





Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF)
Request for Applications (RFA)
Webinar #2 | August 20, 2019



Q&A

- Submit questions via the Questions box.
- We will do our best to answer all questions in the time allotted.
- Additional resources will be provided following the Q & A session for those that are not able to have their questions answered today.



Overview

- Created from the final cy pres funds settlement of the *Keepseagle* litigation
 - History: NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/history
- NAAF Board of Trustees executed the Trust Agreement in July 2018
 - Trust Agreement governs all operations; sets the stage for grantmaking function
 - Trust Agreement: NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/trust-agreement



Overview – Keepseagle Timeline

Keepseagle v. Vilsack Settlement

- Case filed in 1999 on behalf of Native farmers and ranchers for discrimination by USDA in the farm loan program
- \$680m in settlement; additional \$80m in debt relief; tax relief; and various equitable relief in addition to changes in the farm loan program policies
- Following completion of the claims process & payment of all successful claims, approx. \$380m remained
- A further payment (2nd payment) was made to each prevailing claimant
- \$38m immediate distribution (Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund) to benefit Native farmers and ranchers
- Approximately \$266m was used from the remaining funds to establish the Native American Agriculture Fund for a period of 20 years (expires in September 2038)



Overview

- Funds transferred to NAAF in December 2018 and RFA launched August 1, 2019
 - NAAF seeks to fund a wide variety of projects in 2019; future RFAs may differ in scope and funding
 - RFA: [NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants](https://www.NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants)
- NAAF welcomes ongoing input from Native farmers and ranchers as well as eligible grant recipients
 - Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R8YZTQ3>



Mission

Trust Agreement Section 7:

The Trust's Mission shall be to make grants to Eligible Grant Recipients, described in Section 8, to fund the provision of business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture.



Trustees

| Elsie Meeks (Oglala Lakota) – CHAIR | Richard Williams (Oglala Lakota) – VICE CHAIR |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Claryca Mandan (Three Affiliated Tribes) | Porter Holder (Choctaw) |
| Ross Racine (Blackfeet) | Jim Laducer (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) |
| Sherry Salway Black (Oglala Lakota) | Monica Nuvamsa (Hopi) |
| Paul Lumley (Yakama) | Dr. Joe Hiller (Oglala Lakota) |
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| Mike Roberts (Tlingit) | Dave Archambault, Sr. (Standing Rock Sioux) |



RFA Timeline

| Date | Description |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, August 1 st , 2019 | RFA Opens |
| Tuesday, August 13 th , 2019 | RFA Webinar #1 |
| Tuesday, August 20 th , 2019 | RFA Webinar #2 |
| Tuesday, September 3 rd , 2019 | RFA Webinar #3 |
| Monday, September 30th, 2019 at 11:59 pm CDT | RFA Closes |



Eligible Grant Recipients

As Required by the Trust Agreement Section 8(a) Eligible Grant Recipients are:

- Nonprofit organizations with IRS Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, or if such status has not yet been achieved, such organizations may apply for funding through a Fiscal Sponsor that has received such 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status;
- Educational organizations described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), including Certified Native CDFIs and Emerging Native CDFIs, provided however that such CDFI is a tax-exempt organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;



Eligible Grant Recipients (cont'd)

- An instrumentality of a state or federally recognized Tribe, including a non-profit organization chartered under the Tribal law of a state or federally recognized Tribe, that furnishes assistance designed to further Native American farming or ranching activities, provided, however that:
 - The use of any grant funds by such grant recipient shall be restricted exclusively to charitable and educational purposes;
 - The grant recipient shall annually provide NAAF with audited financial statements and reports as required by NAAF;
 - If the grant recipient is a governmental entity, it shall agree to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity with respect to the NAAF's right to enforce the terms of the grant (i.e. the amount of funding awarded); and
 - The grant recipient must agree to comply with expenditure responsibility requirement.



