



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Cultivating an Era of Native Agriculture

Stewardship through Transformative Action

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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

TONI STANGER- MCLAUGHLIN, JD (COLVILLE)

Wa'y, Hello,

Each day is a new opportunity to serve our Native communities and cultivate an era of thriving Native agricultural economies.

In the past two years, our communities have faced new challenges through a global pandemic and a rapidly increasing need to mitigate climate change. However, through generations, our Native farmers, ranchers, and communities have remained resilient. I am proud of the successes of NAAF and our grantees amidst adversity.

Through our mission to serve Native American farmers and ranchers and increase access to capital, at NAAF we are always adapting and pursuing solutions to issues that plague our communities and exacerbate disparities. We have the responsibility every day to be engaged, focused, and driven to advocate in every space where Native voices have not been heard before.

The collective work of non-profit organizations, educational institutions, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and Tribal governments are building a foundation for the future of agriculture in Indian Country. In 2021 NAAF invested \$15 million in grants, while forging new partnerships and making groundbreaking investments for future generations of agriculture leaders. NAAF worked in partnership with the Cooperative Development Foundation (CDF) and National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA) to inform and provide resources on cooperatives that create sustainable food systems and enhance Native food economies.

We also collaborated with leading research entities such as the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) and Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) at the University of Arkansas to provide new data that illuminated the challenges of food insecurity in Indian Country during COVID-19 and identified tribally driven solutions to address them.

NAAF was founded as a result of discriminatory agricultural lending practices and inadequate loan servicing. To expand opportunities for agriculture lending to minority farmers, NAAF began the pursuit of a new Other Financial Institution (OFI) within the Farm Credit System in respective efforts with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (FSC/LAF). Additionally, NAAF and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) stood up the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship (TAF) with other investing partners that include leading Native agriculture industry groups such as Farmer Mac, John Deere, and Farm Credit. The TAF program will award fellowships to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students pursuing technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees in agriculture with the goal of strengthening the flow of Indigenous professionals into tribal agriculture.

This is only a beginning for Native agriculture and the era of resiliency, as our Native producers and leaders continue to feed our people while safeguarding generational knowledge and advancing food systems that will nourish and empower the generations to come. NAAF encourages our future applicants to remember the original Keepseagle claimants and the harms they suffered. Furthermore, we hope that our grant applicants tailor their applicants to serve the claimants and their decedents; by doing so, we are remembering our roots and changing the trajectory of Indian Country Agriculture.

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.

MISSION

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.

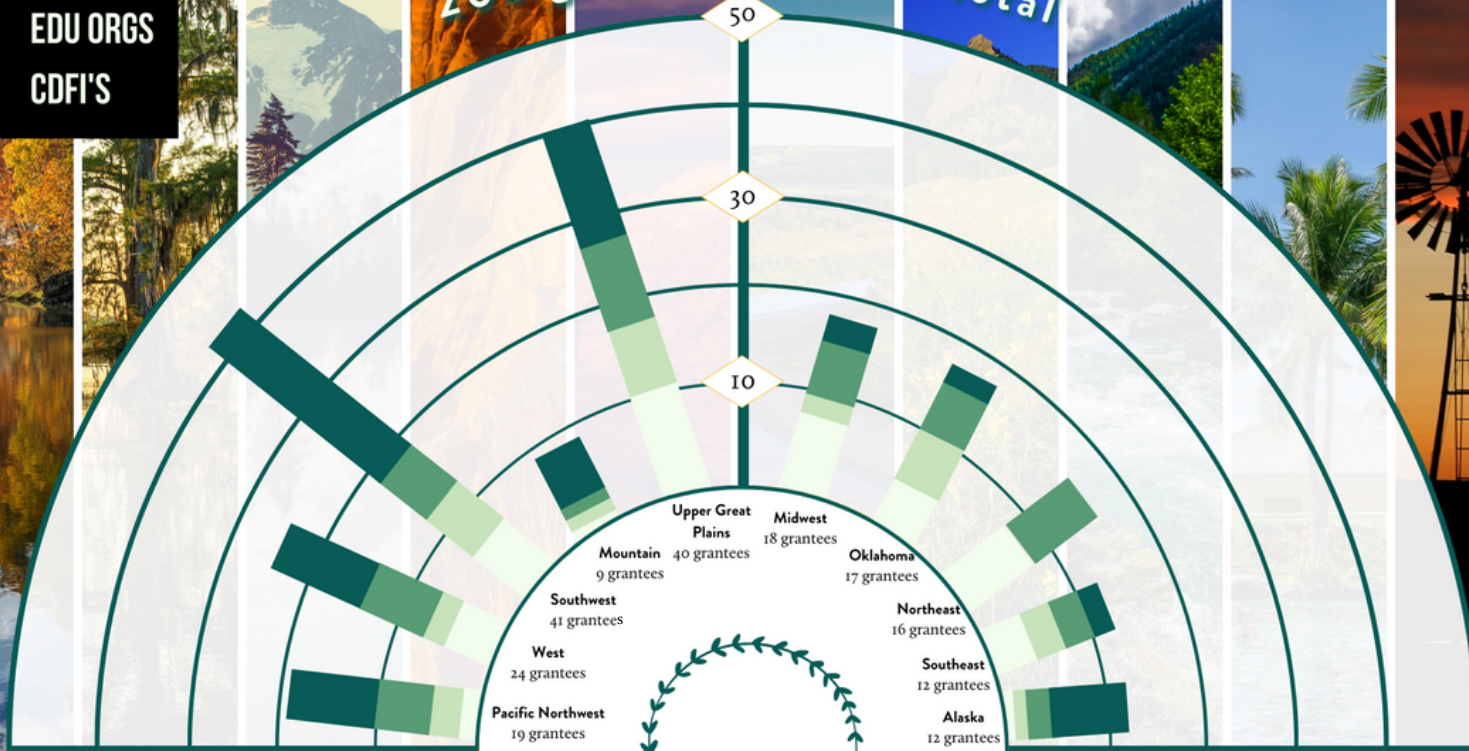
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- 501(c)3 Organizations
- Tribal governments
- Educational organizations
- Community Development Financial Institution's (CDFIs)

