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NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FUND



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## NAAF ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Founded in 2018, the Native American Agriculture Fund is a private charitable trust that makes grants to its eligible entities to support Native farmers and ranchers.

While the year 2020 was shadowed by the global Coronavirus Pandemic, NAAF and its grantees persevered to continue building a more sustainable Native American food system.

We invite you to join us in this journey as we build

**HEALTHY LANDS**  
**HEALTH PEOPLE**  
**HEALTHY ECONOMIES**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Wáꞩ, Hello,

For those that do not know me, my name is Toni Stanger-McLaughlin. I am a citizen of the Colville Confederated Tribes located in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I recently became the new CEO of the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF). Our Founder Janie Simms Hipp (Chickasaw), is now the General Counsel of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Over a decade ago, Janie and I worked at USDA. I first met her while in a Native American Work Group for the Department. I worked for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR), and Janie was working at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

My role within the OASCR included joining a Program Complaint Task Force, charged with investigating over 11,000 backlogged cases. A large part of my work involved evaluating all claims filed by or for Native Americans. During this time, Janie was elevated to the role of the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). In her new role, Janie became a significant figure in the internal USDA team that assisted in resolving the class-action lawsuit filed against USDA by Native American farmers and ranchers (Keepseagle) alleging discrimination by USDA.

My work with the Keepseagle class action has come full circle. I advocated for the original claimants within the Department, and today I am advocating for them as the CEO of NAAF. When I think about this case and those who suffered and didn't live long enough to see the case successfully settled, I am sad but compelled to try to solve the harms the original claimants faced.



After tirelessly working through our initial few months at NAAF, we rolled out the first Request for Funding (RFA). Although we were new and our timeline seemed impossible, under Janie's leadership, we awarded \$10 million dollars before our first year in existence ended. Going into 2020, our goals and grant funding were more significant. I am pleased to announce that during the 2020 RFA, NAAF awarded \$18 million dollars.

As we all know 2020, was rife with impossible issues faced by the World as we all experienced an international pandemic that continues even today. To assist our 2019 grantees dealing with COVID-19, we offered access to a Rapid Response Fund (RRF). The RRF allowed our grantees an opportunity to access additional capital to deal with and modify to a changing national landscape. In addition, our grantees were provided technology to adapt their original goals and objectives into a virtual landscape. Many of our 2020 grantees built these types of mechanisms into their grant applications to allow them to provide services safely.

2020 taught us even more about the status of food insecurity and the fragile nature of our domestic food systems. It revitalized many local food sovereignty efforts and caused many Tribal Nations to reevaluate their economic diversity. NAAF was there to assist our grantees and Indian Country in making informed decisions about community needs, agricultural infrastructure needs, and how we can work together to strengthen our efforts in protecting the environment.

## ABOUT NAAF



The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) provides grants to eligible organizations for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers.

The charitable trust was created by the settlement of the landmark Keepseagle v. Vilsack class-action lawsuit. NAAF is the largest philanthropic organization devoted solely to serving the Native American farming and ranching community.

## OUR MISSION

To provide grants to eligible entities for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers.

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

501(c)3 organizations, educational organizations, CDFIs and Tribal governments

# HISTORY OF NAAF GRANT MAKING

In 2019, the Native American Agriculture Fund began its inaugural funding cycle in December. It was the goal of the founding Trustees to circulate a grant as quickly as possible after NAAF was formally established. The second round of funding was issued in April 2020. NAAF's funding cycles are open for 60 days.

**In 2019, NAAF received over 150 applications and awarded 80 unique organizations 109 grants.**

The 2019 NAAF grantees began their work in early 2020, as the months progressed so did the COVID-19 pandemic. NAAF staff moved in step with the grantees to adapt their projects to accommodate new needs in a socially distanced environment.

In doing so the NAAF Board of Trustees (BOT), released a special set aside for the Rapid Response Fund (RRF). Each of NAAF's successful 2019 grantees could apply for up

to \$50,000 dollars to support their project or community in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. In addition, each grantee could apply for technology assistance in the form a computer and virtual communication platform.

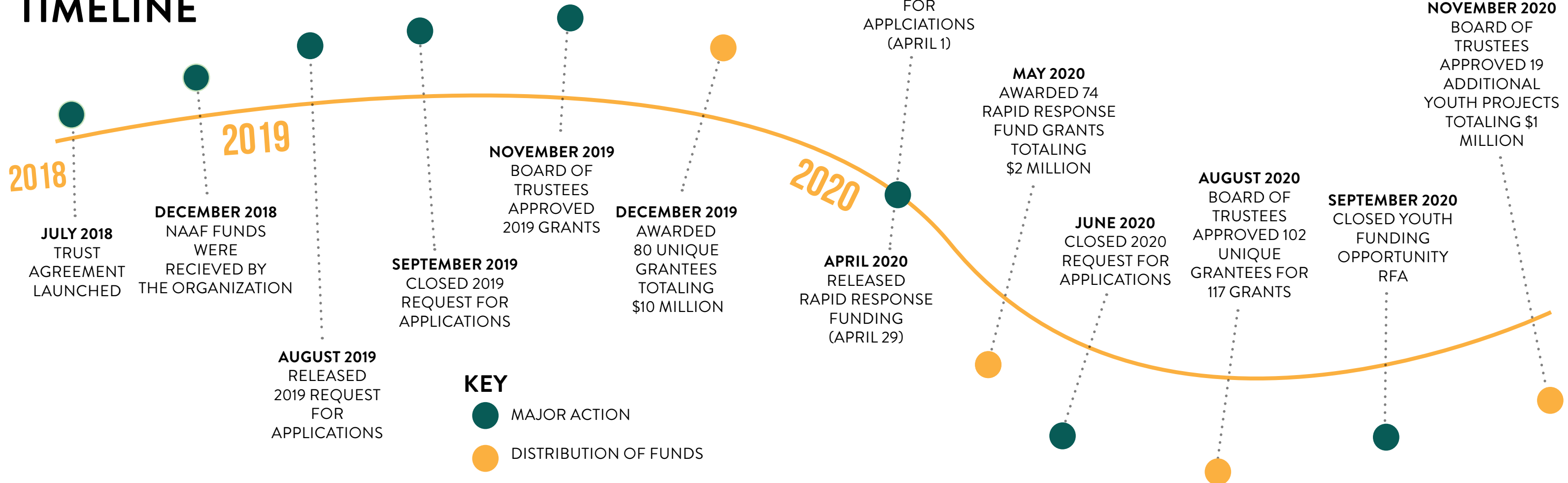
Realizing the need for additional funding in 2020, the NAAF BOT agreed to move the funding cycle earlier in the year and announced the second RFA on April 1, 2020.

Nearly 200 applications and funding requests in the amount of \$57.9 million were requested.

**In 2020, NAAF made 136 grants to 114 unique grantees.**

**\$28 MILLION  
INVESTED IN INDIAN COUNTRY  
SINCE 2019**

## TIMELINE





# 2019

# GRANTEES

ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER 2019  
OPERATING IN 2020



# 2019 GRANT CYCLE

Announced in 2019, NAAF's inaugural cohort of grantees, made up of eighty (80) diverse organizations from 25 states, began their projects on January 1, 2020.

These projects include innovative credit financing, beginning farmer and rancher training, value-added agricultural development and traditional food revitalization.

## \$10 MILLION INVESTMENT

NAAF's initial \$10 million investment was split between targeted and special emphasis categories.

## TARGETED FUNDING

\$2.9 million to 501(c)(3) Orgs  
 \$504,000 to Educational Orgs  
 \$2.8 million to CDFIs  
 \$787,000 to Tribes and Tribal Entities

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS

\$1.4 million to Traditional Foods and Food Sovereignty  
 \$574,000 for Hemp Feasibility  
 \$497,000 to Youth Programming  
 \$506,000 to Agriuculture Sciences



### INVESTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Through its 2019 projects, NAAF was able to reach:

- 105** Tribal communities
- 80** unique grantees
- 109** different projects



NAAF's 2019 grantees were funded in December, 2019 with projects starting January, 2020. Three months later, in March, 2020, the World Health Organization would declare the *Coronavirus Pandemic*.

## 1. ACCESS TO CAPITAL

NAAF's 2019 grantees funded \$2.2 million in loans to Native farmers and ranchers.

## 2. INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

NAAF's 2019 funding provided over \$675,000 in scholarships to 868 Native students.

## 3. REACHING PRODUCERS

Through the 109 funded projects, NAAF's 2019 funding reached 3,177 Native American producers.

# TARGETED

## INVESTING IN OUR 4 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

### 501 (C) (3)

Providing services to support Native farmers' and ranchers' continued agricultural development

**26 Projects**  
**\$2,893,318**

### EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Conducting food and agriculture-related training for Native producers and students

**4 Projects**  
**\$504,555**

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financing agricultural and food production in Indian Country

**12 Projects**  
**\$2,847,471**

### TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Promoting value-added agricultural development enterprises as a key to Native economic development

**11 Projects**  
**\$787,508**

# SPECIAL EMPHASIS

## FOCUS AREAS FOR 2019

### YOUTH

Bolstering Native youth and beginning producers in agriculture

**20 Projects**  
**\$497,873**

### AGRICULTURE SCIENCES

Sponsoring Native scholars to pursue agriculture degrees

**5 Projects**  
**\$506,329**

### HEMP

Exploring opportunities for the emerging industrial hemp sector as a component of the overall Native agriculture economy

**10 Projects**  
**\$574,319**

### TRADITIONAL FOODS

Supporting community-led efforts to increase access to traditional foods and bolster Indigenous food sovereignty

**21 Projects**  
**\$1,388,625**



## AKIPTAN

EAGLE BUTTE, SD

\$500,000

A national Native-led CDFI, Akiptan seeks to “innovate and change the paradigm of investments in Indian Country agriculture and food systems” by working with Native farmers and ranchers. With NAAF funding, Akiptan will provide loans, capital, and comprehensive technical assistance and financial training for 10 producers.



## ALASKA VILLAGES INITIATIVES

ANCHORAGE, AK

\$64,888

Host of the agricultural outreach platform agalaska.net, Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) has been providing services to Alaska Native producers and small businesses for more than 50 years. With NAAF funding, AVI will explore the potential for industrial hemp production in geographically isolated locations in rural Alaska.



## AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$72,545

American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) is the only national organization representing, supporting and expanding tribal tourism in the U.S. With NAAF funding, AIANTA will develop resources for individual Native producers and tribes interested in agritourism and provide training at the annual American Indian Tourism Conference.



## AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND

DENVER, CO

\$273,370

American Indian College Fund (AICF) invests in Native students and tribal college education to transform lives and communities. With NAAF funding, AICF will build on their existing scholarship and mentoring support for Native students in farming and ranching by providing stipends for place-based, agriculture-focused career experiences.



## AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$150,000

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) provides financial support for American Indians and Alaska Natives seeking higher education. With NAAF funding, AIGC will provide scholarships through the Wilson Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program and host two “Know Before U Go” workshops for Native high school students interested in agricultural degrees.



## AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

ALEXANDRIA, VA

\$125,000

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) is the collective spirit and unifying voice of the nation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). Thirtyfive of the 37 TCUs are land-grant institutions. With NAAF funding, AIHEC is sponsoring TCUs in delivering technical assistance to Native agricultural producers through trained AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers.



## ARAPAHO RANCH FIELD STATION

WIND RIVER RESERVATION, WY

\$150,000

The Arapaho Ranch Field Station promotes ranching sustainability on the Wind River Reservation through place-based education and environmental mitigation projects. With NAAF funding, the Field Station will make capital improvements to structures on the land to support their value-added agritourism plans and bring more youth into the ranching tradition.



## BOARD OF REGENTS, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

HAWTHORNE, NV

\$483,470

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) provides practical agricultural education for citizens through cooperative extension programs. With NAAF funding, UNR will coordinate advanced agricultural business training for Native producers, sponsor scholarships and mentoring for students pursuing degrees in agriculture, and support youth participation in agricultural camps.



## CALIFORNIA INDIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

SANTA ROSA, CA

\$100,000

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) and its Tribal Youth Ambassadors revitalize traditional food systems in Northern California through the social enterprise, Acorn Bites. With NAAF funding, CIMCC will train gatherers to steward, collect and process acorns, in addition to sponsoring youth to attend food conferences to strengthen their business development knowledge.