Eligible Grant Recipients (cont'd)

Grants to Fiscal Sponsors

- The Trust may make grants to eligible grant recipients acting as fiscal sponsors for organizations that would be eligible but for the fact that the organization has not yet received a favorable 501(c)(3) determination.



Eligibility

- Verification of eligibility is required
- Applicants must provide documentation to prove eligibility
- Applicants must serve Native Farmers and Ranchers:
 - The terms “farmer” and “rancher” should be interpreted in the broadest context possible and are meant to include farmers of all types of food and fiber products and ranchers of all types of livestock.



Allowable Use of Funds

- Applicants receiving funds will be required to use the funds to provide services to Native farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers and ranchers, and to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture.
- The key areas that are allowed funding under the Trust Agreement are broadly described as business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services.



Allowable Use of Funds

- The [Trust Agreement](#) controls the eligible uses and eligible entities for NAAF grant processes.
- The Trust Agreement prohibits grant funding for individual Native farmers and ranchers; but the Trust may make grants to Eligible Recipients that make grants to individuals (see Section 9(d)) of the Trust Agreement.
- Funds may be used for projects that are up to 24 months (2-years) in duration.
- Funds may be used for project support, scholarships, re-grants, loans or capital expenditures.
- Funding for programs that strictly meet the emphasis areas for the 2019 RFA will be given the highest priority for funding in this application process period.



Non-Eligible Entities/Projects

- Non-Eligible Entities or Projects include:
 - Entities that do not provide business assistance, agriculture education, technical support or advocacy services to Native farmers and ranchers
 - Work based outside of the United States
 - Projects that do not provide assistance designed to further the success of Native farming and ranching or provide resources designed to further such success
 - Projects that seek funding predominately to provide outreach on USDA programs and services



Non-Eligible Entities/Projects

- Projects that assist individual Native farmers and ranchers but the services are not agriculture-related
- Use of funds that are not restricted exclusively to charitable and educational purposes described in IRS Section 170(c)(2)(B)
- Use of funds for direct financial assistance to Native farmers and ranchers, such as addressing natural disasters (those funds are provided by USDA)



Non-Eligible Entities/Projects

- Use of funds for litigation
- Use of funds for direct lobbying or political activity as defined by the IRS (efforts to influence legislation)
 - However, other forms of advocacy may be allowable.
- Entities that are educational organizations but that do not have an established record of working with, by and through Native farmers and ranchers are not eligible for funding, unless they partner with a Native-controlled educational organization and such Native-controlled educational organization is the lead applicant on the project



Non-Eligible Entities/Projects

- Entities that have received Fast Track funding (NAAFTF) pursuant to a previous call for applications in 2016 which was subsequently funded in 2018 are ineligible for additional funding from NAAF for the same project activities funded under Fast Track funding until the expiration of their Fast Track funding period in October 2021. They may seek funding for new projects or continuations of work funded earlier but cannot receive funds for the same work previously funded through the Fast Track.
- When interpreting the scope of the RFA, and in light of the language in the Trust Agreement, we are not allowed to consider applications by entities that are community-based organizations that do not squarely meet the definitions of eligible entities in the RFA. But these types of organizations can partner with eligible entities.



Access to Credit

- Funding for programs that strictly meet the emphasis areas for the 2019 RFA will be given the highest priority for funding in this application process period.
- Moreover, since the central issues involved in the *Keepseagle* litigation involve issues at the core of access to credit, additional consideration will be given to those entities that have as one of their specific targeted outcomes the improvement of access to credit by Native farmers and ranchers.



Combination Projects

- Applications that combine focus areas (for example, projects combining business assistance with technical support or agricultural education with business assistance) will receive additional consideration over projects that are singular in focus.
- Value-added agriculture includes all types of processes by which value is added to raw ag products or raw hunted/gathered products
- NAAF will fund educational and advocacy projects that ensure solid educational information is provided to those developing policies and to Native farmers and ranchers
- NAAF will not fund projects seeking to provide educational opportunities or degree programs for Native students that are not directly involved in or focused on the agricultural sciences (in the broadest context possible).