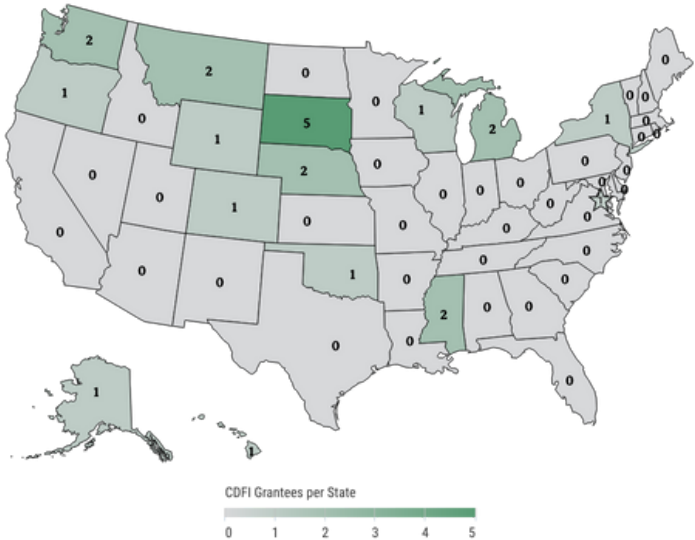
ALL REGIONS, GRANTEE PROJECTS

208 grantee projects total

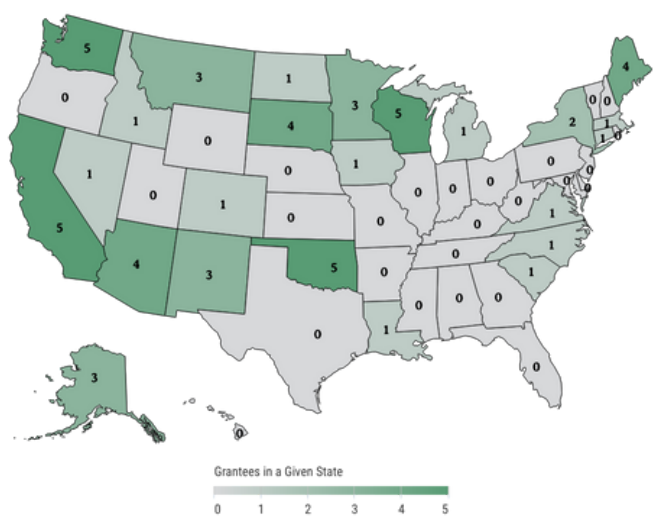
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- EDU ORGS
- CDFI'S



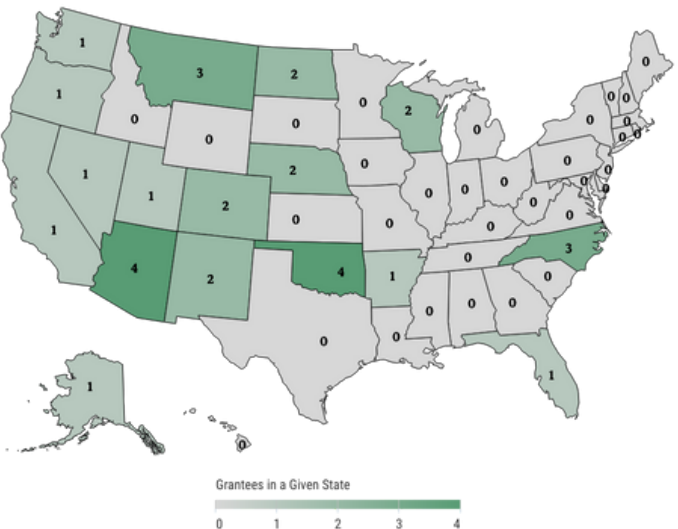
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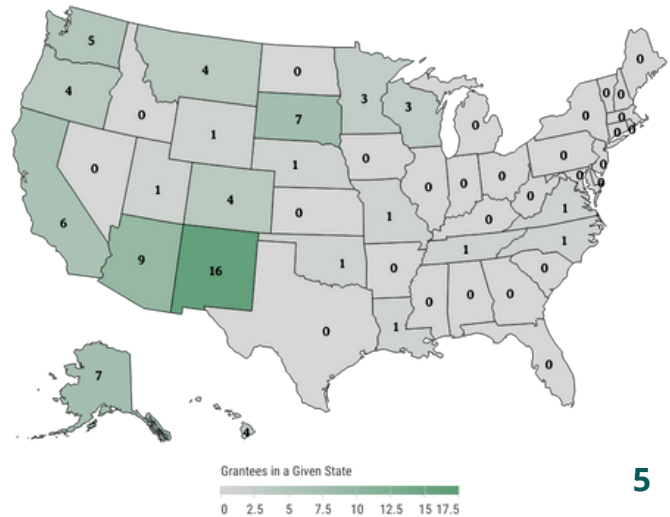
58 TRIBAL GRANTEES