## CANKDESKA CIKANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FORT TOTTEN, ND

\$74,838

Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC), located in the Spirit Lake Nation, supports Tribal agricultural production through tilling agricultural land, distributing seeds, operating a farmer’s market and community garden and has started a 4-H program for youth. With NAAF funding, CCCC will irrigate their community garden, cultivate an additional field for traditional corn and increase engagement with Head Start students.



## CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

LYONS, NE

\$24,532

Center for Rural Affairs (CFRA) supports beginning farmers and small business owners from diverse rural populations, providing specialized outreach for the Omaha and Santee Reservations. With NAAF funding, CFRA will encourage Native youth to consider agricultural careers through school gardening, exchange programs and classroom training.



## CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION

TAHLEQUAH, OK

\$50,000

The Cherokee Nation Foundation’s mission is to “provide educational opportunities to Cherokee students so they can reach their full potential.” With NAAF funding, the foundation will sponsor academic scholarships for 25 Cherokee Nation students pursuing agricultural degrees at accredited institutions.



## CHEYENNE RIVER YOUTH PROJECT

EAGLE BUTTE, SD

\$24,975

The Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) has delivered agricultural and food systems-based education to Lakota youth through the Winyan Toka Win (Leading Lady) Garden since 1999. With NAAF funding, CRYP will engage 200 elementary students in gardening and provide hands-on food sovereignty and social enterprise internships for Native teens.



## CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE

BOX ELDER, MT

\$74,816

Chippewa Cree Tribe supports tribal farmers and ranchers through outreach, agricultural education and business assistance. With NAAF funding, the Chippewa Cree Tribe will create a tribal regulatory and licensing framework for hemp production and determine the feasibility of industrial hemp processing on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.



## FLOWER HILL INSTITUTE

JEMEZ PUEBLO, NM

\$74,937

Flower Hill Institute is a Native-owned, community-driven nonprofit supporting strong, stable tribal communities. With NAAF funding, Flower Hill will develop the Indigenous Farmer and Rancher Association to serve Native producers by creating opportunities for the revitalization of traditional practices in concert with scientific knowledge, peer networking and young farmer mentorship.



## COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION

KESHNA, WI

\$336,627

College of Menominee Nation (CMN) has worked in food systems sustainability for more than 15 years, focusing on connections between Menominee and their lands. With NAAF funding, CMN will gather input on and provide scholarships for their new sustainable agriculture degree, conduct a hemp feasibility study and introduce students to aquaponics.



## FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

CLOQUET, MN

\$75,000

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has been providing agricultural outreach and education programs for its community through the Bimaaji'idiwin Program since 1995. With NAAF funding, Fond du Lac will develop an Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP) through a community-led strategic visioning process.



## COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

LONGVIEW, WA

\$25,000

Cowlitz Indian Tribe utilizes a community garden to bolster traditional agricultural knowledge and increase access to fresh produce and traditional foods. With NAAF funding, Cowlitz Indian Tribe will provide stipends to seven youth food sovereignty summer interns who will be provided guidance on gardening, traditional foods, food sovereignty and meal preparation.



## FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND

EAGLE BUTTE, SD

\$200,000

Four Bands Community Fund has a long history of helping Native entrepreneurs, including farmers and ranchers, start and grow businesses. With NAAF funding, Four Bands will offer loan capital, equity bundles and customized assistance to Native producers and pilot a two-generation integrated entrepreneurial and asset-building program to promote sustainable transition.



## DINE' COLLEGE

TSAILE, AZ

\$155,800

Diné College works with local producers to bridge the intergenerational gap in agricultural lifeways. With NAAF funding, Diné College will expand Diné Bichiyaa Summit programming, sponsor youth participation in agricultural camps and award scholarships for its agriculture degree program.



## HEALTHY FUTURES

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$73,615

Healthy Futures partners with community-based organizations to provide agricultural education, business management and technical assistance in Native areas. With NAAF funding, Healthy Futures will organize an extensive curriculum of agricultural workshops targeting 25 Native farmers and 165 Native families in the Torreon and Ojo Encino Chapters of the Navajo Nation.



## DINE' COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHINLE, AZ

\$114,154

Diné Community Development Corporation (DCDC) provides leadership, program and resource development to enhance rural communities on the Navajo Nation. With NAAF funding, DCDC will support at least 50 Navajo farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance and host agricultural workshops for producers and Tribal leaders.



## HO CHUNK COMMUNITY CAPITAL

WINNEBAGO, NE

\$182,704

HoChunk Community Capital (HCCC), a Native CDFI serving the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, supports tribal food sovereignty initiatives. With NAAF funding, HCCC will start the HoChunk Harvest Native Business incubator project, recruiting 30 Native agriculture and food entrepreneurs to launch their businesses with start-up capital and mentoring.



## DREAM OF WILD HEALTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$100,000

Dream of Wild Health (DWH) restores health and well-being in the Native community by recovering knowledge of and access to healthy Indigenous foods, medicines and lifeways. With NAAF funding, DWH will expand training capacity by adding staff, purchasing farmland and establishing a year-round youth leader program for Twin Cities residents.



## INDIAN LAND TENURE FOUNDATION

LITTLE CANADA, MN

\$186,489

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is a national, community-based organization serving Native American nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. With NAAF funding, ILTF will lead the development of the National Tribal Land Agriculture Database, enabling quantification and assessment of alienated agricultural land on Native economies.



## FIRST NATIONS OWEESTA

LONGMONT, CO

\$369,268

First Nations OWEESTA has been providing loan capital and capacity building to Native CDFIs for 20 years. With NAAF funding, OWEESTA will develop the ability of practitioners to deliver training, support and lending products to Native farmers and ranchers, and increase capital access through agricultural lending to Native CDFIs.



## INDIAN NATIONS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

TWIN BRIDGES, MT

\$60,000

Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA) helps tribes, tribal conservation districts and Native producers care for the land. With NAAF funding, INCA will tackle the barriers restricting Native participation in NRCS programs, work to restore irrigated lands to production, provide agricultural credit training and support the development of Agriculture Resource Management Plans.



## INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL

RAPID CITY, SD

\$75,000

Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) has been supporting Native farmers and ranchers by restoring buffalo to tribal lands for nearly 30 years. With NAAF funding, ITBC will develop long-term tools and trainings designed to help tribal buffalo producers capture value-added agriculture opportunities to produce revenue streams for continued herd growth.



## INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

BILLINGS, MT

\$275,495

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) has served Native farmers and ranchers for more than 30 years through regionalized technical assistance and policy advocacy. With NAAF funding, IAC will build on their American Indian Foods program by formalizing a domestic market access process to connect Native producers with business opportunities.



## KLAMATH TRINITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HOOPA, CA

\$75,000

Klamath Trinity Resource Conservation District (KTRCD) seeks to maintain traditional ecological knowledge for the next generations of Native people. With NAAF funding, KTRCD will host workshops for at least 160 participants on proper techniques of gathering and preserving local traditional foods obtained through hunting, fishing and harvesting.

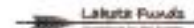


## LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP

L'ANSE, MI

\$250,000

Lake Superior Community Development Corp (LSCDC) extends credit and financial literacy training to Native people, including farmers and ranchers, throughout Michigan. With NAAF funding, LSCDC will deploy loan capital to meet demonstrated agricultural lending needs and provide business training and tax preparation for Native producers.



## LAKOTA FUNDS

KYLE, SD

\$400,000

Lakota Funds, a Native CDFI serving the Oglala Lakota Tribe on Pine Ridge Reservation, has supported Native farmers and ranchers through business lending, coaching and training since 1986. With NAAF funding, Lakota Funds will provide comprehensive financial support for large-scale, full-time ranching operations and develop a youth livestock lending program.



## LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

MORTON, MN

\$49,775

Lower Sioux Indian Community, located in the heart of Minnesota's row crop farmland, is working to generate agricultural interest and economic development among its tribal population. With NAAF funding, Lower Sioux will conduct an industrial hemp production feasibility study to evaluate potential for a processing facility and hempcrete operation.



## LUMMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

BELLINGHAM, WA

\$150,000

Lummi CDFI offers a trusted place for tribal members considering entrepreneurship, building a business, and/or strengthening their credit by providing access to education, financing and asset growth. With NAAF funding, Lummi CDFI will offer technical assistance and financial tools specifically to Native fishers, divers and harvesters of seafood products.



## MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL NATION

MASHANTUCKET, CT

\$43,443

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (MPTN) sponsors the Sugar Shack, a maple syrup production drawing from their traditional food ways and providing economic development. With NAAF funding, MPTN will launch an e-commerce website, expand distribution to tribally owned enterprises, invest in maple syrup marketing materials and increase youth engagement.



## MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE

MASHPEE, MA

\$74,989

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (MWT) has a long legacy of harvesting traditional shellfish and promoting food sovereignty. With NAAF funding, MWT will employ a full-time farmer to expand production on Maushop Farm, partner with local education organizations for business training and invite youth to participate in their agricultural heritage.



## MODOC NATION

MIAMI, OK

\$142,620

The Modoc Nation has provided Native bison ranchers with hands-on job training, agricultural education and technical assistance over the past 20 years. With NAAF funding, the tribe will teach cultivation of fish and plants in controlled environment agriculture, work to reclaim traditional food knowledge and conduct a hemp production analysis.



## MURRAY STATE COLLEGE

TISHOMINGO, OK

\$75,000

Murray State College (MSC) – located in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation – is a twoyear college providing a wide variety of degree programs to southeastern Oklahoma students. With NAAF funding, MSC will launch a new course on agricultural financial literacy and provide scholarships to Native students in agriculture degree programs.



## MVSKOKE LOAN FUND

OKMULGEE, OK

\$200,000

Muskogee Loan Fund (MLF), a Native CDFI, provides access to credit through lending capital to Native producers in the Muskogee (Creek) Nation's territory. With NAAF funding, MLF will increase lending to farms, ranches and agribusinesses while hosting several technical assistance sessions centered on business planning.



## NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

TAHLEQUAH, OK

\$69,699

Northeastern State University's (NSU) Center for Tribal Affairs has a unique history of providing cultural programming within the higher education setting. With NAAF funding, NSU will pilot two workshops and an intensive residential seminar to provide training in restorative agriculture through permaculture design, emphasizing traditional and Indigenous practices.



## NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

PORTLAND, OR

\$150,000

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) has a long history of working collaboratively with the 43 Northwest tribes, especially on projects and initiatives directly involving Native farmers and ranchers. With NAAF funding, NPAIHB will focus on increasing organizational capacity and providing agricultural education and business assistance to Native producers.



## NUMU ALLOTTEE ASSOCIATION

MADRAS, OR

\$30,000

Numu Allottee Association (NAA) is a Native nonprofit providing advocacy training and economic empowerment to recipients of public domain allotments. With NAAF funding, NAA will initiate the Three Sisters Project to accelerate change toward healthier lifestyles through seasonal food gathering, Indigenous language revival and supplemental food access for youth.



## OHE.LAKU, AMONG THE CORNSTALKS

DE PERE, WI

\$24,416

Ohe.laku is a membership organization preserving culture by growing ancestral seeds such as corn, beans and squash through traditional methods. With NAAF funding, Ohe.laku will introduce youth from the Oneida area to the annual growing cycle of white corn and give them a greater appreciation for traditional foods.



## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

STILLWATER, OK

\$50,000

Oklahoma State University (OSU) has the distinction of graduating more Native students than any other land grant university in the nation. With NAAF funding, the OSU Foundation will incentivize Native agricultural students to expand their knowledge of commodity futures markets, financial futures and options markets through targeted scholarships.



## OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

WARM SPRINGS, OR

\$24,433

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service has worked with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for more than 50 years to share agricultural information with tribal members. With NAAF funding, OSU – Warm Springs will facilitate a youth agricultural council focused on tribal agriculture, leadership development and policy creation.



## OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION

BISHOP, CA

\$74,850

Owens Valley Indian Water Commission (OVIWC) works closely and cooperatively with Payahuunadü Tribes on increasing Indigenous farming and ranching in the Owens Valley and Eastern Sierra. With NAAF funding, OVIWC will bolster food sovereignty efforts by hosting fruit tree grafting workshops and expanding the Bishop Tribal Elder's community garden.



