NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FUND **2025 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS WEBINAR**

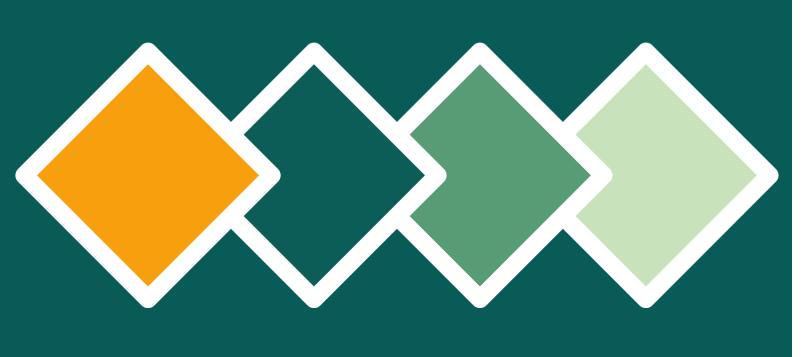
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Courtesy of Kalispel Tribe of Indians

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS





- Questions box
- Additional resources will be provided following the Q&A session for those that are not able to have their questions answered today

Submit questions via the

- We will do our best to answer all
 - questions in the time allotted

ABOUT NAAF

Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement Private charitable trust created in 2018 Expires in 2038

NAAF Grants 2021

Fast Track 2022

2019 - RRF 2023

2020 2024



Tulsa, Oklahoma NAAF's 2023 Grantee Convening

MISSION

To provide <u>business assistance</u>, <u>agricultural</u> <u>education</u>, <u>technical support</u>, and <u>advocacy</u> <u>services</u> to Native American farmers and ranchers to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture.

> **Kingston, Washington** Courtesy of Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation



2025 RFA OVERVIEW



Bismarck, North Dakota Courtesy of United Tribes Technical College

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- 501(c)(3) organizations
- Educational organizations
- Community Development
 - Financial Institutions
- Tribes and their
 - instrumentalities



To ensure accountability and timely reporting, existing grantees who are not in compliance, such as those behind on quarterly, annual, and final reporting and updates relating to past grant awards and projects, will be ineligible to apply for 2025 funding.

 We also commit to working closely with each grantee who needs help bringing their existing projects into compliance.



NAAF encourages start-up nonprofit organizations that have applied for 501(c)(3) status from the IRS but not yet received a favorable determination to apply through a fiscal sponsor who can also provide important technical support for proposed project activities.

If fiscal sponsors are used, the fiscal sponsor must be an eligible 501(c)(3) organization and should follow the guidance in NAAF's fiscal sponsor information.

Note: The relationship between grantees and the fiscal sponsor is not managed by NAAF and are the sole responsibility of the grantee.

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Ravenswood Market Stand Courtesy of Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation



ACCESS TO CAPITAL

- Access to capital was at the core of the Keepseagle case
- A conversation on access to capital is available on our website
- Applications that don't address access to capital will not be funded in 2025



General Focus: Business Assistance, Ag Education, Technical Support and/or Advocacy Services

Special Focus:

Infrastructure and Land Stewardship

Available pool - \$ 1,000,000 Min - \$ 150,000 Max - \$ 500,000

TARGETED PROJECTS -501C3 ORGANIZATIONS



Available pool - \$ 1,000,000 Minimum - \$ 100,000 Maximum - \$ 250,000

TARGETED PROJECTS -EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



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Available pool - \$ 1,000,000 Min - \$ 150,000 Max - \$ 500,000



Available Pool - \$ 500,000 Minimum - \$ 75,000 Maximum - \$ 150,000



Hesperus, Colorado Courtesy of Fort Lewis College

EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION REMINDERS BROAD DEFINITION

- Covers all those under Section 170(b)(I)(A)(ii) of the IRS Code, including K-12 and postsecondary institutions, such as
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)
 - Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), and
 - other institutions (must have history and
 - experience in serving Native farmers and
 - ranchers)
 - Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