32 EDU ORGS GRANTEES



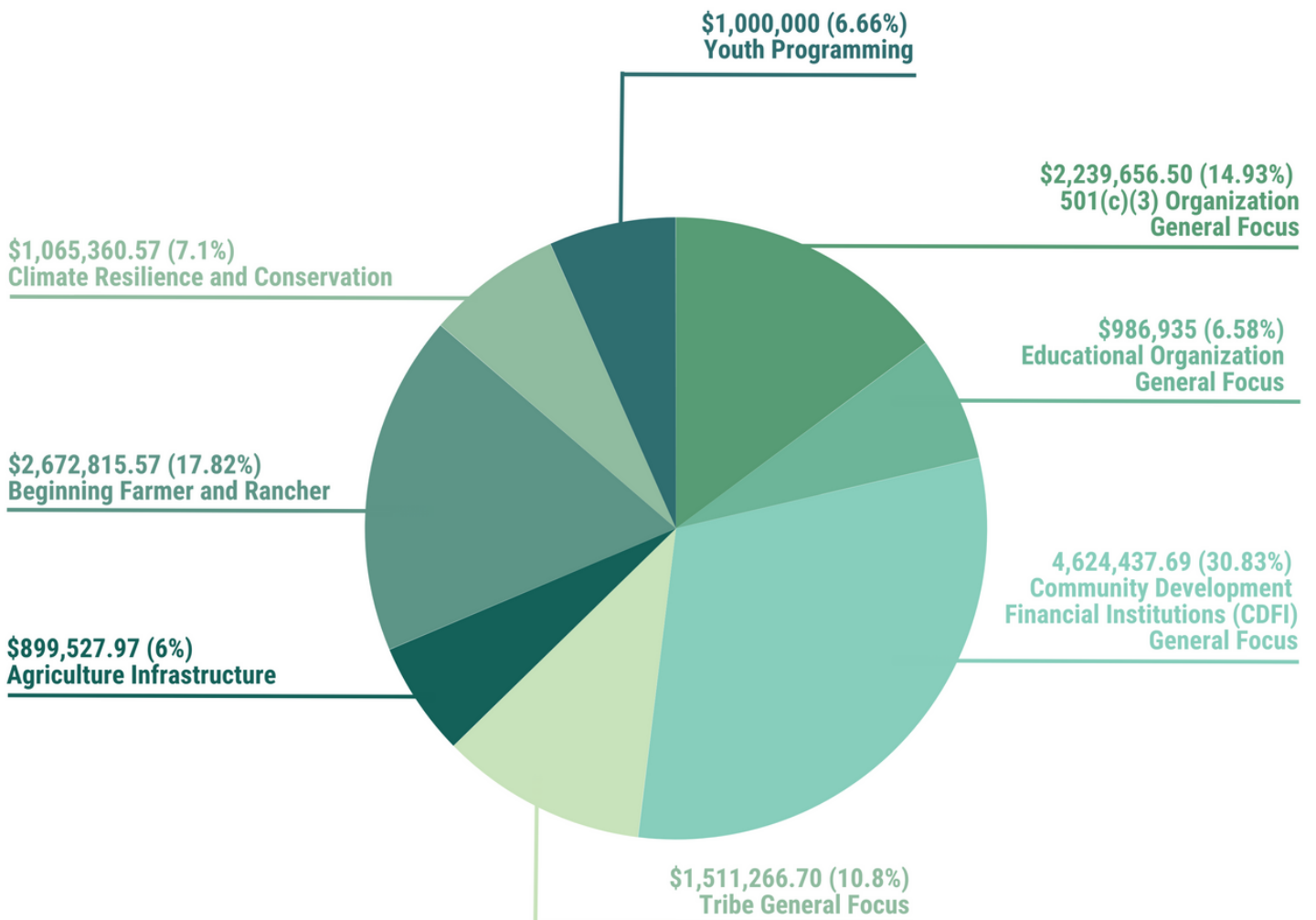
81 501(C)3 GRANTEES



NATIVE AGRICULTURE IN ACTION

In 2021, NAAF invested \$15 million in Native agriculture grant projects.