## PAWNEE NATION COLLEGE

PAWNEE, OK

\$203,563

Pawnee Nation College (PNC) seeks to meet the higher educational and cultural needs of the Pawnee Nation, other Indian nations and the surrounding communities. With NAAF funding, PNC will provide scholarships to Native agricultural students, organize Master Gardener classes, and conduct a hemp manufacturing research and analysis program.



## PIIKANI LODGE HEALTH INSITUTE

BROWNING, MT

\$200,000

The Blackfeet Tribe's Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP) team guides the implementation of long-term planning efforts for agricultural and natural resources within the Blackfeet Nation. With NAAF funding, Blackfeet ARMP will finalize planning efforts for a local multi-species processing plant, customize food and agriculture codes, and engage youth in agriculture.



## QUAPAW SERVICES AUTHORITY

QUAPAW, OK  
\$124,630

Quapaw Services Authority (QSA) has a strong record of agricultural enterprise development, leading the nation by building the first tribally owned meat processing plant. With NAAF funding, QSA will develop tutorials and a supply rental program for food preservation, establish a seed bank and provide agricultural internships to Native youth.



## RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

BAYFIELD, WI  
\$75,000

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe promotes food sovereignty in its homelands along the Lake Superior shoreline. With NAAF funding, Red Cliff will increase production at Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm by constructing a new production and engagement facility and market farm produce through the commercial fish retail facility.



## RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

RED LAKE, MN  
\$100,000

Red Lake Nation's economic base is tied to its land and fisheries. With NAAF funding, Red Lake Nation will partner with the Waasabiik Ojibwemotaadiwin Immersion Program on youth agricultural engagement and study the feasibility of hemp production on the reservation for animal feed, human grade consumption and building materials.



## RED WILLOW CENTER

SAN LUIS, CO  
\$90,224

Red Willow Center works to reclaim the agricultural heritage of Taos Pueblo and to restore its traditional food systems. With NAAF funding, Red Willow Center will provide business assistance to the Red Willow Farmers Market and technical support to existing farmers, while also developing an internship program for community youth.



## ROSEBUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MISSION, SD  
\$400,395

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO) provides services to Sicangu Lakota Oyate farmers and ranchers. With NAAF funding, REDCO will make agricultural loans to producers, train beginning farmers through an incubator farm, study organic industrial hemp production and determine viability for a USDAcertified meat processing facility.



## ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LUMBERTON, NC  
\$136,778

Robeson Community College (RCC) is located in rural southeastern North Carolina, a region with a rich agricultural heritage and vibrant Native population. With NAAF funding, RCC will offer scholarships to students interested in agriculture careers and provide continuing education classes for farmers, ranchers and growers looking to promote their businesses.



## ROCK HOUSE PROJECT

ZUNI, NM  
\$75,000

Rock House Project is focused on maintaining and protecting the agrarian culture and the physical and spiritual landscape of the Zuni people. With NAAF funding, Rock House Project will serve Zuni farmers and ranchers through a community-wide needs assessment survey, participatory meetings and business plan development trainings.



## SAC AND FOX NATION

STROUD, OK  
\$100,000

Sac and Fox Nation manages a Black Angus cattle herd. With NAAF funding, Sac and Fox will seek to diversify its operation by researching the feasibility of a livestock processing facility and sponsor youth engagement through travel scholarships for national agricultural programs.





## SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

AWKWESASNE, NY

\$75,000

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's (SRMT) agriculture program exists to promote a healthier lifestyle for the Akwesasne community through growth of its own food. With NAAF funding, SRMT will obtain architectural and engineering plans for a teaching farm facility on tribal lands designed to engage future generations in agriculture.

## SAN FELIPE PUEBLO

SAN FELIPE PUEBLO, NM

\$75,000

The San Felipe Pueblo provides numerous services to community farmers including field preparation, seeding, cutting, baling, irrigation maintenance and water rights advocacy. With NAAF funding, the San Felipe Pueblo will conduct a feasibility study to assess value-added agricultural opportunities on Pueblo farmland and organize a young farmer mentoring program.

## SAN XAVIER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

TUCSON, AZ

\$55,000

The San Xavier Cooperative Association's (SXCA) mission emphasizes the respect of land, elders, animals, plants and sacredness of water. With NAAF funding, SXCA will investigate the potential for industrial hemp production in the area through testing agronomic conditions, studying economic feasibility, developing harvesting protocols and establishing relationships with market partners.



## SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OF TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

TUCSON, AZ

\$75,000

San Xavier District is focused on increasing access to fresh, healthy food in its community by promoting agricultural production. With NAAF funding, San Xavier District will develop a local food marketplace that celebrates traditional foods and opens the door for business opportunities through Native farmer and rancher outreach and education.



## SENECA NATION OF INDIANS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

SALAMANCA, NY

\$200,000

Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company (SNIEDC), a certified Native CDFI, provides loan products and services to Seneca members. With NAAF funding, SNIEDC will start the Agriculture Micro-Lending Incentive Loan Program to provide low-interest, agriculture-related lending and specialized business planning to Native farmers and ranchers.



## SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA

SITKA, AK

\$74,029

The Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA), situated in southeast Alaska, serves its population through harvesting, processing, and distributing traditional foods such as salmon, deer and seal. With NAAF funding, STA will expand its existing efforts by hiring a traditional foods assistant, upgrading harvesting equipment and providing new food choices.



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

IGNACIO, CO

\$70,970

Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) provides a variety of agricultural services to tribal members including market information, weed management and irrigated cropland rehabilitation. With NAAF funding, SUIT will organize a regional hemp symposium for farmers and business owners interested in this new market opportunity.



## SPRUCE ROOT

JUNEAU, AK

\$139,230

Spruce Root provides services to Alaska Native food producers in the form of loans and business planning. With NAAF funding, Spruce Root will start a food business program for diverse social enterprises based on ethically harvesting wild edible and medicinal forest products and host a convening for participants to network.



## STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY

BOWLER, WI

\$66,538

Stockbridge-Munsee Community (SMC) provides education and resources to community members interested in agriculture and grows food to build food sovereignty throughout the community. With NAAF funding, SMC will construct a wash-and-pack facility to help Native producers capture more value from their agricultural products.



## SUQUAMISH INDIAN TRIBE

SUQUAMISH, WA

\$75,000

Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Indian Reservation invests heavily in fishery and environmental programs that are central to their cultural ways. With NAAF funding, Suquamish will purchase an oyster scow (boat) to diversify the tribe's seafood business and lead to greater financial security for tribal shellfish harvesters.



## SWINOMISH TRIBE

LA CONNER, WA

\$74,304

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, a Coast Salish treaty tribe, is committed to preserving and promoting traditional foods. With NAAF funding, Swinomish Tribe will work to increase access to camas – a perennial plant important to Coast Salish people – by developing a viable strategy for camas bulb production on tribal farmland.



## TANKA FUND

KYLE, SD

\$75,000

Tanka Fund's goal is to convert 1 million acres of virgin prairie to regenerative agriculture built around a buffalo-based economy. With NAAF funding, Tanka Fund will provide technical assistance to Native buffalo ranchers to create ranch plans, access financing opportunities and explore the value-added agricultural market.



## THE KOHALA CENTER

KAMUELA, HI

\$125,000

The Kohala Center has been engaged in agribusiness assistance, adult and youth agriculture education, and farmer training programs since 2011. With NAAF funding, the Kohala Center will offer technical assistance and business training to Native Hawaiian producers and increase consumption of traditional foods through agricultural education.



## THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

MESA, AZ

\$75,000

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is the largest national Native-specific business organization in the U.S. with 40 years of experience. With NAAF funds, NCAIED will address Native agricultural business needs by facilitating access to capital, offering workshops, providing coaching and providing access to online development programs.



## THE PEOPLES PARTNER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LAME DEER, MT

\$200,000

The Peoples Partner for Community Development (PPCD) is a certified Native CDFI serving tribal members on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. With NAAF funding, PPCD will expand lending capacity and credit builder loan programming and increase the availability of financial education for Native farmers and ranchers.



## TOLANI LAKE ENTERPRISES

WINSLOW, AZ

\$75,000

Tolani Lake Enterprises (TLE) is dedicated to strengthening agricultural Navajo and Hopi communities in the Little Colorado River watershed. With NAAF funds, TLE will complete workshops on sheep care, wool processing, traditional and modern meat processing, and product marketing, and create 20 new producers through a sheep gifting program.



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

NASHVILLE, TN

\$75,000

United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) is an intertribal organization supporting 27 federally recognized tribes from Maine to Florida to Texas. With NAAF funds, USET will study the existing tribal agricultural programs in their area and propose a model for expansion that incorporates feedback from Native producers and other stakeholders.



## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

PEMBROKE, NC

\$125,000

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) – located in the territory of the Lumbee Tribe – helps small businesses start and grow. With NAAF funding, UNCP will increase education for Native producers, study industrial hemp production, and develop a summer outreach program for youth exploring careers in farming and agribusiness.



## UTAH DINE BIKEYAH

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

\$75,000

Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) is a nonprofit organization that supports Indigenous communities in protecting ancestral lands. With NAAF funds, UDB will deliver technical assistance to upscale the production of traditional Four Corners potatoes, and facilitate the funding and planning of community gardens.



## UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

LOGAN, UT

\$57,628

Utah State University's (USU) Eastern campus – located 30 miles north of Navajo lands – serves a student base that is 70% Native American. With NAAF funds, USU will help students learn about educational options in agriculture and develop agricultural career plans while increasing the number of Native college students overall.



## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

NESPELEM, WA

\$100,000

Washington State University (WSU) provides research-based outreach education to Native agricultural producers and residents of the Colville Indian Reservation. With NAAF funding, WSU will develop community demonstration gardens, teach food safety certification classes and invest in their 4-H program to increase youth interest in agriculture.



## WISCONSIN TRIBAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

GILLETT, WI

\$74,963

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) is a nonprofit organization that provides the 11 tribes in Wisconsin opportunities to achieve conservation-oriented goals. With NAAF funding, WTCAC will provide technical assistance and trainings to improve food systems, increase producer knowledge, enhance food sovereignty, and involve youth in agriculture.



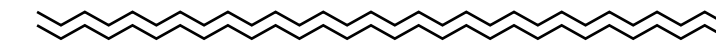
## ZUNI YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROJECT

ZUNI, NM

\$25,000

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) recruits Zuni children to learn about their culture and history. With NAAF funding, ZYEP will embark on "Common Ground in Youth Agriculture," a proposal to support new Zuni farmers by providing agriculture learning opportunities, supporting intergenerational connections and empowering youth-led solutions to water scarcity.





# **RAPID RESPONSE FUND**

SUPPORT DURING THE PANDEMIC





## RAPID RESPONSE FUNDING

By March 2020, nearly all NAAF grantees were experiencing COVID-19 related disruptions to their operations. As the unprecedented nature of the public health crisis came into focus, NAAF's Trustees authorized a \$2 million Rapid Response Fund (RRF) to support existing 2019 grantees' work to provide enhanced business assistance to Native farmers and ranchers and technical support to encourage Native food sovereignty and food production for tribal communities.

Seventy-four (74) Rapid Response Fund awards were dispersed to Grantees in June 2020. These supplemental funds allowed Grantees to respond quickly to emerging needs without depleting resources for their original grant projects.



## OPERATING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

128,000 GALLONS TO 400 FARMERS

UTAH DINE BIKEYAH DELIVERED 128,000 GALLONS OF WATER TO OVER 400 UTAH NATIVE FARMERS

200+ TONS

OF HAY WAS SOURCED TO HELP RANCHERS OVERWINTER THEIR HERDS BY THE ARAPAHO RANCH FIELD STATION

1,700 NATIVE HOUSEHOLDS

FLOWER HILL INSTITUTE WAS ABLE TO DELIVER THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF SEEDS TO OVER 1,700 NATIVE AMERICANS FROM OVER 113 COMMUNITIES.

