Protection & Preservation of Oneida

Culture & Language

The daily implementation of Oneida Nation's Core Values in the services we provide demonstrates our priority to ensure the survival of Oneida Language and Culture, which is directly tied to our identity and sovereignty.

Established in FY 2018, the Protection & Preservation of Oneida Culture & Language priority group is comprised of:

♦ **Oneida Cultural Heritage**
  o Cultural Wellness
  o Tetwatunhatényehse?
    (We are changing our lives)
    Oneida Nation Rites of Passage
  o Tsi? Niyukwalihó·tʌ
    (Our Ways) Oneida Lang.
    & Culture Classes

♦ **Oneida History Dept.**
♦ **Oneida Language Dept.**
♦ **Oneida Nation Museum**
♦ **Yukwahwatsilayʌ·tú·**
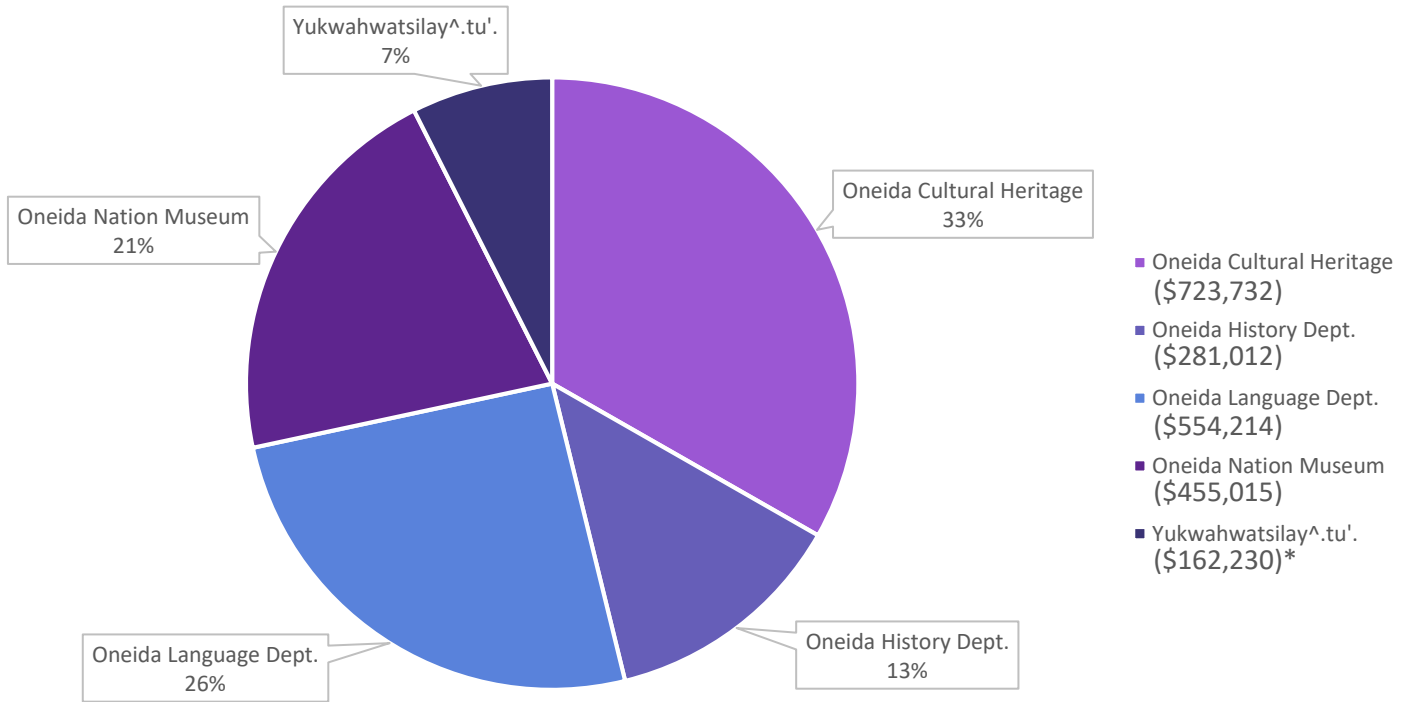   (Our Families)
    Indigenous Diet & Healing

Working collectively over Fiscal Years 2019-2021 we will be focusing our efforts and resources to ensuring the successful achievement of the following outcomes:

Outcome #1: Twalihwanúnha (dwelly-wa-noon) – Watching over the ways | nurturing them | protecting them. Efforts to prevent any further loss of our ways can be seen through the creation, development, and implementation of an area succession plan and curriculum based on Oneida Culture & Language, Traditional Indigenous Healing Practices, and the Seasonal Teachings of how to Grow, Harvest, Preserve, & Prepare Indigenous Foods.

Outcome #2: Taetwaku·táke (dye-dwa-goon-duck) – To keep going | carry on.
To ensure our ways continue indefinitely knowledge holders are utilizing technology to their advantage - working diligently to increase the number of opportunities offered to share the Oneida Culture & Language with people of all backgrounds and ages. Monthly Cultural Presentation are recorded, edited, and uploaded to YouTube; while the use of interactive technology brings the Iroquois Confederacy, Creations Story, & Lacrosse Exhibits to life.

Outcome #3: Yethiya?tahni·látste? (yee-tee-ya-duh-kneelutst) – Making us strong physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. As the requests for traditional holistic approaches to combat contemporary issues increase, so will the efforts to educate and offer a variety of family activities, cultural teachings, seasonal land-based healing opportunities, 1-on-1 sessions, and more. These efforts aim to promote and support overall health and wellness.

2019 Fiscal Year Uses - Total: $2,166,203

Yukwahwatsilay^.tu'.
7%

Oneida Nation Museum
21%

Oneida Cultural Heritage
33%

Oneida Language Dept.
26%

Oneida History Dept.
13%

- Oneida Cultural Heritage ($723,732)
- Oneida History Dept. ($281,012)
- Oneida Language Dept. ($554,214)
- Oneida Nation Museum ($455,015)
- Yukwahwatsilay^.tu'. ($162,230)*

*Yukwahwatsilay^.tu'. (Our Families) – Indigenous Diet & Healing is 100% Grant Funded.