Project focus areas include youth programming; climate resilience and conservation; 501(c)(3) organization general focus; educational organization general focus; beginning farmer and ranchers; community development financial institutions general focus; agriculture infrastructure; tribe general focus.



2021 GRANT FUNDING BY ENTITY TYPE



501(c)(3)'s \$4,144,736.00



Edu Org's \$1,789,974.00



CDFI's \$5,916,000.00



Tribes \$3,149,290.00

FUNDING FOR SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS



Ag Infrastructure \$899,527.97



Beginning Farmer & Rancher \$2,672,815.57



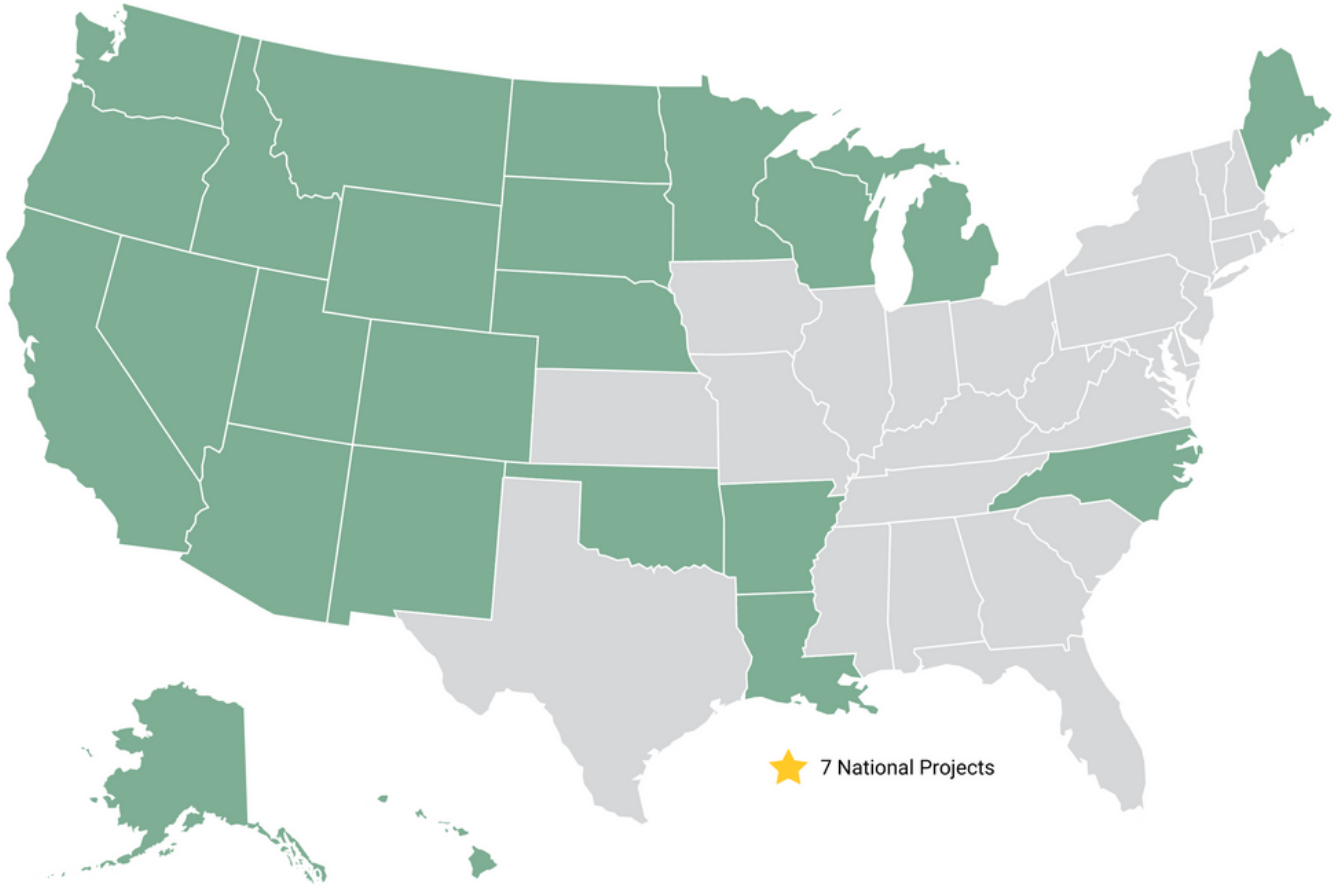
Climate \$1,065,360.57



Youth \$1,000,000.00

2021 GENERAL GRANTS

Area Served by Grant Projects



54 GRANTEES

Fifty-four grants awarded with more than 38% of the \$14 million granted going directly to producers as loans, re-grants, or scholarships

54

141 TRIBAL NATIONS

Grantees serve Native producers across 141 sovereign Tribal Nations

141

120,000+ NATIVE PRODUCERS

Grants provide direct capital to projects impacting nearly 125,000 Native producers