While most of the country was slowing down, NAAF grantees ramped up their service to Native farming and ranching communities. CDFIs offered new loan products to bolster food and agriculture small businesses. A non-profit in the West secured funds to help cattle ranchers overwinter their herd in hopes of better markets in future days. One grantee shipped thousands of seed packets to Native households looking to produce their own food. Despite the uncertainty, NAAF grantees rallied to meet the call.



*"The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear how essential our farmers and ranchers are. Indian Country and our Native producers have been hit hard by the virus."*

*The seeds planted with the Native American Agriculture Fund's Rapid Response grants will help create long lasting and transformative change in Indian Country for years to come."*

## -2020 Rapid Response Fund Release



# 2020 GRANTEES

AWARDED FALL 2020



The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians fishes walleye on the waters of Lake Superior.



Right: The Quapaw Tribe, a NAAF grantee, roasts its own coffee.

“Our goal is to keep momentum, hope, planning, and doing alive within our communities. As very wise farmers, ranchers and food champions are telling us now, we have things we must do today, planting seeds, feeding our four-legged family, tending the land, and strengthening our community food system. In doing so, we will help make sure our shared and collective future is food secure.

*Our sovereignty depends on our being food sovereign. Every action matters.”*

**2020 Request for Applications**

## 2020 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

NAAF’s core mission is to support Native farmers, ranchers, fishers, and food champions through strategic grants to 501(c)(3) organizations, educational organizations, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and Tribal governments. This charge became even more critical as the impact of the global pandemic rippled through the food system. In early 2020, existing NAAF grantees quickly pivoted to serve the specialized needs in our communities arising from the convergence of health crises, food shortages and economic disruptions. The importance of our mission became even more crucial.

# 2020 GRANTEES



## NAAF'S SECOND ROUND OF GRANTEES



Staying the course, NAAF released the 2020 Request for Applications (RFA) in April 2020. NAAF provided technical support for applicants throughout the open RFA period. In total, NAAF received over nearly 200 applications 250 applications from tribes and organizations across the nation by the June 2020 deadline. Following the review process, NAAF's Board of Trustees invested \$16 million in grassroots, intertribal and national organizations supporting Native farmers and ranchers and the Native agriculture community.

Many of the projects addressed challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, but they also emphasized a commitment to building stronger Native food systems for the generations to come. Grants were selected that would contribute to growing the capacity of



**\$16 MILLION INVESTED**

NAAF distributed \$16 million dollars to 114 grantees through 136 grants across Indian Country.

**\$3.7 MILLION**

In direct loans, grants and scholarships to Native farmers and ranchers.

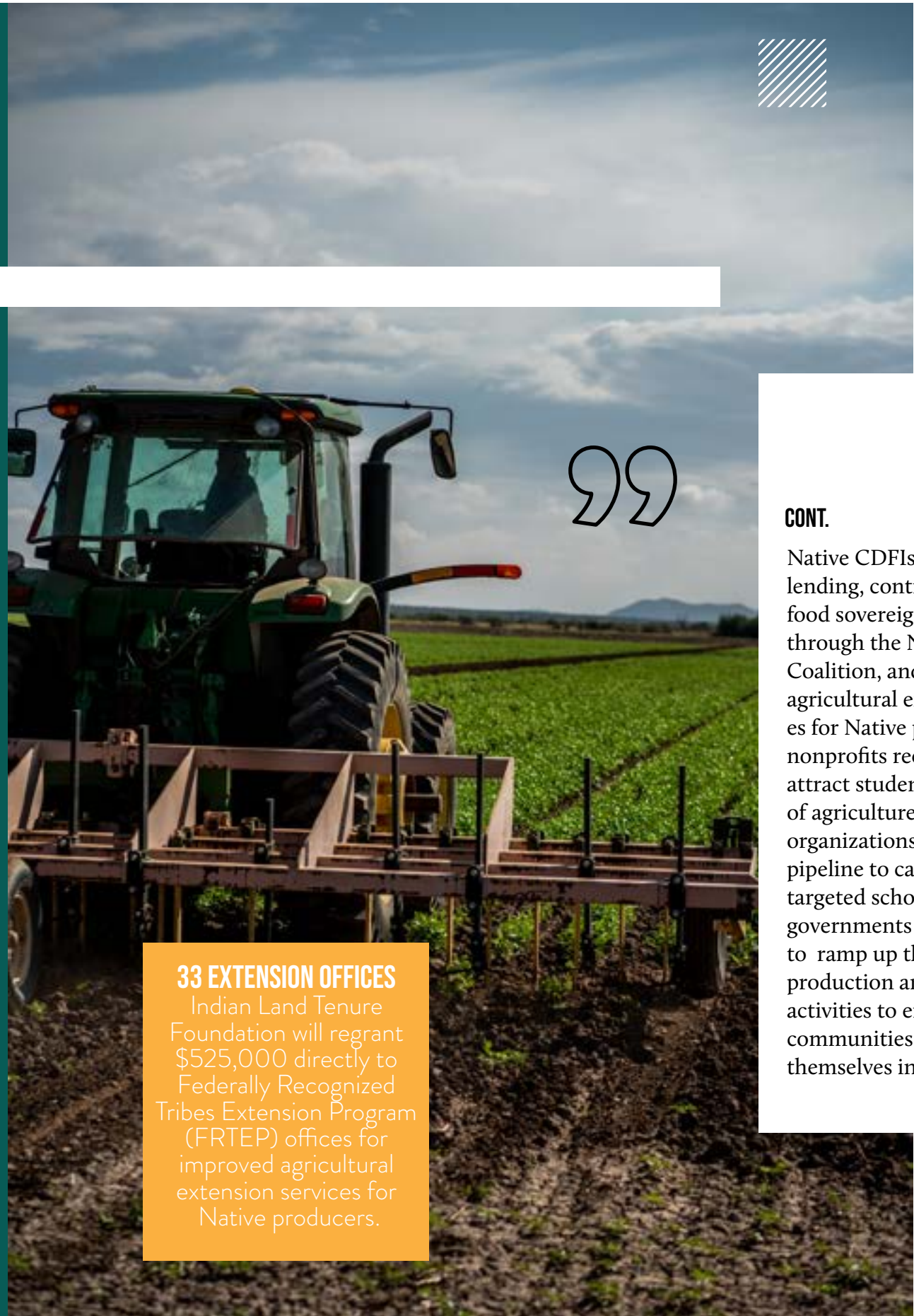
**114 UNIQUE GRANTEES**

- 50 501c3
- 18 Educational Institutions
- 15 CDFI's
- 31 Tribal Governments

**100,000+**

**NATIVE PRODUCERS SERVED**

- 42,570 farmers
- 72,131 ranchers
- 15,261 fishers
- 24,519 harvesters
- 45,179 community producers.



**CONT.**

Native CDFIs in agricultural lending, continuing tribal food sovereignty advocacy through the Native Farm Bill Coalition, and re-imagining agricultural extension services for Native producers. Local nonprofits received funds to attract students to the field of agriculture. Educational organizations continued a pipeline to careers through targeted scholarships. Tribal governments were supported to ramp up their agricultural production and value-added activities to ensure tribal communities could feed themselves in times of crisis.

**33 EXTENSION OFFICES**  
Indian Land Tenure Foundation will regrant \$525,000 directly to Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP) offices for improved agricultural extension services for Native producers.

# 2020 GRANTEES

## TARGETED



### 501 (C) (3)

Providing services to support Native farmers' and ranchers' continued agricultural development

**40 Projects**

**\$3,210,340**



### EDUCATIONAL ORG

Conducting food and agriculture-related training for Native producers and students

**11 Projects**

**\$2,000,000**



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financing agricultural and food production in Indian Country

**15 Projects**

**\$4,776,304**



### TRIBES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

Promoting value-added agricultural development enterprises for Tribal communities

**22 Projects**

**\$2,007,086**

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS



### YOUTH

Bolstering Native youth and beginning producers in agriculture

**25 Projects**  
**\$1,000,000**



### AGRICULTURE EXTENSION

Funding development of a 21st Century Native Agriculture Extension

**4 Projects**  
**\$1,248,292**



### ADVOCACY

Investing in the work of the Native Farm Bill Coalition

**2 Projects**  
**\$1,000,000**



### TRADITIONAL FOODS

Supporting expansion and scaling-up of community activities

**17 Projects**  
**\$1,006,268**



## AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS FINANCIAL SERVICES

PORTLAND, OR- CDFI

\$315,150

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Financial Services (ATNI FS) is a certified Community Financial Development Institution (CDFI). With NAAF funding, ATNI FS will provide loans and technical assistance to Native agriculture producers in the Pacific Northwest. ATNI FS will leverage their vast network of partners to deploy capital, offer workshops and trainings, and engage in special projects to support the Native agriculture landscape and build resilient Native communities.



## AHTNA INTERTRIBAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

GLENNALLEN, AK- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Ahtna Intertribal Resources Commission (AITRC) was formed in 2011 to conserve, manage and develop the fish, wild-life, and plant resources of the Ahtna Region according to culturally relevant values. With NAAF funding, they will build a large moose rehabilitation facility to improve the supplementation of local populations for Tribal subsistence usage.



## AJO CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

AJO, CA - 501(c)(3)

\$127,600

The Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA) specializes in the revitalization of Native American crops, agriculture techniques, and Native cuisine. ACSA will assist Tohono O'odham farmers with mini grants, business, and technical support, as well as increase local food production.



## AKIPTAN

EAGLE BUTTE, SD - CDFI

\$965,000

A national Native-led CDFI, Akiptan seeks to “innovate and change the paradigm of investments in Indian Country agriculture and food systems” by working with Native farmers and ranchers. With NAAF funding, Akiptan will provide loans, capital, and comprehensive technical assistance and financial training for 10 producers.



## ALEUTIAN PRIBILOF ISLANDS ASSOCIATION

ANCHORAGE, AK - 501(c)(3)

\$18,221

The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) seeks to increase community interest in agricultural pursuits by showcasing local producers and by offering resources and educational opportunities for individuals wishing to enter agriculture endeavors. Additionally, APIA will work to hire a master gardener to manage the St. George Greenhouse, create a community-based co-op, and start a seaweed farm.



## AMAH MUTSUN LAND TRUST

ALBANY, CA- TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$70,000

The Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT) seeks to develop food sovereignty and implement a collaborative pilot project to design, establish, cultivate, and harvest foods, medicines, and cultural materials from hedgerows composed of native species that are culturally significant to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band.



## AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTER AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

LAS CRUCES, NM - YOUTH

\$45,000

New Mexico State University (NMSU) is New Mexico's state land grant institution that includes the American Indian Business Enterprise housed in their Arrowhead Center. With NAAF funding, NMSU will collaborate with Navajo Technical University to provide Native youth the opportunity to learn how to build ranch management plans for cattle and sheep, along with access to ongoing business assistance.



## ARAPAHO RANCH FIELD STATION

FT. WASHAKIE, WY- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Arapaho Ranch Field Station promotes ranching sustainability through place-based informal STEM education on a 400,000-acre working ranch. With NAAF funding, the Field Station will develop value-added agricultural opportunities for Native ranchers producing free range beef on the Wind River Reservation in response to COVID-induced shifts to the food system.



## AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS

PRESQUE ISLE, ME- TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$14,124

Micmac Farms will work to complete the feasibility studies of three value added products (packaged smoked Maine brook trout, fruit and vegetable specialty preserves, and packaged/bottled apple cider juice product) that may be produced at Micmac Farms to contribute to the farm's sustainability.



## BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

ODANAH, WI- TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$73,753

The Bad River Food Sovereignty Program will buy equipment and supplies and pay for labor to complete its Tribal mandate to expand current operations. The project will complete an assessment of fruit and vegetable production, prepare additional land for planting, prepare land for a pole barn, assist in the harvest of maple sap to syrup and plant a three sisters' garden.



## BLACKFEET NATION STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION

BROWNING, MT- YOUTH

\$45,000

Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association (BNSGA) was founded in 2000 with the mission to promote the development and growth of the livestock industry on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. With NAAF funding, they will provide scholarships to Native students descended from the Blackfeet Tribe and who are pursuing higher education in Agricultural Sciences.



## BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

BLUE LAKE, CA - TRIBE

\$50,000

The Blue Lake Rancheria Community Farm project seeks to address local demand for Native farmers, harvesters, and producers for education about farming, value-added agricultural products, and selling agricultural products. This will be accomplished through workshops, community farm plots, and a community farm stand.