2019 Funding Areas

NAAF has determined that there will be four primary priority areas and an additional four special emphasis areas for which funding will be provided during the 2019 funding cycle.



Priority Funding Areas: CDFIs

- Funding applications are sought from CDFIs or Native CDFIs meeting the definition of eligible entities and that currently provide agricultural lending to Native farmers and ranchers.
- These entities are not required to provide any specific percentage of their available pool for lending to Native farmers or ranchers, but should have demonstrated activity in this lending area.



Priority Funding Areas: CDFIs

- A pool of \$2,000,000 will be made available to fund projects proposed by those eligible entities that can provide proof of a current agriculture lending portfolio or a demonstrated need through public input from their service area that such lending opportunities are needed by Native farmers and ranchers they serve.
- There is no set limit on the amount of total available funding for any one project of the total \$2,000,000 a single CDFI or Native CDFI may seek, but additional consideration will be given to those applicants who seek to serve the broadest number of potential Native farmers and ranchers within the scope of their request.



Priority Funding Areas: Educational Orgs

- Funding applications are sought from educational organizations meeting the definition of eligible entities that currently provide and have in place advanced agricultural business classroom training, or who are ready to provide advanced agricultural business classroom training.
- The training shall be made available to Native students of the educational organization, can be provided as a certificate program or a degree-seeking program, and should cover such topics as agricultural economics, agricultural financing, agricultural marketing, hedging/futures/trading, agriculture entity selection, risk management, food safety, agriculture law and policy, supply chain/logistics in agriculture or related advanced agricultural business areas.



Priority Funding Areas: Educational Orgs

- This funding may only be used to support the provision of such targeted training to Native farmers and ranchers.
- If the project includes a FRTEP faculty member, such faculty member must be in the lead on the application and the project funds are to be used, not for salary expenses, but for program expenses (travel, assistance in the classroom in the training setting, program participant expenses, and the like).



Priority Funding Areas: Educational Orgs

- Funding will not be provided to proposed projects in this category if those being served in the classroom or the certificate program (online or in person) are not majority Native farmers and ranchers.
- A total of \$2,000,000 in funding is allowed for this target area of funding. There is no upper or lower limit on the amount of funds requested; overhead limitations apply.



Priority Funding Areas: 501(c)(3) Orgs

- Funding applications are sought from nonprofit organization meeting the definition of eligible entities within this request for applications. These organizations may seek funding for any type of project that is allowable under the framework of this request for applications.
- The nonprofit organizations must provide proof that they currently serve Native farmers and ranchers. They are required to reflect the percentage of their larger portfolio of activities that are focused solely on the needs of Native farmers and ranchers.



Priority Funding Areas: 501(c)(3) Orgs

- The nonprofit organizations may seek funding for enhancement of their own knowledge in the food and agriculture sector to encourage their employees and staff to have deeper understanding of the agriculture sector and needs of Native farmers and ranchers. However, the internal capacity development funds sought cannot be the majority of their proposed activities or budget for which funding is sought.
- There is a recognized need for all nonprofit organizations serving Native farmers and ranchers who are seeking success and sustainability in the agriculture sector to have greater knowledge of the business assistance, educational, lending, finance, technical, legal, risk and related issues facing such farmers and ranchers.



Priority Funding Areas: 501(c)(3) Orgs

- There is an available pool of \$2,000,000 for projects in this category and no upper limit on the amount of funding sought for any particular project.
- Higher consideration will be paid to those entities that have a singular focus on Native farmers and ranchers as their primary stakeholder group and those organizations that have experience in agriculture and/or experience in the needs of Native farmers and ranchers, as demonstrated by an established history of serving this audience.
- If the applicant is a start-up nonprofit organization, their Fiscal Sponsor is required to provide proof of service to Indian Country and/or the Native farming and ranching community.