120,00+

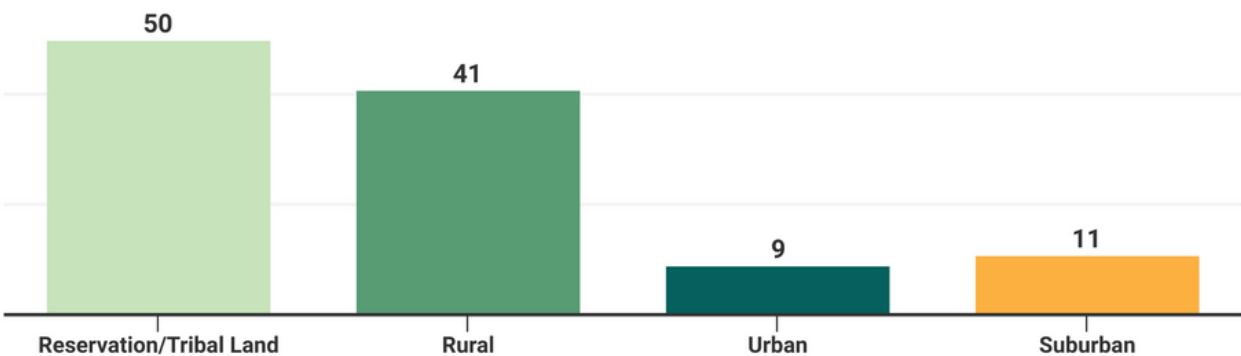
26 STATES

Projects will impact Native producers across 26 different states, including seven national projects

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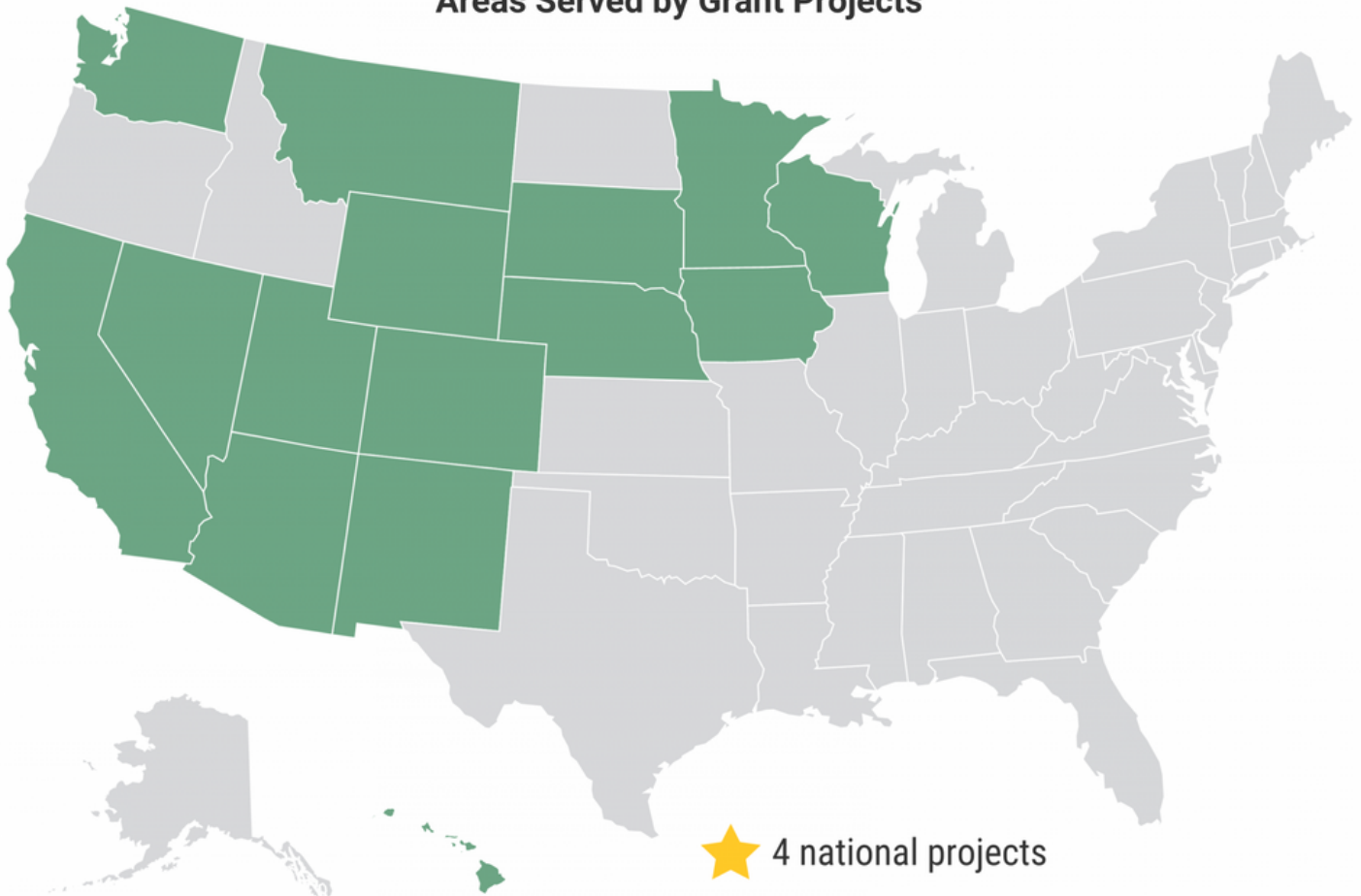
Which type of communities will NAAF funding serve?

