage stakeholders from at least one Native American tribe or community that is willing to participate and share their traditional healing practices for gambling addiction.
- Create the study design and establish processes for informed consent, data management, and adherence to ethical and cultural standards.
- Lead the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process to ensure the protection of human rights.
- Conduct site visit(s) to foster relationships with tribal leaders, representatives, and community members from the participating tribe or community.
- Use interviews, surveys, focus groups, community meetings, or other tools to listen and collect informative data (both quantitative and qualitative), in a manner reflective of cultural norms, to identify ways in which traditional healing has been used to treat gambling addiction.
- Document and describe traditional healing practices related to gambling addiction and submit a final report to NCPG.
- Disseminate findings in a presentation at the National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling 2026.

NCPG will:

- Serve as the primary collaborator with the Principal Investigator, ensuring alignment and coordination across all project phases, including stakeholder engagement, study design, data management, and reporting initiatives.



Qualifications and Requirements

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Domestic, public or private, non-profit or for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The Principal Investigator (PI) must have a PhD or other terminal degree.
- Experience with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process and in an institution with an IRB.
- Experience with community-based participatory research preferred.
- Experience working with historically marginalized groups and restorative justice principles, with a significant preference for experience with Native American tribes and communities.
- Completed application with documents listed in Application Instructions below.

Timeline

Applications will be reviewed beginning January 1st, 2025. The final timeline of research activities will be determined in collaboration with the Principal Investigator, with the goal of completing the study by the end of November 2025.

Contract Funding

The award of up to \$95,000 is inclusive of reimbursement for travel, equipment, and materials (Facilities & Administration costs limited to 15% of award). Payments are to be made in installments based on benchmarks and reports developed in collaboration with NCPG. Reimbursement for travel, equipment, and materials will be made on a rolling basis.

Application Instructions

Please submit applications [here](#) with the following information by December 20th, 2024:

- Cover Letter
- Resume and/or CV
- Letter(s) of support, including from Native American partner tribe(s)
- Completed Principal Investigator Application

If you have any questions, please contact NCPG Program Manager Tory Wilson at ToryW@NCPGambling.org.



Principal Investigator Application

Please submit all answers in the application form [here](#)

PLEASE NOTE: This document is intended as a guide only; all conference presentation proposals must be submitted online using the link provided above. Proposals submitted any other way will not be accepted or considered.

Experience and Qualifications:

1. Describe who would be involved in this study.
2. Describe your experience with community-based participatory research and how it aligns with this study's objectives.
3. What relevant experience do you have working with Native American tribes or communities?
4. If applicable, describe any tribes or communities with which you have established relationships. Include the nature of these relationships and if/how these communities might be interested in participating.
5. Describe your experience with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process. How have you ensured compliance with ethical and cultural standards in past projects?

Project-Specific Skills:

6. How would you approach establishing relationships with tribal leaders and community members to facilitate their participation in the study?
7. What methods or tools do you plan to use for data collection, and how will you ensure they are culturally sensitive and appropriate?

Cultural Sensitivity and Adaptability:

8. How do you ensure that your research methods are respectful and accommodating of the cultural norms and practices of the communities you work with?
9. Describe a situation where you had to adapt your research approach based on feedback from the community or stakeholders. What was the outcome?

Project Management and Communication:

10. How do you plan to manage the project timeline and budget effectively, given the scope of this study and the contract amount?
11. Describe a time when you had to communicate complex information to a diverse audience. How did you ensure clarity and understanding?

Ethics and Compliance:

12. What steps will you take to ensure that the study design and data collection processes adhere to both ethical standards and the specific cultural practices of the participating community?