Priority Funding Areas: Tribes

- Funding applications are sought from Tribal governments or instrumentalities of Tribal governments, as specifically described within the context of eligible entities as described within this request for applications.
- Funding applications are being sought for the narrow area of “value-added” agriculture enterprise development. Funding can be sought for feasibility studies, the securing or architectural, engineering, legal or other technical advisors for future value-added agriculture enterprises provided that those Tribal governments seeking funds are “shovel ready.”



Priority Funding Areas: Tribes

Tribes must be prepared to move to the next step towards investing in and creating value-added infrastructure that Native farmers and ranchers need in order to secure or maintain access to current or future markets, expand products available for the market, obtain the specialized technical support necessary in order to access or maintain presence in markets.



Priority Funding Areas: Tribes

Value-added agriculture has unlimited possibility for growth for Native farmers and ranchers and Tribal economic development activities. Because of this unlimited possibility for growth, NAAF is interested in targeting investments this funding cycle on ensuring that proper feasibility studies are done to support the ultimate success of project ideas; that proper analysis of technical, legal and other significant components of proposed value-added projects are supported; and that the use of available funds be targeted on the ultimate success and stabilization of Native farmers and ranchers who would use such Native-controlled infrastructure for product development and market access.



Priority Funding Areas: Tribes

There is an available \$2,000,000 for projects in this area. All projects should seek to limit their applications to no more than \$75,000 in total budget funding sought; NAAF will entertain higher amounts in the request but those entities that stay within the limit identified will receive higher consideration for funding.



Special Emphasis Funding

- NAAF is also seeking applications in four key special emphasis areas. These areas have been determined as important and of high interest among survey respondents and are also considered foundational concerns important to the underpinning of a strong and sustainable food system in Indian Country.
 - Traditional Foods and Food Sovereignty Programs
 - Hemp Production Analysis
 - Youth Programming
 - The Agriculture Sciences
- NAAF will fund projects for no more than \$75,000 per project in this area.
- NAAF intends to provide a total of \$500,000 in funding in this area.



Traditional Foods & Food Sovereignty

- NAAF will provide funding for a small group of projects focused solely on the opportunities to
 - Establish a new focus area of an existing food sovereignty/traditional foods program;
 - Explore “scaling up” existing food sovereignty or traditional foods programs to increase acreages under production involved within those programs or to expand the scope of those “scaling up” activities already in place; or
 - Secondary or follow-up activities to implement an existing food sovereignty assessment process.



Hemp Production Analysis

- NAAF seeks proposals in a very narrowly focused area to explore the potential for industrial hemp production and value-added activities among Tribal communities.
- While being prepared to engage in a new national production system for industrial hemp is important, NAAF firmly believes that to do so without proper analysis of the myriad of business, regulatory and production issues is problematic to the success of those seeking to engage in this area.



Hemp Production Analysis

- Therefore, NAAF is seeking to fund a group of projects that can be focused on any of the following areas:
 - Partial funding for project feasibility and market analysis studies for emerging industrial hemp crop production;
 - Partial project feasibility and market analysis for emerging value-added hemp product manufacturing businesses;
 - Analysis of transportation, testing, self-regulation and Tribal government regulatory needs in order to engage in the market; or
 - Development of Tribal plans authorized under the 2018 Farm Bill for regulation that will support Tribal self-governance in the emerging industrial hemp industry.



Hemp Production Analysis

- NAAF will fund projects of no more than \$50,000-\$75,000 per project.
- NAAF intends to provide a total of \$500,000 in funding in this area.
- NAAF will not entertain funding for CBD-related production or analysis as the emerging medical and labeling regulatory issues facing CBD are complex and the regulatory environment at this point in time is too premature and uncertain.



Youth Programming

- NAAF believes that the presence of Native youth in agriculture is important to the continued growth of Native food systems and to that end are seeking projects that focus on the inter-generational shift that is happening across Indian Country.
- These projects can include hands-on food production; support for 4-H, FFA or other youth groups in the community or school; youth-led community projects; youth ag councils; travel scholarships so that Native youth can participate in agriculture training or leadership programs outside their own community or connect with other Native youth in agriculture programs.