Note: Entities can have more than one service community.



2021 YOUTH GRANTS

Areas Served by Grant Projects



20 GRANTEES

Twenty grants awarded with more than 14% of the \$1 million granted going directly to youth as loans, re-grants, or scholarships



115 TRIBAL NATIONS

Grantees serve Native youth across 115 sovereign Tribal Nations



3,500+ NATIVE YOUTH

Grants for youth programming provide direct capital to projects impacting more than 3,500 Native youth



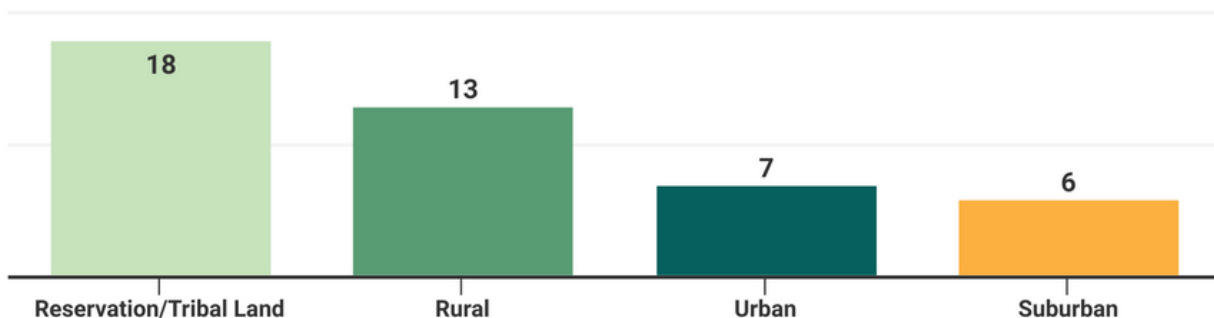
15 STATES

Projects will impact Native youth across 15 different states, including four national projects



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2021 GENERAL GRANTEES



1 **AKIPTAN** **EAGLE BUTTE, SD**
\$ 2,500,000

<https://www.akiptan.org>

Akiptan Inc. is a Native CDFI who aims to fairly provide capital and technical support to Native Farmers and Ranchers. Using NAAF funding, they will complete a market study, provide further access to capital for Native producers and create new loan products for Native Farmers and Ranchers.

2 **AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC.** **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**
\$ 100,000

www.aianta.org

The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) promotes agritourism on American Indian Reservations. AIANTA will use NAAF funding to build access to credit in Native communities through technical assistance, marketing opportunities, and relevant trainings and resources related to agriculture.

3 **BUFFALO NATIONS GRASSLANDS ALLIANCE** **LOWER BRULE, SD**
\$ 150,000

The Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance (BNGA) is a cooperative effort by the tribes associated with the Great Plains region. With NAAF funding, BNGA will enhance communication between Native communities, federal agencies, and non-profit organizations to better address the needs of great plains producers.

4 **CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES** **CONCHO, OK**
\$ 198,094.

<https://cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov/>

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have made successful strides in revitalizing their agricultural roots. With NAAF funding they will conduct research and a hemp feasibility study that will help inform their nation on best practices for them moving forward in this newer industry.

5 **COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION** **KESHENA, WI**
\$ 200,000

www.menominee.edu

The College of Menominee Nation is a Tribal College/University (TCU) and they currently offer courses in sustainable agriculture on their campus. Utilizing NAAF funding, they will organize workshops, facilitate discussions and expand agricultural course offerings by holding micro-credential courses about Native agribusinesses, sustainability practices, and the local Native community.

6 **CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE YAKAMA NATION** **TOPPENISH, WA**
\$ 186,862.50

www.yakamanation.org

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation continue to invest in their youth in a multitude of ways. Using NAAF funding they will provide scholarships and internships to Yakama students seeking agriculture related certifications and degrees, building capacity in their communities for agricultural sustainability.





7

DINÉ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CHINLE, AZ

\$ 150,000.

www.dinecdc.org

The Dine Community Development Corporation (DCDC) promotes the expansion of cooperatives in the Navajo Nation. The DCDC will apply NAAF funding to develop readily accessible cooperative services, and enhance marketing and processing opportunities for Navajo Nations farmers and ranchers.

8

ECOTRUST PORTLAND, OR

\$ 152,311

<https://ecotrust.org/>

Ecotrust works with organizations to provide equitable outcomes for a climate-smart future. Ecotrust in collaboration with the Hoopa Valley Tribe are committed to use NAAF funding to create a cost-benefit analysis for the tribe's forest management activities.

