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OurStoryBridge (www.ourstorybridge.org) is seeking partners for the IMLS Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services grant to be submitted in Fall 2023. Partners must be Nationally Recognized Indian Tribes or Nonprofit Organizations that Primarily Serve and Represent Native Hawaiians. Each organization would receive funding to plan and implement an OurStoryBridge project during the two-year period of the grant, including the services of a Native translator for their stories. OurStoryBridge will guide you through every step of the process and help you tell your stories in your voices.

OurStoryBridge is committed to partnering with Tribal nations, organizations, and communities to engage with America's past, understand our present, and envision a future together. *OurStoryBridge* is a low-cost program that shares your history, boosts contemporary Native voices, raises awareness about current challenges facing Native communities, and highlights the contributions of Native peoples past and present.

OurStoryBridge Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit that manages *OurStoryBridge: Connecting the Past and the Present*. Launched in September 2020, this free, online resource and tool kit supports the production of low-cost crowdsourced, community story projects nationwide. Our mission is to:

- Be a resource and tool kit for *OurStoryBridge* projects that preserve and circulate local audio stories past and present through accessible online media.
- Promote, build, and assist with the deployment of these resources in communities across geographic, cultural, socioeconomic, racial, and organizational strata.
- Help strengthen these communities through the sharing of their stories, including preserving the stories of older generations before they are lost and encouraging younger generations to become engaged community members.

OurStoryBridge uses an adaptive model to support the creation of three- to five-minute, locally produced audio stories accompanied by related photographs—made freely accessible online via an individualized website and curated podcasts. We encourage *OurStoryBridge* adopters to lean on our experience and resources to get started and then to shape their story projects to meet their own needs and goals.

One of the first *OurStoryBridge* projects was *Niraqutaq Qallemcinek (Bridge of Stories)* in Igiugig, Alaska at www.igiugigstorybridge.org, with stories in English and Yup'ik. *OurStoryBridge* assisted the Igiugig Tribal Council in receiving a grant from ATALM and the National Endowment for the Humanities for their bilingual, Indigenous story project, *Qanemcimta Pinirituakut (Our Stories Make Us Strong)*. Using the *OurStoryBridge* model, this project created three audio story projects in Alaska, to be released in the next few weeks. Other projects have collected Native stories, including ones with Abenaki, Shoshone, and Wasco content.

The free online Tool Kit at www.ourstorybridge.org contains a *User Guide* (now in its 2nd Edition and downloaded over 600 times and counting) that includes everything your community needs to know to start a story project, plus how-to videos, and sample documents. We also offer a free *Teacher's Guide*, with 700+ exemplary stories from active projects to help educators across the country integrate stories into their curricula.

Think of *OurStoryBridge* as the loom on which the fabric of your Tribal community's narrative comes together. Each story, each thread, binds the fabric tighter and tighter, creating intricate linkages between individuals, groups, organizations, events, environments, locales, and more. Stories remind us of where we have been and inspire us toward where we can go. Please consider doing this impactful work with *OurStoryBridge*.