Youth Programming

- NAAF is also interested in investing in programs that provide information and guidance to those Native youth who are interested in choosing food and agriculture (farming and ranching or food system businesses) as their career choice.
- NAAF is seeking to fund small projects in the range of \$25,000 to allow as large a number of projects to be funded as possible.
- NAAF intends to provide a total of \$500,000 in total funding in this area.



Agriculture Sciences

- NAAF is interested in providing funding through scholarships to attend existing agriculture sciences programs, regardless of the type of degree-awarding institution or regardless of whether the educational program is undergraduate, graduate, professional degree, legal, veterinary or other agriculture-related professions or training in agricultural business-related fields. The agriculture sciences including technical as well as the economics and business areas are important to the future of Native agriculture.



Agriculture Sciences

- NAAF believes that development of a “bench” of agriculture-related professionals is critical to continued growth of the sector within our communities. To that end, we are interested in applications of at least two types:
 - Programs that are broad scholarship programs for individual students that are focused on competitive annual scholarships/stipends to attend agricultural science programs regardless of location; or
 - Programs that are single- or multiple-institution based agricultural science programs focused on recruitment and engagement of Native students for a specific degree program or a specific course of study.



Agriculture Sciences

- NAAF is also interested in programs that specifically focus on the need to advance Native students from undergraduate programs into graduate or agricultural professional degree programs or on programs that focus on national needs such as veterinary programs or pre-veterinary programs. But projects across all technical and agricultural sciences are important and such applicants are encouraged to apply.
- NAAF intends to provide a total of \$500,000 in funding in this category. There is no upper budget request limit to any individual application received.



Points to Consider in Applications

- The scope and nature of the services previously provided to Native farmers and ranchers
- The scope and nature of the services you plan to provide to Native farmers and ranchers with award funds
- How your requested award amount fits within the overall budget for your organization
- How your work integrates community accountability and Native leadership



Points to Consider in Applications

- Steps you will take to ensure the funds will be used for the purposes stated in the award proposal
- Whether your organization is based in a Native community that you are serving and whether you are in service to Native farmers and ranchers in that community; or whether, if your organization is not Native-led, you have a dedicated Native programming effort
- Whether your organization has a strong set of leaders and board members who are representative of the community and are accountable to the community that is being served



Criteria For Review

- Proposed Results
- Farmer and Rancher Demand
- Team Organizational Capacity and Collaborators
- Impact on Access to Credit
- Results
- Innovation
- Wide Application and Replicability



Mandatory Documents

- Organizations that are tax exempt must include formal documentation of the entity's tax status or other basis for eligibility.
- An applicant will need to submit a mandatory copy of a resolution from its governing body (i.e. Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, or Tribal Council depending on applicant type). The resolution must state:
 - Description of the services the applicant will provide to Native American farmers or ranchers
 - A statement of the authority or approval of the applicant to apply for funding from NAAF for the purposes intended.



Use of Funds

- Should the applicant receive an award, it will be used solely for purposes which meet the following three requirements: (a) the purpose provides assistance designed to further Native American farming or ranching activities; (b) the purpose is what was set forth in the application for funds; and (c) the purpose is encompassed by Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Should the applicant receive an award, the funds will be used as funds for the purposes stated in the application; no existing funds will be diverted away from that program if the applied for funds are received.



Project Budget - Tips

- Reflect only funding requested from NAAF.
- **Please use the required format for the project budget.**
- Required formats are available for download (from the NAAF website: www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants)
 - NAAF Budget Guidelines
 - NAAF Budget Template
 - NAAF Project Budget Sample
 - NAAF Budget Narrative Sample



Project Budget - Tips

- Include at the top of the budget your organization name, project name, and the requested grant period (in months).
- Separate columns are required for year 1 (and year 2 if you are requesting funds for more than one year).
- Applicants are required to identify in the project budget narrative the project activities that will relate to various line items in the budget requested.