9

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE DURANGO, CO

\$ 118,000

www.fortlewis.edu

Fort Lewis College is an institution of higher learning that currently offers agriculturally related certificate programs. They will apply NAAF funding to improve access to capital, agriculture education, technical support and will begin providing trainings, promoting land exploration and providing re-grants for beginning farmers and ranchers.





10 **FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND** **EAGLE BUTTE, SD**

\$ 1,000,000.

www.fourbands.org

Four Bands Community Fund is a Native CDFI that provides opportunities for small business development and wealth building specifically on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. With NAAF funding, they aim to break intergenerational poverty by providing loan capital, equity bundles, matched retirement accounts, and financial literacy training.



11 **HEALTHY FUTURES INC.** **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

\$ 152,925.06

www.healthyfuturesnm.org

Healthy Futures Inc.(HFI) partners with community-based organizations to address under-served populations' educational quality and health issues. HFI will use NAAF funding to develop business planning skills for American Indian farmers and ranchers to better prepare Native producers to apply for Federal, State or foundation funding opportunities.

12 **HOCHUNK COMMUNITY CAPITAL, INC.** **WINNEBAGO, NE**

\$ 200,000.00

www.hccdc.org

HoChunk Capital is a Native CDFI that focuses primarily on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and economic development with the Winnebago Tribe. With NAAF funding, they will help Native entrepreneurs develop agriculture enterprises, provide technical assistance, help market produce at a farmers market sales location and provide capital for business startups.



13 **HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOUNDATION** **ARCATA, CA**

\$ 118,945.04

<https://research.humboldt.edu/>

Humboldt State University was established in 1913 and provides more than 50 majors on its campus. With NAAF funding, Humboldt will build the very first Native American Studies Food Sovereignty Lab. This lab will bring together Tribal Nations and researchers, while providing advocacy and technical support for Native farmers and ranchers.



14 **INDIGENOUS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE,** **FAYETTEVILLE, AR**
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW

\$ 598,299

www.indigenousfoodandag.com

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) is dedicated to tribal food sovereignty and advancing traditional foods. With NAAF funding, IFAI will create an Indigenous Food and Agriculture Law program that will specialize in educating its learners about the unique legal issues that Indigenous producers see firsthand daily. They will also continue their annual Native Youth in Agriculture Leadership Summit which will offer 50 beginning farmers and ranchers 100 hours of agriculture education and policy training pertaining to capital access; and provide both classroom and hands on learning experiences in conservation, land stewardship and natural resource management as a means to combating climate change for beginning Native farmers and ranchers.

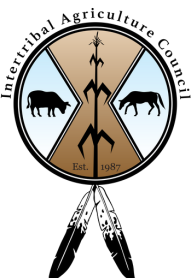


15 **INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL** **BILLINGS, MT**

\$399,996.5

www.indianag.org

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) promotes conservation and the development of agricultural resources on Indian lands. With NAAF funding, IAC will address access to credit for American Indian producers and enable collaborative systems to create opportunities, as well as enhance the participation of native land stewards in the regenerative agriculture movement.





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KODIAK ARCHIPELAGO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE **KODIAK, AK**

\$ 158,127.30

www.kodiakleadershipinstitute.org

The Kodiak Archipelago Leadership Institute (KALI) supports the Alutiiq community members through community development and education. KALI will use NAAF funds to create at least 8 Alaska Native-owned aquatic kelp farms by developing business plans, applying for permits, and teaching training courses for beginning farmers.



17

LOWER BRULE CORPORATION **LOWER BRULE, SD**

\$ 194,014

www.lowerbrulesiouxtribe.com/

The tribal instrumentality Lower Brule Corporation has a long legacy of agricultural production. They plan to use NAAF funds to explore ways to optimize the sales of their products through a feasibility study, market assessment, strategic business planning, graphic and web design, and direct marketing setup.



18

LUMMI CDFI **BELLINGHAM, WA**

\$ 199,999.64

www.lummicdfi.org

The Lummi CDFI offers access to capital for Native entrepreneurs which is based on honoring Indigenous practices and principles. The Lummi CDFI will use NAAF funds to provide capital to Native fishermen and upcoming entrepreneurs. Funding will also provide technical assistance via zoom meetings, podcasts, and one on one options for producers.



19

MAKOCE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT INC. **PORCUPINE, SD**

\$ 200,000

<https://makoceag.org/>

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MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION **OKMULGEE, OK**

\$ 396,366.30

www.mcn-nsn.gov/

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation manages a wide array of agricultural operations. With NAAF funding they plan to diversify their portfolio by offering grant opportunities and training for tribal farmers and ranchers interested in aquaponics.



21

MVSKOKE LOAN FUND **OKMULGEE, OK**

\$ 200,000

www.mvskokefund.org

The Mvskoke Loan Fund is a Native CDFI that provides consumer lending, small business lending and agribusiness lending. With NAAF funding, they will provide technical support and training, expand the financial capital available to disadvantaged Native farmers and ranchers and encourage further growth of Native agribusinesses.