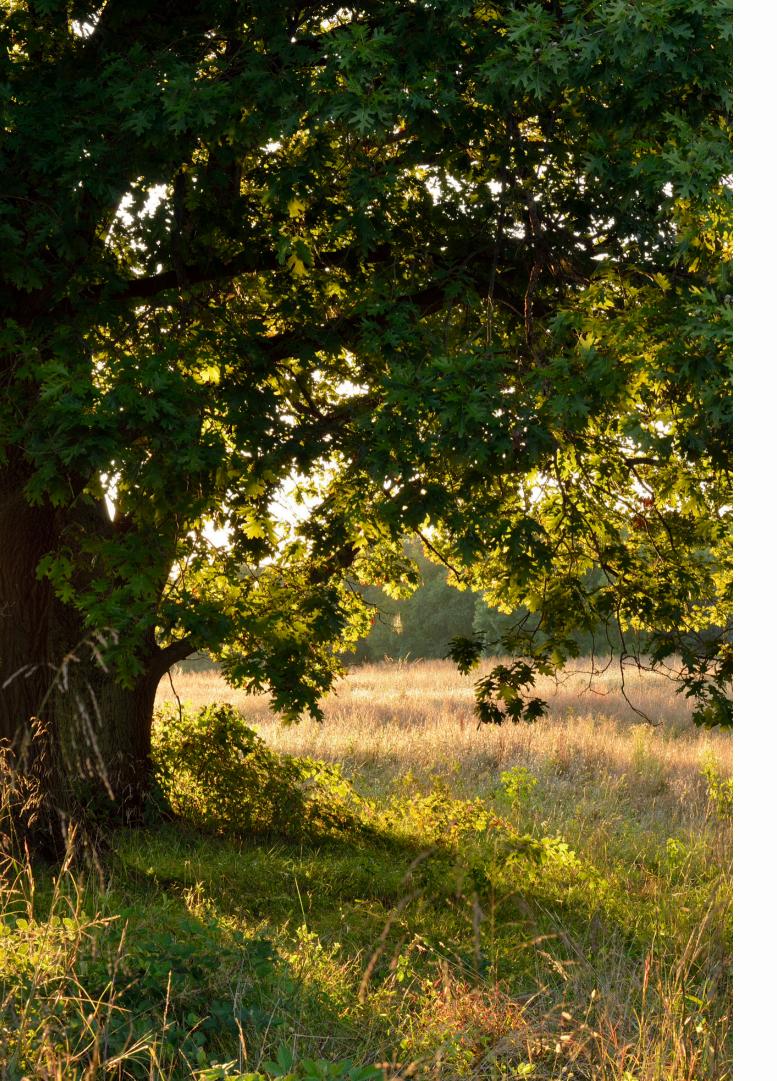
- FRTEP involvement required at universities
 - with the agents

NOTE - BIE SUPPORTED OR Controlled Schools

NAAF is interested in investing in programs that provide information and guidance to Native youth interested in choosing food and ag as their future career choice, as well as specifically reaching out to Native students who attend these schools.

Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools are allowed to apply for funding.





TRIBES -

LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Required - no exceptions

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Feasibility or market studies only

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TARGETED PROJECTS -TRIBES



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INSTRUMENTALITIES

Instrumentalities of tribes (state or federally recognized) can mean any number of things. Tribal governments have the latitude to determine which entities are instrumentalities of their governments; NAAF only needs proper documentation of that status. if an organization wishes to be considered as an instrumentality of a Tribal government, the organization must secure and submit an authorizing document from their tribal government to that specific effect. a statement from an organization other than a tribal government will not suffice for this purpose.

Kaunakakai, HI Courtesy of Sustainable Molokai

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY WAIVER

Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) is a private charitable trust created by the 2010 settlement of the Keepseagle v. Vilsack class-action lawsuit. The final settlement agreement provided for the distribution of grants to federal and state recognized Tribal governments and their instrumentalities. NAAF recognizes that Tribes are immune from suit or action as a sovereign government and that sovereign immunity is vital to the functioning of Tribes, and all of its subdivisions and subordinate bodies. The waiver of a Tribe's immunity from suit or action is occasionally required when entering into certain transactions.



SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY WAIVER

The court-approved Trust Agreement that created NAAF contains a provision that requires Tribal governments to provide a limited waiver of sovereignty immunity in order to receive NAAF grant funding. The reason for this requirement stems from NAAF serving as a fiduciary of the trust funds with a duty to protect its funds from fraud or gross mismanagement.

For grant purposes, acceptable waivers of Tribal sovereign immunity are limited to the amount of the NAAF grant and to the duration of the grant relationship.





SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY WAIVER

If a Tribe or Tribal entity wants to accept NAAF grant funding, it must work with the Tribe's legal counsel to adopt a waiver of sovereign immunity related to NAAF AND a resolution for the Tribal governing body.

- Tribal governments and instrumentalities must provide waivers and resolutions within three (3) months of receiving the NAAF grant award.
- Failure to submit an executed waiver and accompanying resolution in a timely manner will result in forfeiture of any award amount.
- Both documents can be pre-approved by NAAF to expedite the effort. Getting your documents pre-approved will save time during the application and postaward period.