Project Budget - Tips

Before you make a PDF of the budget, don't forget to:

- “Wrap” the text so that all of your explanation in a single cell shows up there and is not cut off.
- Check your math in your excel document.
- Make sure all of your numbers in a column are visible and not cut off due to formatting.
- If your budget runs onto more than one page, include the column headings on the 2nd page.



Project Budget

- Budget categories include:
 - Personnel: Include each person's title, annual salary and the percentage of time spent, indicating which proposed NAAF-funded activities will require what percentage of time.
 - Direct Costs:
 - Meetings and travel: Indicate the number of meetings or trips, the proposed NAAF-funded activities supported by each trip, the specifics on how your numbers were calculated. Include travel costs for one grantee-meeting should your project be selected for funding.
 - Supplies: Include specifics on costs and which proposed NAAF-funded activities will be supported.
 - Consultants: Indicate the # of hours, the hourly rate (or stipend/honoraria), and which proposed NAAF-funded activities will be supported.
 - Printing/publications: Be specific about the # and types of materials and which proposed NAAF-funded activities will be supported.



Project Budget

- Intermediary funds:
 - Re-grants, loans and scholarships
 - Be specific concerning the costs associated with the re-granting, lending or scholarship activity
- Indirect costs:
 - All applicants will be limited to no more than **15%** allowed indirect/administrative costs



How to apply online

This presentation will teach you how to apply for The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) 2019 Request for Applications. All applicants will be directed to NAAF's Grants page, where they can review important documents and click the "start application yellow button" which will take them to the application logon page.

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https://nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants/

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GRANTS

DEADLINE:
Monday, September 30th, 2019, 11:59 pm CDT

Welcome to the NAAF 2019 Request for Applications (RFA). All grant information is located on this page; please refer to it frequently throughout the application process.

We encourage you to scroll through the tabs below for an overview and then read the full RFA pdf (link below). Once you are familiar with the RFA, you may start your application in our online grant system (link below). We will also accept applications outside the online grant system; please review the instructions provided in the RFA pdf. Finally, we encourage you to download and review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) we have prepared for your use.

DOWNLOAD RFA PDF

START APPLICATION

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION PDF

The First Step is to go to NAAF’s page and start your application.

The link to the Logon Page for The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF)’s application is found on the Grants page of the Native American Agriculture Fund main webpage.

www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants

Application Instructions:

In order to access the online application system to apply, you must register in the system by clicking the **Create New Account** button on the **Log On** page.

- Please note that applicants are the only users that complete the registration process.
- Please note duplicate applications from the same organization will be flagged.
- Please note that the email you use when creating an account will become your username



Logon Page

Email Address*

The Email Address* field is required.

Password*

The Password* field is required.

Log On Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the Native American Agriculture Fund's Online Portal

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

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

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone within your organization or tribe may have already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact grants@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org to confirm the correct login information and receive your username and password.

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

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

<https://nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants/>

Creating a new account is a multi-step process:

- The first section collects the **Organization Information**.
 - Once all required fields are entered, selecting “**Next**” will bring you to the next section.
 - Then you will complete the “**User Information**” section, meant to capture the **Applicant’s** information or the information of the person completing the registration process that will be submitting a request. If the applicant’s mailing address is the same the Organization's, the “**Copy Address from Organization**” button can be utilized to automatically pull the information from the organization address fields into this section

Create New Account

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

ℹ This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.
Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

| Organization Information | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Organization Name* | EIN / Tax ID (##-#####) |
| Web Site | Telephone Number (###-###-#### x###)* |
| Organization Email | Address 1* |
| Address 2 | City* |
| State* | Postal Code* |
| Country | |

[Next >](#)

New Account Continued:

The email address entered in the **email/username** field becomes your **Username** in the system.

For this reason an email address may only be registered into the system once, as the email address is the applicant's unique identifier.