## CALIFORNIA INDIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

SANTA ROSA, CA- 501(c)(3)

\$149,604

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) was established in 1996 with the purpose to culturally enrich and benefit the people of California and the public. With NAAF funding, they will develop a traditional food incubator to support local producers and provide agricultural business training and technical support for Native youth.



## CANKDESKA CIKANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FORT TOTTEN, ND - EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$113,660

Cankdeska Cikana Community College is a Tribal college servicing the Spirit Lake Tribe of the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota. With funding from NAAF, CCCC will provide agricultural education to student apprentices to support reservation public health initiatives through student use of hydroponics for food production and distribution.



**CATAWBA INDIAN NATION**  
**ROCK HILL, SC- TRADITIONAL FOOD**  
 \$75,000

Catawba Indian Nation is a federally recognized Tribe located near Rock Hill, SC. With NAAF funding, the Catawba Indian Nation will install innovative irrigation systems that capture rainwater and automatically distribute it to farms and gardens, ensuring resiliency for a community garden with over 50 traditional and medicinal plants.

**CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING SYSTEMS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**



**RALEIGH, NC- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION**  
 \$200,587

Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) is a partnership of North Carolina State, North Carolina A&T and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture researching community-based food systems. With NAAF funding, CEFS will work with Robeson Community College and University of North Carolina at Pembroke to host a sustainable agriculture internship for Lumbee youth.

**CENTER OF SOUTHWEST CULTURE, INC.**  
**ALBUQUERQUE, NM- 501(c)(3)**  
 \$100,000



The Center of Southwest Culture's Community Development Center (CODECE) program aims to build the capacity of emerging Indigenous farming enterprises in Isleta Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, and Zuni Pueblo to launch viable agribusiness. This project will strengthen food systems in Pueblo communities by improving access to credit, building on value-added traditional foods, and increasing market access for Indigenous farmers.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA**  
**JUNEAU, AK**  
 \$50,000



Tlingit and Haida will plan and build a greenhouse ready for many growing seasons to come using the best possible sources that staff at Tlingit and Haida can find. Tlingit and Haida hope that the greenhouse continues to expand with additional resources and partnerships.



**CHEYENNE RIVER BUFFALO**  
**EAGLE BUTTE, SD- TRADITIONAL FOOD**  
 \$30,000

The Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) is a Native and women-led organization dedicated to the well-being of Lakota youth. CRYP will expand their efforts by restoring traditional foods and create access to those food for members of the community.



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**CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB**  
**SEATTLE, WA- 501(c)(3)**  
 \$50,000

Chief Seattle Club is an organization dedicated to physically and spiritually supporting American Indian and Alaska Native people. With NAAF funding, they plan to develop an urban "Sovereignty Farm" where they will train apprentice farmworkers, re-introduce traditional foods and medicines, and host various workshops aimed at building community through food sovereignty practices.



**CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE**  
**BOX ELDER, MT- TRIBE**  
 \$50,000

The project is aimed to assist regional Native farmers and ranchers with education and projects to enhance the quality and function of their operation while improving environmental outcomes. The project director will work to assist Tribal members in engaging in conservation practices with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.





## COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

PLUMMER, ID- TRIBE

\$123,559

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, through its Food Distribution Program, is seeking to expand its food sovereignty through the development of a five-year strategic plan, the expansion of food production workshops for Tribal and area producers, the development of producer-procurement databases, and the direct training of Tribal members through apprenticeships at its community gardens.



## DINE COLLEGE

TSAILE, AZ- 501(c)(3)

\$80,000

Dine College is one of the original Tribal colleges established to service the Navajo Nation spanning three states in the Four Corners Region. With NAAF funding, Dine College will support a cohort of Navajo farmers and ranchers in implementing acquired knowledge into their existing operations, synthesize a food safety certification program culled from the procedures required by Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, and disseminate a bilingual fully certified food safety program across the Navajo Nation.



## DINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHINLE, AZ- YOUTH

\$45,000

Diné Community Development Corporation (DCDC) provides leadership, program and resources development on the Navajo Nation. With NAAF funding, they will promote their Diné Youth Agripreneurship Program that focuses on educating Native youth through agricultural and financial literacy and economic development workshops to strengthen the skills needed for success in the agricultural sector.



## DINE TRADITIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY PROJECT

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$75,000

The Dine' Traditional Food and Agriculture Project will establish the Diné Food and Agriculture Policy Council and will consist of representatives from all regions of the Navajo Nation. They will work to develop a set of traditional food policy recommendations for the Navajo Nation through a grassroots advocacy process.



## DREAM OF WILD HEALTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

Dream of Wild Health (DWH) aims to restore health and well-being in Native communities by recovering knowledge of and access to healthy Indigenous foods, medicines and lifeways. With NAAF funding, DWH will launch the Upper Midwest Indigenous Farm Incubator and Training program to increase the number of Native farmers in their region.



## EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

CHEROKEE, NC- TRIBE

\$50,000

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will assess the economic feasibility for renovating and/or expanding their existing cannery and develop a strategic roadmap for transitioning to infrastructure development for the Tribal cannery to offer increased services for Tribal community members. In addition, the EBCI will design a comprehensive irrigation system for a Tribal plant facility.



## FIRST PEOPLES WORLDWIDE AT UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

BOULDER, CO- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$250,000

The University of Colorado-Boulder (CU) is the largest public university in Colorado. With NAAF funding, CU will provide Native farmers, ranchers and food suppliers with tailored business assistance to bridge their enterprise successfully into the post-COVID food market, and to strengthen the Native American food supply chain by establishing a model for an Indigenous food distribution hub that centers Native food sovereignty.



A Coeur D'Alene Tribal Elder Picks Huckleberries



## FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

FORT MEYERS, FL- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$230,190

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is an institution of higher learning that puts forth environmental conscious citizens. FGCU will plan an Indigenous Capacity Building Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resource Management and develop a model to meet Native American community needs through academics and research.



## FLOWER HILL INSTITUTE

JEMEZ PUEBLO, NM- 501(c)(3), TRADITIONAL FOOD, YOUTH

\$202,516

Flower Hill Institute (FHI) is comprised of a network of partners and Tribal leaders. In collaboration with these partners FHI provides support and guidance to help developments of Tribal agricultural entrepreneurship and sustainability. FHI will launch a Mobile Food lab that will address the needs of the community and through youth-led speakers, FHI will generate a video series featuring foraging activities and the nutritional information of the harvest.



## FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

DURANGO, CO- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$190,000

Fort Lewis College (FLC), in southwest Colorado near Apache, Navajo, Pueblo, and Ute Indian reservations, is expanding their programs in regenerative and sustainable agriculture practices. With NAAF funding, FLC will implement a progressive regenerative food systems curriculum that will combine agricultural education, technical support, and business assistance to promote Native American farmers, ranchers, and food champions.



## FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND

EAGLE BUTTE, SD- CDFI

\$476,500

Four Bands Community Fund has a long history of helping Native entrepreneurs, including farmers and ranchers, start and grow their businesses. NAAF funding will provide a strategic combination of financial products and services to Native farmers and ranchers, including loan capital, equity bundles, technology tools, and customized assistance.



## FT PECK TRIBES FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT

POPLAR, MT- TRIBE

\$36,316

The Fort Peck Tribes Fish & Game Department manages and enhances wildlife resources on the Fort Peck Indian reservation. They will develop North America's first Tribal quarantine program for Yellowstone buffalo and provide localized food access, economic and cultural opportunities related to buffalo.



## GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI- 501(c)(3)

\$50,000

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) is dedicated to support Tribal initiatives including food security. GLITC will develop a strategic plan improving access to capital and education opportunities for agriculture systems.



## HEALTHY FUTURES INC

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

Healthy Futures partners with community-based organizations that provides agricultural education, business management and technical assistance in New Mexico. With NAAF funding, Healthy Futures will empower new and beginning farm producers to learn key management skills to increase the economic viability of their agricultural enterprises in culturally appropriate ways.



## HEART OF AMERICA INDIAN CENTER

KANSAS, MO- 501(c)(3)

\$55,360

The Heart of American Indian Center operates as the Kansas City area's only multi-purpose social service agency for American Indians. With NAAF funding, they plan to educate American Indians in the Kansas City metropolitan area about their traditional food ways and training them to be producers of Native foods.



## HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ANAHOLA, HI- 501(c)(3), CDFI, TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$270,078

Homestead Community Development Corporation's (HCDC) mission is to develop economic opportunities on or near the trust lands of the Native Hawaiian people. With NAAF funding, HCDC will start a communal sharing farm equipment pilot, support 35 trust land families to establish backyard gardens and chicken coops through savings match and will make agricultural loans.



## HUALAPAI TRIBE

PEACH SPRINGS, AZ- TRADITIONAL FOOD, YOUTH

\$105,000

NAAF funding will be used to host traditional foods harvesting education, plan an organize a Native Food Symposium. The Hualapai Tribe will Study and analyze the nutritional value and makeup of culturally significant plants and finally create a cookbook. In addition, the youth project will offer natural horsemanship workshops for 15 Hualapai youth with the goal of building the foundational skills and confidence of the Tribes future ranchers. Horsemanship workshops combined with traditional craft classes to create horse tack will instill a sense of pride and achievement in participating youth who are the future of the Hualapai ranching community.



## INDIAN LAND TENURE FOUNDATION

LITTLE CANADA, MN- AG EXT

\$755,000

Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. With NAAF funding, ILTF will move towards a 21st Century Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program (FRTEP) through strategic evaluation of 33 FRTEPs and increase advocacy.



## INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) is responsible for preserving and perpetuating Pueblo culture and is home to the Resilience Garden. This outdoor living exhibit aims to address the needs and build on strengths of New Mexico's diverse communities with hands-on learning opportunities. This project will provide a rich outdoor learning experience that highlights traditional Pueblo farming techniques, celebrates renewal, and cultivates heirloom seeds and indigenous crops.



## INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

BILLINGS, MT- 501(c)(3), ADVOCACY

\$939,568

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) aims to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people. IAC will develop a sustainable model of funding, provide service delivery and stakeholder education, increase fiscal support for Indian agriculture, and lead the Native Farm Bill Coalition with funding from NAAF.



## INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL

RAPID CITY, SD- TRIBE

\$116,062

InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) has worked to restore buffalo to Tribal lands for nearly 30 years. With NAAF funding, they plan to support member Tribes in processing buffalo and conduct a feasibility study to assess the needs to build a network and increase resiliency of an entirely Native operated buffalo processing loop.



## KAYENTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #27

KAYENTA, AZ- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$174,629

The Kayenta Unified School District #27, located on the Navajo Nation, has built and sustained a robust presence in agricultural education through Monument Valley High School Agriculture Education Program. With NAAF funding, they will purchase a fodder system to aid local producers and students by creating access to livestock feed.

## KE KULA NUI O WAIMANALO

WAIMANALO, HI- 501(c)(3)

\$50,000

The Ke Kula Nui O Waimanalo organization serves the Hawaiian community by providing families access to locally grown and organic food produced in the region. They will initiate a two-year pilot program that will train at least 50 community food producers to enhance food security and human well-being.



## KEYSTONE POLICY CENTER

KEYSTONE, CO- 501(c)(3)

\$50,000

Keystone Policy Center was founded in 1975 to drive actionable, shared solutions to contentious policy challenges. With NAAF funding, Keystone will work with Tribes in the Four Corners region to create a Tribally led collaborative to address greater food security by improving coordination and resources for food production and distribution.



## KLAMATH TRINITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HOOPA, CA- YOUTH

\$45,000

The Hupa and Yurok tribes that reside along the Trinity River have relied the salmon migration for subsistence since time immemorial. The Klamath Trinity Resource Conservation District with NAAF funding will implement the Regeneration of Fishing Project on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. This project will work with Native youth in bringing back traditional practices of family fishing by leaning on local tribal fishers to instruct lessons. Each youth participant will learn the importance of proper net making when it comes to traditional protocols.



## KLAWOCK COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (KCA)

KLAWOCK, AK- YOUTH

\$45,000

Klawock Cooperative Association (KCA), a federally recognized Tribe in southeast Alaska, has a high citizen engagement with traditional foods. With NAAF funding, they will build from the existing Traditional Foods Program with paid Tribal youth internships, educating them in traditional harvesting, processing and distributive practices, as well as environmental monitoring techniques.



