Call for Artists
Request for Proposals (RFP) for Michigan Indian Legal Services Outreach Materials

The Project

The mission of Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) is to improve the lives of Native American peoples, families, and communities through legal assistance and advocacy at no charge for those who are income-eligible for services. MILS is a specialized law office that serves the unique legal needs of the members of the native communities in Michigan to: 1) protect families and cultural practices, 2) secure fundamental rights and access to basic needs, and 3) challenge policies and practices that are harmful to our clients and client communities.

MILS wishes to update its outreach materials for its client communities, incorporating Anishinaabe language and contemporary native art. These updated materials will clearly define our mission, services, and eligibility for services.

Artist will provide art for updated MILS outreach materials and work with Hank Fields and a focus group on producing the materials (poster, brochure, website, social media and tribal newsletter advertisements).

The Award

A maximum of a $1,250 commission for the artist selected.

Eligibility

In accordance with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (PL 101-644), the competition is open to artists who are citizens of federally recognized tribes and living within the state of Michigan or have a substantial connection with the State of Michigan or the tribes located therein.

How to Apply
Artists interested in this project must prepare and submit the following:

1. Letter of interest
2. Current Resume
3. Work samples

Materials must be received by MILS Executive Director by 5 pm on March 24, 2023. Postmarks are not acceptable. Hand deliveries will be accepted.

Please mail application materials to

Cameron Fraser  
Michigan Indian Legal Services  
814 S Garfield Ave, Suite A  
Traverse City MI 49686  
cfraser @ mils3.org

Submissions will not be returned.

Criteria for Selection

MILS staff and its selected focus group for the project will review all the submissions and select an artist. The artist will be selected based on whose submission best fits the Program’s mission and the purposes of the outreach project.

If you have any questions, please email Hank Fields at hfields @ mils3.org.