After you fill out the first section, you'll be asked to continue to fill out executive officer information as well as organization information.

Executive Officer Information:

First you must indicate if you are the Organization's Executive Officer or enter the information on behalf of the Executive Officer.

Some applicants will enter an executive officer as the main point of contact, therefore these staff members should not use their own email (as emails become user names). Instead they should use the email of the person who will access the site and become the main point of contact (POC).



Additional Account Information Found on the Logon Page:

User Information

Executive Officer Question

Additional Executive Officer Information

Password

Once you have completed all of these sections you will see a submit button on the bottom right of the page. Click this button and it will ask you to confirm your email.

New Account Created:


Upon clicking **Create Account** an automatic email is sent to you, directed to the email you entered in the “Your Information **email/login** field.”

This automatic email is a system default email and can not be changed.

You will land on the **Confirmation Page** where you are asked to confirm that you received the automatic confirmation email. The confirmation email can be resent if necessary to ensure system emails are being received.

If you have issues with your email, you can email grants@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org and we will work to resolve your logon issues.

Email Confirmation

 You will be receiving emails from this system about your request.

To ensure you receive emails from this system we have sent you an email to confirm your account was created successfully. If you do not see an email from *Native American Agriculture Fund* <administrator@grantinterface.com>, look in your junk or spam folder.

To remove *Native American Agriculture Fund* <administrator@grantinterface.com> from your spam filter, use the link below.

[Click Here](#) for a tutorial about removing email addresses from spam filters.

- I have received the email
- Continue without checking
- I have not received the email

Send Email Again

Continue

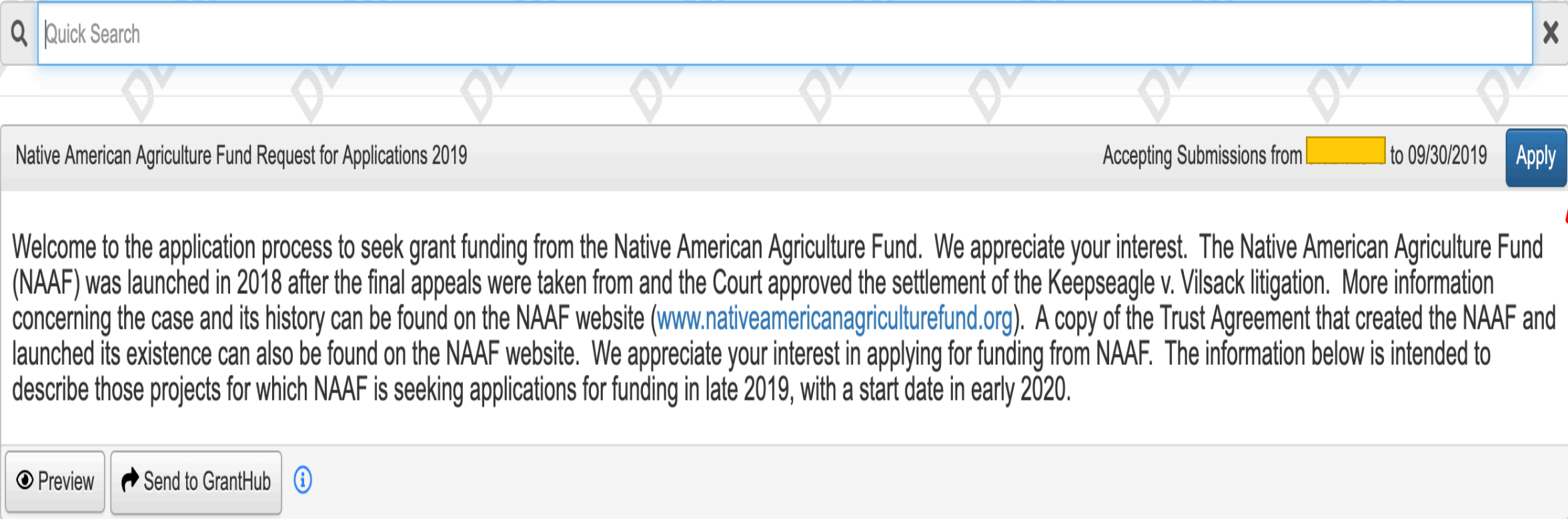
Once you have created your account you can then enter through the logon page, once you have logged on you will see the following page:

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Native American Agriculture Fund Request for Applications 2019 Accepting Submissions from [redacted] to 09/30/2019 Apply

Welcome to the application process to seek grant funding from the Native American Agriculture Fund. We appreciate your interest. The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) was launched in 2018 after the final appeals were taken from and the Court approved the settlement of the Keepseagle v. Vilsack litigation. More information concerning the case and its history can be found on the NAAF website (www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org). A copy of the Trust Agreement that created the NAAF and launched its existence can also be found on the NAAF website. We appreciate your interest in applying for funding from NAAF. The information below is intended to describe those projects for which NAAF is seeking applications for funding in late 2019, with a start date in early 2020.

Preview Send to GrantHub i



Creating a new account is a multi-step process:

Once you start your application you will have a series of questions and fill in the blank sections as well as upload documents questions. Depending on what type of funding and how many projects you are applying for, you will have access to all or some of the questions. If you check the box no on a section you will not see the questions associated with that area of funding. For example if you apply for Targeted funding only, you will not see the questions for any special emphasis area funding.

Applications automatically save.

Application

Preview As Applicants ⌵ 📄 Question List

[Process Manager](#) / [Native American Agriculture Fund Request for Applications 2019](#) / [Application - Native American Agriculture Fund Request for Applications 2019](#) / [Preview](#)

ⓘ Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

- > Project Services
- > Organization Information
- > Applicant Information
- > Project Financials
- > Required Uploads (all uploads must be in pdf format)

Uploading Documents:

- You can only upload Pdf documents.
- You will be asked to save project budget templates for each project or area of funding you are applying for. These links can be found within the application. Click them, download them, fill them out and then upload them back into the application in Pdf form.

Please Fill Out The Budget Template for Targeted Funding

See linked Budget Template below, click on the file button download the template, fill it out and upload it in the next question:

<https://app-box.com/c/h9z2pnst/tknud4ds2dd9l7mpoxpqr>



You will see an active link here, in the actual application.

Please Upload Your Completed Budget Template For Targeted Funding*

The previous question provided for a link to the budget template, upload the completed budget here

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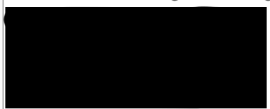

- Once you have completed your application and pushed the submit button you will be taken back to your dashboard, in the future this is where you will see application status updates and finally your approval or denial status. Approval letters will be mailed out with further instructions and the final amount of each award to successful applicants.

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Applicant: Mrs. Toni M. Stanger-McLaughlin  **Organization:** TMS Consulting  [Contact Email History](#)

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| Application | Submitted | 07/24/2019 | View Application |
| Decision | Undecided | | |

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| Application | Draft | 07/24/2019 | Due on 07/25/2019 12:00 AM CDT | Edit Application |
| Decision | Undecided | | | |



Critical Dates

Critical Dates for NAAF 2019 Request for Applications:

Open: August 1, 2019

Close: September 30, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. CDT



Website to find the RFA, Q&A and TA

Main webpage where you can access all essential documents including the RFA and Q&A:

www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/grants

Email for Information and Technical Assistance (TA):

grants@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org



Phone

Phone Assistance:

(479)445-6226

The phone line is open Monday to Friday, 8-4 p.m. CDT; you can leave a message at other times.



Paper Applications

- Using the online application portal is preferred, however, paper applications can be submitted as well.
- Paper applications must meet all requirements specified within the application including character limits as well as page limits.
- Please do not submit both an online application and a paper application. Paper applications must be submitted and dated by September 30, 2019.

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