## KOHALA CENTER, INC., THE

KAMUELA, HI- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Kohala Center has been engaged in agribusiness assistance, adult and youth agriculture education, and farmer training programs since 2011. With NAAF funding, the Kohala Center will increase production and consumption of Native foods through agricultural education, business development and access to capital, increasing island food system resiliency.



## LAC COURTE OREILLES OJIBWE COLLEGE

HAYWARD, WI

\$45,000

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College is a Tribal college servicing five Ojibwe reservations in northwest Wisconsin. With NAAF funding, LCOOC will introduce their Food Sovereignty Project to empower youth in five Ojibwe Tribal communities through agricultural enrichment workshops, internships, and an Inter-Tribal Indigenous food summit that will include a youth led harvest feast.



## LAKOTA FUNDS

KYLE, SD- CDFI

\$476,500

Lakota Funds, a Native CDFI serving the Oglala Lakota Tribe on Pine Ridge Reservation, has supported Native farmers and ranchers through business lending, coaching and training since 1986. NAAF funding will continue to provide critically needed access to capital for ranching operations on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, including loan capital, line of credit loans, and small equity investment grants.

## LAKOTA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

HERRICK, SD- YOUTH

\$25,000

Located on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Reservation, Lakota Youth Development's (LYD) mission is to reclaim Lakota language, culture and spirituality by promoting education and healthy lifestyles for youth through culturally based strategies. With NAAF funding, they plan to expand their Honey Lodge enterprise with the construction of a honey processing building.



## LITTLE BIG HORN COLLEGE

CROW AGENCY, MT- 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

Little Big Horn College is a Tribal college servicing the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana with a variety of agriculture education programs. With NAAF funding, the college will increase the capacity of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Departments and provide a community service by developing a Shared Equipment Program to facilitate Native individuals in their pursuit of credit access for purchasing equipment or participating in a farm equipment cooperative.



## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

WINNEBAGO, NE- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$141,004

Little Priest Tribal College is a Tribal college offering agriculture education programs and servicing the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska. Using NAAF funding, the college will design and implement a sustainable, culturally relevant and responsive Associate of Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) in Agricultural Science focusing on program planning and curriculum design in the first phase and program implementation in the second phase.



## LUMBEE LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC

PEMBROKE, NC- 501(c)(3), YOUTH

\$67,702

Lumbee Land Development (LLD) is the grant programming arm of the Lumbee Tribe of NC. With NAAF funding, LLD will provide resources for a new Lumbee farming cooperative, host agricultural financial trainings for producers, expand agricultural career exploration, cultivate an intergenerational organic garden, and award scholarships to Tribal agricultural students.



## LUMMI CDFI

BELLINGHAM, WA- CDFI, TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$100,000

Lummi CDFI offers a trusted place for Tribal members considering entrepreneurship, building a business and/or strengthening their credit by providing access to education, financing and asset growth. NAAF funds will provide financial loan products, tools, technical assistance and other support services for Native entrepreneurs, individuals, families, fishers and seafood harvesters.



## MAQLAQS GEETKNI

CHILOQUIN, OR- 501(c)(3)

\$22,303

Maqlaqs Geetkni promotes healthy sustainable food systems to bring fresh food to Chiloquin elders and families. Maqlaqs Geetkni will build green houses to grow greens, traditional foods and medicinal herbs to provide for a healthy community.





## MESA GRANDE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RAMONA, CA- TRIBE

\$53,335

The Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation (MGBDC) helps ensure the availability of healthy and affordable foods for its Tribal members, as well as reacquainting them with their lands. MGBDC will develop a community organic and ethnobotanical gardens and provide a service for value added goods produced from their gardens.



## METHOW FIELD INSTITUTE

WINTHROP, WA- YOUTH

\$45,000

Methow Field Institute's (MFI) mission is to foster cultural awareness and understanding of Indigenous peoples and the natural history of the Methow Valley and Upper Columbia region. With NAAF funding, they will partner with Paschal Sherman Indian School to create an educational program that will encourage students to explore traditional food systems.

## MODOC NATION

MIAMI, OK- TRIBE

\$127,403

The Modoc Nation will continue to partner with Symbiotic Aquaponic to fulfill a shared mission of promoting success of Native farmers & ranchers by scaling Maklaks Farm. Funding will also allow training for at least 20 Native Tribal leaders & other change agents. The traditional foods funding aspect of the project is focused on Native seed cultivation as it relates to the history of the Modoc People. Funding will allow for the sustainable growing of Native plants as a means of cultural reclamation.



## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

BOZEMAN, MT- TRADITIONAL FOOD, YOUTH

\$100,000

Montana State University (MSU) is Montana's state land grant institution that operates a full College of Agriculture with an Extension service. With NAAF funding, MSU will develop a program to promote resilience among Tribal food systems through mental health promotion, community gardening and agricultural education to provide culturally tailored education to expand and enhance agricultural knowledge, skills and interest among all generations of Tribal community members. In addition, MSU Extension will provide personnel at four Montana Indian reservations to enhance their food security by utilizing local, Native youth produced livestock products as the initial platform in which to strengthen local food systems



## MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

AUBURN, WA- TRIBE

\$105,991

Located in Auburn, Washington the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe has set up partnerships with the East-West Food Rescue and Farmer Frog to connect Eastern and Central Washington farmers to Tribal communities in need of food. These funds will provide infrastructure for transport, storage, and distribution to Native communities and interurban Native populations in Washington State.



## MVSKOKE LOAN FUND

OKMULGEE, OK- CDFI

\$283,956

Mvskoke Loan Fund (MLF), a Native CDFI, provides access to credit through lending capital to Native producers in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's territory. NAAF funds will provide services for 30 to 40 Native farmers and ranchers including technical assistance for business planning, training to utilize accounting software for maintaining financial records and long-term planning and lending capital.



## NACDC FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

BROWNING, MT- CDFI, TRADITIONAL FOOD, YOUTH

\$358,097

Native American Community Development Corporation Financial Services Inc. (NACDC) is a non-profit CDFI. Their mission is to remove the barriers that exists in Indian Country that prohibit the flow of capital and credit. NAAF funds will provide customized, one-on-one business and financial technical assistance, connecting Native agricultural operators to available resources, and increasing their access to capital by offering ag business loans and a new disaster resiliency loan and equity bundle.



## NALWOODI DENZHONE; STRENGTH AND BEAUTY COMMUNITY, INC.

TUCSON, AZ- 501(c)(3)

\$50,000

The Nalwoodi Denzhone: Strength and Beauty Community, Inc (NDC) provides life changing programs, including agriculture, to members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. NDC will establish a regional food hub to promote production and distribution of healthy food for not only the San Carlos people, but other Tribal communities as well.



## NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, THE

MESA, AZ- YOUTH

\$30,000

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is the largest national Native business organization in the U.S. with over 50 years of experience. With NAAF funds, NCAIED will train over 350 students in agricultural entrepreneurship and business development through their Native Edge Institute at the 2021 Reservation Economic Summit.



## NATIVE360 LOAN FUND, INC.

GRAND ISLAND, NE- CDFI

\$200,000

Native360 Loan Fund's mission is to provide affordable credit, capital, technical assistance and related programs to help build strong and self-sufficient Native American business owners. With NAAF funding, Native360 Loan Fund will identify agriculture businesses, make loans, provide specific agriculture-related business technical assistance, quantify credit demand in our area for agriculture loans and develop a network of contacts.





## NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACADEMY

ALBUQUERQUE, NM-YOUTH

\$45,000

The Native American Community Academy (NACA) was founded on a community vision based on the core foundational concepts of academic excellence, identity development, holistic wellness, and leadership grounded in core values. With NAAF funding, they will offer virtual and hands-on learning experiences in traditional food harvesting from Tribal knowledge keepers.



## NATIVE CDFI NETWORK, INC.

WASHINGTON, DC- CDFI

\$324,128

The Native CDFI Network (NCN) was formed in 2009 to unify Native CDFIs serving Native trust land communities, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. With NAAF funds, NCN will provide technical assistance, educational and technology infrastructure development to 20-25 Native CDFI members to prepare them for entering the Native food producer business markets.

## NATIVE FOOD AND NUTRITION RESOURCE ALLIANCE

SANTA FE, NM- 501(c)(3), ADVOCACY

\$150,000

The Native Food and Nutrition Resource Alliance (NFNRA) aims to provide professional and technical expertise and support necessary to the Native Farm Bill Coalition specifically on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). With NAAF support, the NFNRA will become the conduit for positioning FDPIR experts with support and collaboration of NAFDPIR. NFNRA will advocate and organize to achieve positive change for Indian Country in the 2023 Farm Bill.



## NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

FARMINGTON, NM- TRIBE

\$37,365

The Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI) is an instrumentality of the Navajo Nation Tribal government and their primary focus is agricultural related issues. NAPI will initiate its Soil Health Improvement project and NAPI Region 1 Grain Bin Installation for food storage with NAAF funding.



## NAVAJO ETHNO-AGRICULTURE

FRUITLAND, NM- 501(c)(3)

\$35,000

The Navajo Ethno-Agriculture (NEA) organization supports farming organizations across the Navajo Nation. NEA will help farmers sell their products and create a fair-trade system between retailers and growers with products donated to at least 10 Navajo communities.



## NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MACY, NE- EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$220,350

Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC), a Tribal College, is a fully accredited, open admission, community-based institution designed to provide quality higher education and lifelong educational opportunities to the Omaha and Santee Tribes, and all learners. With NAAF funding, they will provide various practical skills trainings in horticulture and greenhouse operations, welding and solar technology.



## NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY CAPITAL

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- 501(c)(3)

\$133,180

New Mexico Community Capital (NMCC) creates business assistance for Native owned companies in the United States. NMCC will provide business related technology, one-on-one mentoring, and access to subject matter experts.



## NIJII CAPITAL PARTNERS, INC.

KESHENA, WI

\$46,681

Nijii Capital Partners, Inc. (NiiCaP) provides alternative financing and development services for entrepreneurs and small businesses on the Menominee, Mole Lake and Lac du Flambeau Reservations. Their project is devoted to reducing the food sovereignty barriers in the communities we serve and provide a financial platform for Native farmers and food producers to thrive for seven generations.





## NORTH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS (NATIFS)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS) is dedicated to addressing the economic and health crises affecting Native communities by re-establishing Native foodways. With NAAF funding, they will design the Indigenous Food Enterprise Accelerator program to assist Native farmers, ranchers and community members to launch and expand their Native food businesses.



## NORTH LEUPP FAMILY FARMS, INC.

LEUPP, AZ - 501(C)(3)

\$50,000

The North Leupp Family Farms, Inc. (NLFF) is community-based farm for the Navajo community of Luepp. NLFF will expand their existing facility to engage more community farmers, as well as provide education opportunities in traditional Navajo agriculture.



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT

TALENT, OR - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Northern California Tribal Court Coalition (NCTCC) will conduct a COVID-19 Tribal food systems assessment in which we will evaluate the extent to which Tribal food producers (fishers, hunters, farmers, gardeners, ranchers, and harvesters) have contributed to NCTCC Tribes' disaster response. The completed assessment will be used to identify and expand opportunities for Tribal food producers and inform the disaster planning and response of NCTCC member Tribes.



## NORTHERN SHORES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI - CDFI

\$244,376

Northern Shores Community Development, Inc. offers business loans and business assistance to entrepreneurs, artisan, energy efficient and FARM loans to the entire state of Michigan. With NAAF funds, NSCD seeks to grow thier FARM program by building the capacity of Odawa farmers, ranchers and agriculture entrepreneurs throughout the state of Michigan to create and expand agriculture focused businesses, and providing affordable and flexible loans, grants, training, technical assistance, and credit counseling to individuals.



## NORTHWEST NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND

COULEE DAM, WA - CDFI

\$250,000

The Northwest Native Development Fund (NNDF) seeks to foster economic and financial independence for Native people by assisting in the development of personal assets through financial and entrepreneurial education as well as providing access to capital through creative lending products. With NAAF funds, NNDF will provide financing to Native agricultural producers and train and grow other Native CDFIs in the discipline of financing agricultural producers.



## NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

PORTLAND, OR - 501(c)(3)

\$56,600

The Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center collaborates with Northwest Tribes to provide health-related research, surveillance, training, and technical assistance to improve the quality of life of American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/ ANs). This project will support Northwest Native food producers in understanding how to build their businesses, as well as provide them with necessary skills for their projects.



## NUMU ALLOTTEE ASSASSOCIATION

MADRAS, OR - TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$35,446

Numu Allottee Association (NAA) is a Native nonprofit providing advocacy training and economic empowerment to allottees of public domain allotments. With NAAF funding, NAA will provide technical assistance to the E' NUMU DIIP (END) Cooperative and interested Native micro farm businesses as part of local economic development plans for the region.



## OLD HARBOR ALLIANCE, INC

ANCHORAGE, AK - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

This project will allow the Old Harbor Alliance to establish a hydroponic growing system, cleaning and packaging station and purchase meat processing equipment to enhance efforts for food sustainability at the Sitkalidak Sunrise Farm and throughout their Native village. This project will allow the Village to provide healthy, sustainable, locally grown and harvested vegetables, fruits, fish and game.



## ONEIDA NATION

ONEIDA, WI - YOUTH

\$44,170

Located in eastern Wisconsin, the Oneida Nation plans to use NAAF funding to educate local Oneida youth on traditional Tribal farming methods and soil conservation practices while promoting the reintroduction of historically important Tribal foods and community production techniques.





## OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION

BISHOP, CA - TRIBE

\$145,920

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission (OVIWC) is Tribally chartered and consists of three members: Bishop, Big Pine, and Lone Pine Paiute Tribes. OVIWC will provide access to fresh meat and produce, as well as securing support for supplies and equipment to fulfill at least two of their agriculture related projects.



## OYATENETWORKING/OYATE TECA PROJECT

KYLE, SD - 501(c)(3)

\$50,000

The Oyate Teca Project (OTP) is a Tribally community-based organization which has helped provide a safe environment for youth and elders. OTP intends to mobilize their Farmer's Market, thus increasing access healthy foods including traditionally derived crops and herbs.



## PAINTED DESERT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS (STAR SCHOOL)

FLAGSTAFF, AZ - YOUTH

\$40,000

Painted Desert Demonstration Projects is a nonprofit that runs the STAR charter school, serving Navajo families. With NAAF funding, they will work with local, Tribal farmers, a Master gardener, and an Indigenous culinary teacher to teach Navajo students to grow their own produce and later cook nutritional meals with their harvest.



## PASSAMAQUODDY WILD BLUEBERRY COMPANY

COLUMBIA FALLS, ME - TRIBE , YOUTH

\$177,347

Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company's (PWBC) core mission is to preserve and share the millennia-old blueberry picking tradition of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and other Tribes from Maine and the Canadian Maritimes. With NAAF funding, PWBC will increase value-added production of branded, frozen blueberries and create an internship program for Tribal youth.



## PENOBSCOT NATION

INDIAN ISLAND, ME - TRIBE

\$127,500

The Penobscot Indian Nation will establish Penobscot Native Farms, a six-acre farm that provides a 150-share CSA, contract growing, and community programming to strengthen food security for Tribal citizens. With the launch of Penobscot Native Farms, the Tribe will conduct market research and develop a business plan to explore expanded business opportunities and value-added production.



## PEOPLES PARTNER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE

LAME DEER, MT - CDFI

\$370,000

The Peoples Partner for Community Development (PPCD) is a certified Native CDFI serving Tribal members on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. NAAF funding will provide access to capital to Northern Cheyenne Farmers and Ranchers on the Northern Cheyenne Reservations. Small agriculture loans will be available to 20 Native American farmers or ranchers.



## PIIKANI LODGE HEALTH INSTITUTE

BROWNING, MT - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

Piikani Lodge Health Institute (PLHI) engages Blackfoot ways of knowing and being and global Indigenous Research Methodologies to lead research and action across health, food, land and water systems. With NAAF funding, they will finalize their multi-species processing plant feasibility study, design Blackfoot Nation grass-fed and organic standards and international trade plans.



## PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM FOUNDATION

KINGSTON, WA - 501(c)(3)

\$89,000

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal members. This project supports Tribal fishers and harvesters in the development of Tribal owned businesses to safely market-fresh fish and value-added seafood products directly to consumers through on-reservation roadside sales, by providing two business training and technical assistance and re-grants to eligible project participants.





## PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

SANTA FE, NM - TRIBE

\$127,123

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Bison Agriculture program will implement a program improvement project to facilitate the expansion of the Bison Agriculture program and improve existing capabilities of the program.



## QUAPAW SERVICES

QUAPAW, OK - TRIBE, AG EXT

\$156,849

Quapaw Services Authority aims to provide agriculture education and technical support to Native farmers, ranchers, and community members by expanding its free food preservation equipment rental program and hosting a series of agricultural workshops that focus on a range of topics from gardening to seed saving and food preservation.



## RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

RED LAKE, MN - TRIBE, TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$202,500

Red Lake Nation's Anishinaabe culture and economic development is tied to its land and fisheries. With NAAF funding, Red Lake Nation will continue building the capacity of its local food system by expanding paid farmer training for Tribal members, investing in the Tribal bison ranch, and increasing the Nation's produce distribution and storage capabilities.



## ROSEBUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (REDCO)

MISSION, SD - TRIBE

\$119,011

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO) provides services to Sicangu Lakota Oyate farmers and ranchers across their territory. NAAF funding will help support food sovereignty for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe by planning for the localization and regionalization of the existing food system.



## SENECA NATION OF INDIANS, THE

IRVING, NY - TRIBE

\$127,500

The Gakwi:yo:h Building Project will construct two processing/storage buildings at Gakwi:yo:h Farms on the Seneca Nation's Cattaraugus Territory. The structures will allow Gakwi:yo:h Farms to expand the number of farm products offered for sale and increase farm revenues.



## SICANGU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MISSION, SD - YOUTH

\$34,083

The From School to Farm program will prepare Sicangu Lakota youth for careers in food systems and agriculture and will empower ten high school and college aged youth on the Rosebud Reservation for future careers in agriculture and food systems work with a ten-week internship.

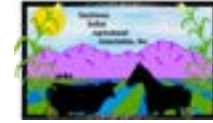


## SITTING BULL COLLEGE

FORT YATES, ND - EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

\$250,000

Sitting Bull College is a Tribal college servicing the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in both North Dakota and South Dakota that offers a variety of agriculture programs. With NAAF funding, SBC will develop a Veterinary Technician training program to meet the expansive need of veterinarian medicine across the northern Great Plains.



## SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

CASA GRANDE, AZ - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

The Southwest Indian Agriculture Association (SWIAA) promotes Indian agriculture and Tribal economic development to the 20 plus Tribes in the Southwest. SWIAA will provide education and technical assistance to enhance Tribal food systems, which will allow for more resilient Tribal communities in the Southwest.



## SPOKANE TRIBAL NETWORK PROJECT

WELLPINIT, WA - 501(c)(3)

\$100,000

Spokane Tribal Network (STN) generates hope for the Spokane Tribal Community by fostering inter-generational wellness and resilience. With NAAF funding, they plan to partner with two universities and the Spokane Tribal TANF program to restore traditional gathering areas with Tribal foods and medicines and offer agricultural education and technical support to local producers.



## SPRUCE ROOT, INC.

JUNEAU, AK - 501(C)(3), YOUTH

\$155,410

The Sustainable Southeast Food Security and Sovereignty Catalyst Fellowship will develop the local workforce of food producers, increase food security, and invest in the intergenerational transmission of traditional and customary food knowledge for Alaska Native individuals in the rural communities of Southeast Alaska. This will consist of a training program, project funding, business coaching, and networking opportunities for their Catalysts. Spruce Root's youth project will support 18 youth leaders in contributing to their communities' food security and indigenous food systems by increasing participation in traditional subsistence activities, building infrastructure that strengthens the local food system.



## STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY

BOWLER, WI - TRADITIONAL FOOD

\$75,000

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community will grow its traditional food program by securing traditional seeds, providing educational resources and technical support for growing these crops to community farmers, and creating a seed bank of traditional seeds for the community. The projects will also produce a cookbook.



## TOLANI LAKE ENTERPRISES

WINSLOW, AZ - 501(c)(3)

\$195,877

This project is a part of the Dine' Small Farm and Ranch Initiative, a collaboration led by Tolani Lake Enterprises with regional partners to revitalize Navajo and Hopi farms in the Little Colorado River Valley. This work will support regional farmers and food entrepreneurs with training, technical support, business assistance, mini-grants, micro-loans, and advocacy as they increase their capacity to grow, share, and sell nutritious food in the southwest corner of Navajo Nation.



## TREES, WATER & PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT, THE

FORT COLLINS, CO - 501(c)(3)

\$52,313

Trees, Water, and People (TWP) helps improve lives by encouraging communities to protect, conserve and manage their natural resources. TWP will host range management workshops, provide technical trainings, and support Tribal natural resource departments through implementation of rangeland projects.



## TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

**BELCOURT, ND - YOUTH**

\$48,600

Based in Belcourt, North Dakota the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians plan to use NAAF funding to support the Turtle Mountain Youth Ag Leadership Initiative with strategic planning that will lay the foundation for youth exposure to current Tribal agricultural initiatives and careers, leading up to the development of a Youth Ag Summit.

## UNITED HOUMA NATION

**GOLDEN MEADOW, LA - TRADITIONAL FOOD**

\$70,000

The United Houma Nation's mission is the preservation and promotion of traditional Houma customs, values, and knowledge, as well as the improvement of its community and people. With NAAF funding, the United Houma Nation will promote traditional shrimping, fishing, and cooking practices by creating a centralized marketplace and storage center for Tribal fishers.

## UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS

**FAIRBANKS, AK - AG EXT**

\$93,151

University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) is Alaska's state land grant institution that includes an extension service. With NAAF funding, UAF will amplify the voices and concerns of Alaska Native farmers, ranchers, and non-profit food producers and procurers to make sure they are heard by policy makers, educators, researchers, and service providers who can help them reach their goals.

## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

**TUCSON, AZ - EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

\$199,580

The University of Arizona (UA) is Arizona's state land grant institution that includes a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with an extension service. With NAAF funding, the UA will develop a program that will share research-based information and healthy practices in a culturally competent way by using existing FRTEP agents, cooperative extension personnel, and other experts to address practical issues facing Tribal livestock producers.

## UTAH DINÉ BIKÉYAH

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT - AG EXT, YOUTH**

\$85,000

Utah Dine Bikeyah is dedicated to safeguarding cultural resources and protecting the ecological integrity of Ancestral lands in southeastern Utah. With NAAF funding, Utah Dine Bikeyah will continue its ongoing efforts to reinvigorate the Four Corners Potato. This project will work with indigenous farmers and youth to expand production of this traditional food.



## WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

**SCHURZ, NV - TRIBE**

\$45,000

Pinenuts are a staple food of the Walker River Paiutes and have been picked and harvested since time immemorial. Working with Tribal members, this project will support our cultural foodways by supporting our Pinenut harvesters and contributing to our annual Pinenut Festival.

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

**WHITERIVER, AZ - TRIBE**

\$112,500

Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm will develop and implement a project that will expand opportunities agribusiness education, training through workshops and the Master Gardener program for among 10-12 local farmers and producers. The project will leverage resources to promote business development, healthy food access, producer network development and value-added production among White Mountain Apache communities.



## WIND RIVER DEVELOPMENT FUND

**FT. WASHAKIE, WY - CDFI**

\$387,167

Wind River Development Fund is a nonprofit community development corporation and federally certified Community Development Financial Institution that seeks to stimulate economic development on and around the Wind River Indian Reservation. With NAAF funds, the project aims to increase access to capital and other resources for Native farmers and ranchers on the Wind River Reservation by providing agriculture lending, start-up funds through re-grants, agricultural education, and credit coaching.



## ZUNI YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROJECT

**ZUNI, NM - 501(C)(3)**

\$100,000

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) is a Tribally based youth and family agriculture project. ZYEP will continue to offer 75 Zuni families resources needed to collect rainwater, grow and harvest crops, and foster positive relationships between Zuni family farmers and the greater Zuni community.