TARGETED PROJECTS -CDFI'S



General Focus: Loan Capital, Re-granting Capital & Technical Assistance/Business Assistance



Special Focus:

Infrastructure and Land Stewardship

> Available pool -\$ 1,000,000 Min - \$ 150,000 Max - \$ 500,000

Available Pool -\$ 5,500,000 No minimum but cannot request full available pool

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- All eligible entity types
- Note that the youth application is combined with the general application this year
- Available pool \$1,000,000

• Minimum - \$20,000

• Maximum - \$200,000

• Due May 1, 2025



EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Impact on Access to Capital (25% weight)
- Proposed Results/Outcomes (25% weight)
- Farmer and Rancher Demand (20% weight)





 Team/Organizational Capacity and Collaborators (10% weight) • Evaluation (10% weight) • Innovation and Replicability (10%) weight)

APPLICATION REVIEW

COMPONENTS

- Outcome/Results Based
 Projects
- Access to Capital
- Budget and Budget Narrative
- Grantee Meeting
- Resume of Key Personnel
- Cover Letters
- Support Letters (optional)



COMPONENTS CONT. IMPORTANT NOTE

THERE ARE NOW ONLY 12 AND24 MONTH PROJECTS

We have decided to eliminate 18month projects. Instead, grantees now have the choice to pursue projects lasting either 12 or 24 months. Please note that all grants retain the flexibility to complete their projects ahead of schedule.



BUDGET NOTES

- NAAF's Indirect Limit is 15%
 no exceptions
- Applicants must follow the budget guidelines and use required templates
- Applicants must abide by request minimums and maximums as listed in each category



There is no opportunity to edit the application after the deadline

NAAF 2025 GENERAL & YOUTH RFA **CLOSES:** May 1, 2025 at

11:59 PM CT

CRITICAL DEADLINES

REMINDER:

FOUNDANT - ONLINE APPLICATION

- Returning

 applicants: logon
 with existing
 credentials
- New applicants: click "Create New Account" button to access application

Logon Page Email Address* The Email Address* field is required. Password* The Password* field is required. Create New Account Log On Forgot your Password?

Welcome to the Native American Agriculture Fund's Online Portal

New Users: Please "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials. Completing this step will enable you to enter the application site and begin your application.

Existing Users: If you have already created an account, please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "forgot your password" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone within your organization or tribe may have already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact

grants@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org to confirm the correct login information and receive your username and password.

Before you create an account be sure to review the following documents on our website:

- The Trust Agreement
- The Application Instructions
- The full Request for Funding Application Questions

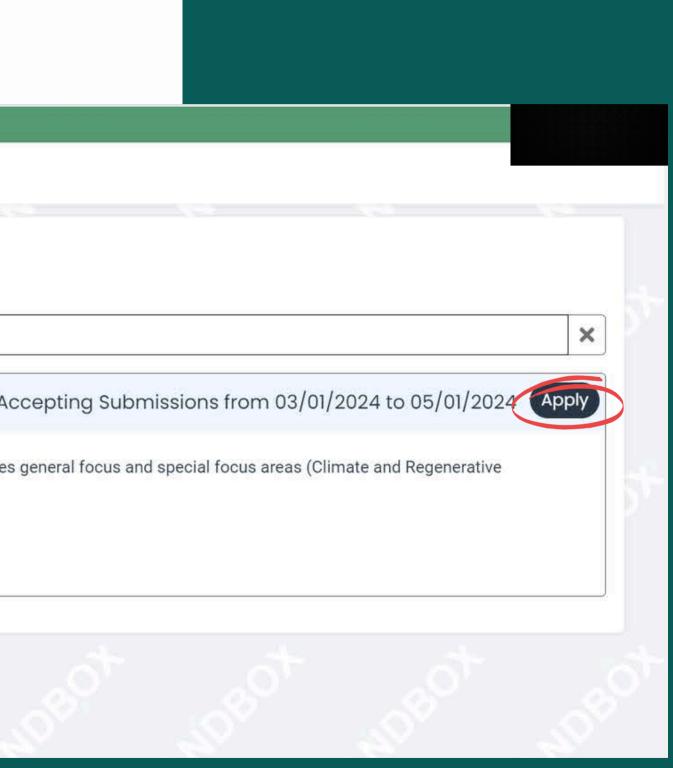
https://nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants/

FOUNDANT - APPLICANT DASHBOARD



FOUNDANT - HOW TO APPLY

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FOUNDANT - APPLICATION

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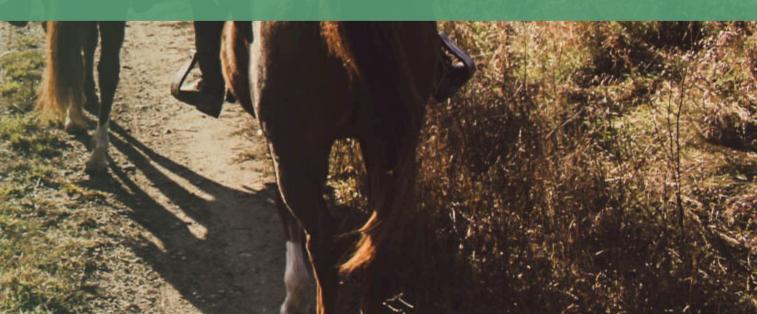
QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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SAVE THE DATE Last 2025 **NAAF RFA Webinar**

Thursday, April 10 th from 2-4 PM CT