# 2020 IN REVIEW

The Muckleshoot Tribe, a 2020 grantee, roasts clams.





## INVESTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

*“Every dollar that NAAF grants is a seed. Since 2019, NAAF has planted 28 million seeds to help Indian Country grow.”*

-PORTER HOLDER (CHOCTAW)  
NAAF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND KEEPSEAGLE CLAIMANT

## TOTAL INVESTMENT

Since 2019, NAAF has distributed \$28 million in funding to 158 unique grantees executing 319 individual projects across Indian Country.

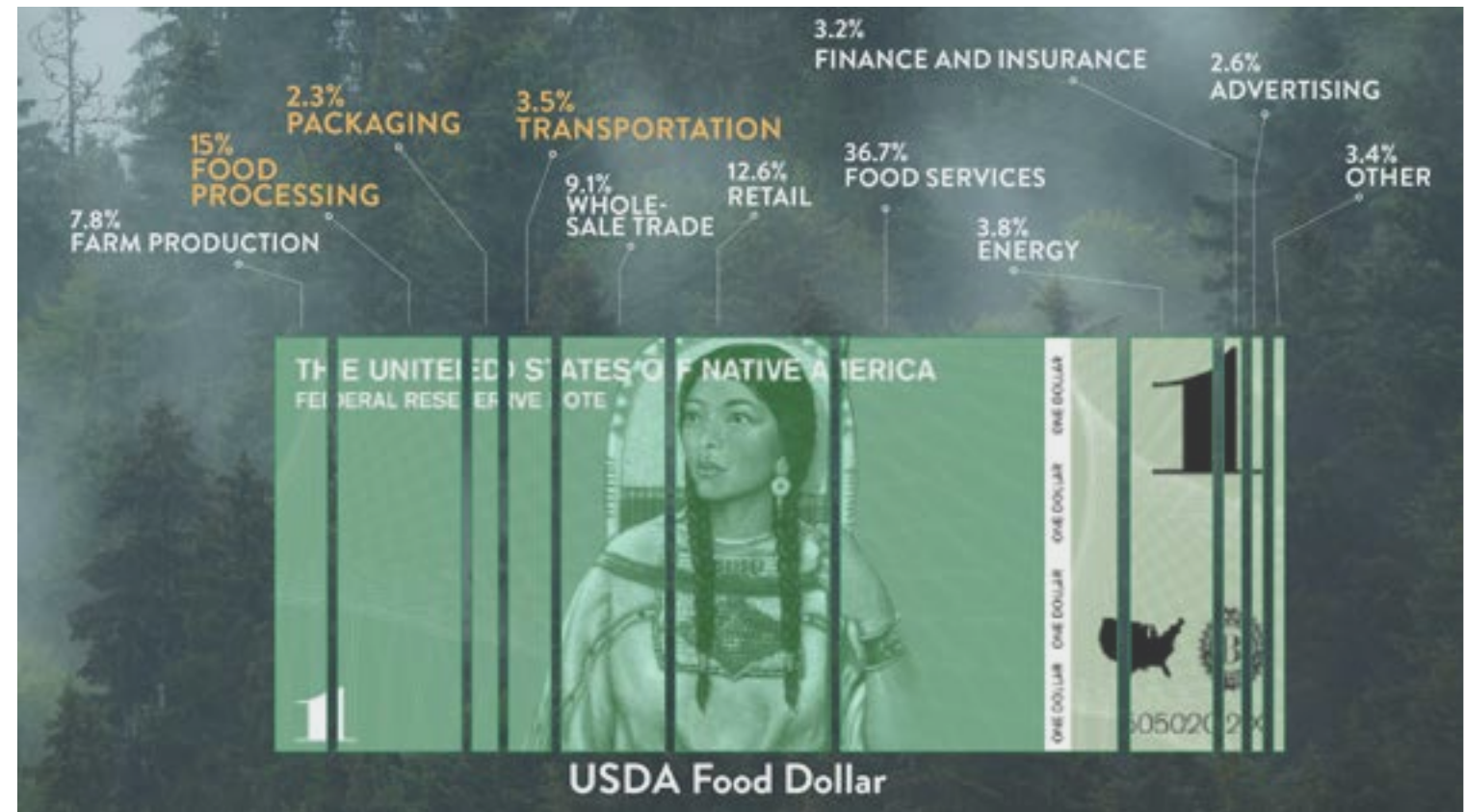
	CATEGORY	PROJECTS	TOTAL
<b>2019</b>	CDFI	12	\$2,847,471
NAAF's First Round of Grants	501 (C) (3)	26	\$2,893,318
Awarded in 2019	TRIBES	11	\$787,508
Grant Period Started	EDUCATION	4	\$504,555
January 1, 2020	YOUTH	20	\$497,873
	AG SCIENCES	5	\$506,329
	HEMP	10	\$574,319
	TRADITIONAL FOODS	21	\$1,388,625
<b>2019 RFA TOTALS</b>	<b>80 GRANTEES</b>	<b>109 PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>RAPID RESPONSE</b>	ALL CATEGORIES	74	\$2,000,000
One time investment to 2019 Grantees during the Pandemic.			
<b>RAPID RESPONSE TOTALS</b>	<b>74 GRANTEES</b>	<b>74 PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>2020</b>	CDFI	15	\$4,776,304
NAAF's Second Round of Grants	501 (C) 3	40	\$3,210,340
Awarded in 2020	TRIBES	22	\$2,007,086
Grant Period Started	EDUCATION	11	\$2,000,000
January 1, 2021	YOUTH	25	\$1,000,000
	AG EXTENSION	4	\$1,000,000
	ADVOCACY	2	\$1,000,000
	TRADITIONAL FOODS	17	\$1,006,268
<b>2020 RFA TOTALS</b>	<b>114 GRANTEES</b>	<b>136 PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158 GRANTEES</b>	<b>319 PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$28,000,000</b>

\*Some grantees successfully apply for more than 1 funding area and/or in more than one funding cycle which creates a difference between the number of grantees and projects



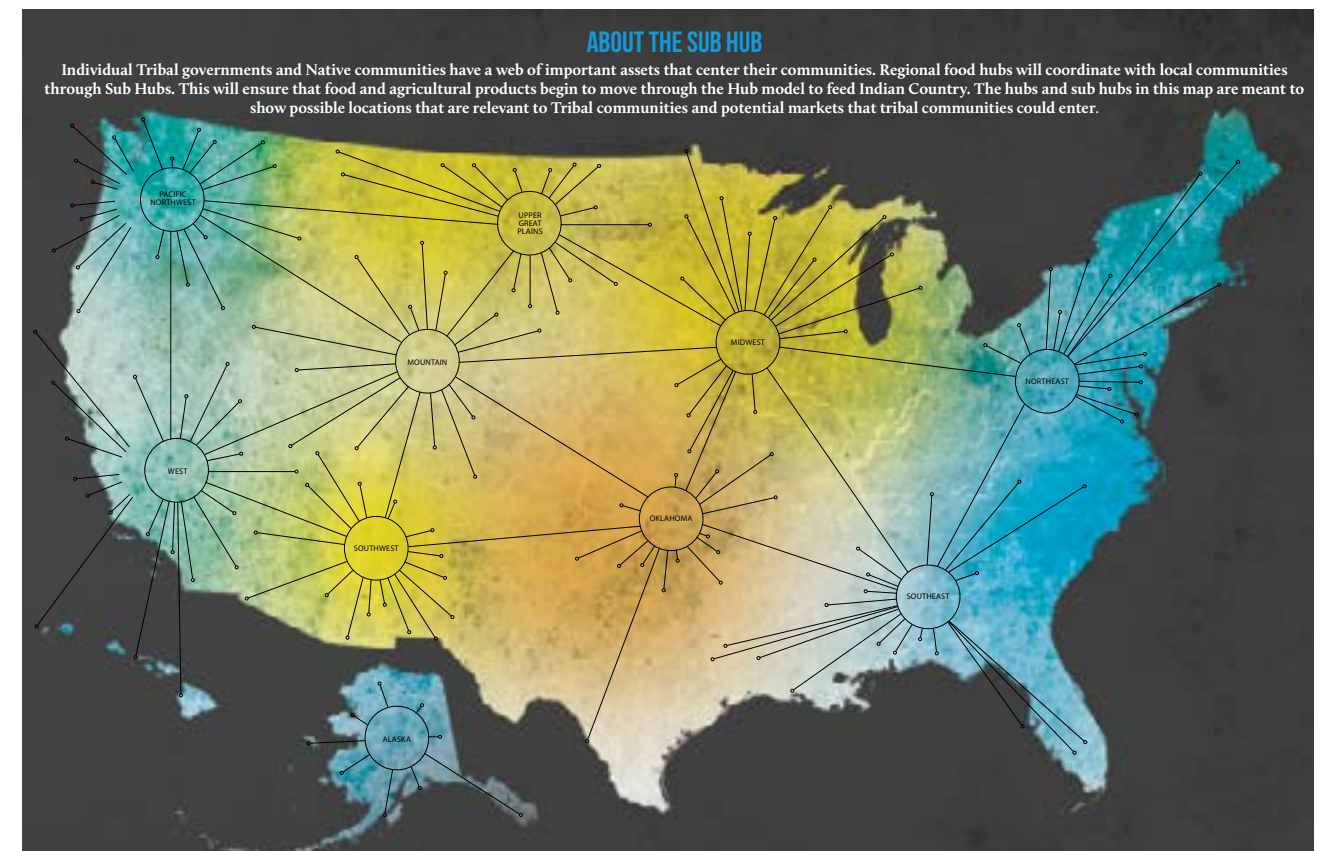
## A VISION FOR NATIVE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILDING AND RECOVERY

In October of 2020, NAAF released “Reimagining Native Food Economies: A Vision for Native Food and Agriculture Infrastructure Rebuilding and Recovery.” The document lays out a vision for the future of Native food systems centered around regional infrastructure and intertribal food and agriculture cooperation.



## ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Reimagining outlines the economic potential of Native Agriculture. If Indian Country were able to capture the value of processing, packaging and transportation of food already produced by Native farmers and ranchers, this would amount to a \$9.4 billion dollar industry.



# ACCESS TO CAPITAL



**Improving Native producers' access to capital is a critical mission of the Native American Agriculture Fund.**

NAAF partnered with CDFI's on several webinar series, trainings and a three-day agricultural loan underwriting school. In early 2020, NAAF quickly partnered on six webinars focusing on the needs of farmers and ranchers who were adjusting their businesses to the early impacts and uncertainties and uncertainty of COVID-19. The webinars reviewed tools that help Native farmers, ranchers and fishers with farm financial

planning, business management, loan application preparation, credit analysis and more. Later in 2020, we partnered to conduct a 12-part series on agri-

culture loan underwriting. NAAF will continue to leverage our resources and partnerships to improve access to credit for farmers and ranchers across Indian Country.

**\$2,847,471**  
invested in CDFIs in the  
2019 Request for  
Applications

**\$351,370**  
invested in CDFIs in the  
Rapid Response Fund

**\$4,776,304**  
invested in CDFIs in  
2020 Request for  
Applications

**\$7.98 MILLION**  
invested in CDFIs since  
NAAF's founding

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The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians fishes walleye on the waters of Lake Superior.



Through a NAAF grant, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is reaching 33 Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Programs, including the two pictured above. (Fort Peck and Colorado River Indian Tribe.)

Below: The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project provides opportunities for youth to engage in agriculture.

Left: The Quapaw Tribe's bison herd. Quapaw was funded in 2020 for advocacy and targeted tribe.



Above: Lines for food distribution provided by the Center Pole, a Fast Track grantee, on the Crow Reservation in Montana.



The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, a Fast Track grantee, harvesting wild rice



Blackfeet youth showing cattle. The Blackfeet Nation Stock Growers Association, a 2020 grantee, is providing \$100,000 in scholarships to Blackfeet students.



Coeur d'Alene Tribal youth dig water potatoes. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is a 2020 grantee





The Muckleshoot Tribe, a 2020 grantee, roasts salmon over an open fire



Blue Lake Rancheria, a 2020 grantee, is building green houses with their NAAF grant

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