22

NACA INSPIRED SCHOOLS NETWORK **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

\$ 199,908.70

<http://www.nacainspireschoolsnetwork.org/>

NACA Inspired Schools Network (NISN) helps create excellent schools in the communities they serve. Using NAAF funding, NISN will make an Indigenous Farm Hub to host a paid agriculture residency program to help teach Native community members agriculture technical assistance, operations, and business planning to create agriculture opportunities in their tribal communities.





23 NATIVE 360 LOAN FUND GRAND ISLAND, NE

\$ 75,679

www.native360.org

Native 360 Loan Fund is a Native CDFI that provides capital and technical assistance to Native business owners. Using NAAF funding, they will provide access to capital for producers and create a business plan aimed at financing farm equipment through an established partnership with Akan (John Deere).

24 NATIVE AMERICAN HORSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION TUCSON, AZ

\$ 150,000

www.nahefoundation.org

The Native American Horse Education Foundation (NAHEF) is a 501c3 entity to train tribal members to improve the well-being of their community and their horses. NAHEF will use NAAF funding to partner with tribal communities and provide a two week training course in the art of farrier-ing.



25 NATIVE CDFI NETWORK, INC. WASHINGTON, DC

\$ 600,000

www.nativecdfi.net

The Native CDFI Network is a national network that seeks to unify Native CDFI's. With NAAF funding, they will create a Native CDFI Intermediary which will help extend their agriculture and food producer loan pool. Funding will assist in providing long term low interest loans to applicants seeking capital in Indian Country.





26 **NATIVE CONSERVANCY** **ANCHORAGE, AK**

\$ 191,156.48

www.nativeconservancy.org

The Native Conservancy (NC) works with Alaska Native communities in the region of Prince William Sound to help permanently protect their homelands and preserve endangered habitats. With NAAF funding, NC will help prepare Alaska Native Communities for the growing mariculture industry and enhance tribal food sovereignty by increasing the number of kelp farmers.



27 **NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE** **MACY, NE**

\$ 199,989.60

www.thenicc.edu

Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC) is an accredited Tribal College/University focused on educating every individual that steps through their doors. With NAAF funding the college and their community partners will cohesively develop courses to build capital and agribusinesses, business entrepreneurship, agricultural management and drone technology and its usefulness among agricultural producers.

28 **NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY CAPITAL** **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

\$ 153,417.50

www.nmccap.org

New Mexico Community Capital (NMCC) promotes Native-owned businesses by providing technical and advocacy services. NMCC will provide training and invest in Native-owned farms with NAAF funding to help build credit and access to equipment for Native producers.



29 **NORTHERN SHORES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** **HARBOR SPRING, MI**

\$ 270,626

www.nscdi.org

Northern Shores Community Development, Inc. is a Native CDFI that provides loans for farmers and ranchers and other business owners. With NAAF funding, they will provide access to capital and increase agribusiness growth in their community. With agriculture teachers, they will also teach sustainability and independence principles to Native farmers, ranchers and fishers.



30 **NORTHWEST NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND** **COULEE DAM, WA**

\$ 350,000

www.thenndf.org

The Northwest Native Development Fund's is a Native CDFI that empowers entrepreneurs and strives to meet community needs by providing access to capital. With NAAF funding, capital will be disbursed to Native producers. Education and trainings on large animals, forestry and fisheries will also be provided to agricultural producers.



31 **OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION** **BISHOP, CA**

\$ 172,100

www.oviw.com

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission (OVIWC) is Tribally chartered and consists of three member tribes: Bishop, Big Pine, and Lone Pine Paiute Tribes. With NAAF funding they will provide agricultural re-grants, as well as offer educational trainings, credit advocacy, and resources to support Native farmers and ranchers.





32

PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE AT INDIAN TOWNSHIP

PRINCETON, ME

\$ 168,141.20

www.passamaquoddy.com

The Passamaquoddy Tribe has a rich and long history harvesting maple syrup that has evolved into a successful business venture. They will expand their existing maple syrup operations using NAAF funding and continue to amplify their presence in retail and wholesale markets.

33

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM FOUNDATION

KINGSTON, WA

\$ 196,694.46

www.sklallamfoundation.org/

Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation (PGSF) improves the lives of its community members with projects dedicated to preserving cultural heritage. With NAAF funding, PGSF will create access to the seafood market in the region by providing incentives and training.



34

QUAPAW SERVICES AUTHORITY

QUAPAW, OK

\$ 197,261.73

<https://www.quapawtribe.com/472/Quapaw-Services-Authority-QSA>

The Quapaw Services Authority oversees multiple successful agricultural operations. They plan to expand their current Quapaw Farmers Market offerings with NAAF funding to help improve their Native producers' ability to maintain their available supplies during high and increasing demand periods.



35

RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

BAYFIELD, WI

\$ 199,732

www.redcliff-nsn.gov

Wisconsin the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa operate Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm which plays an important role in advancing food sovereignty goals of the tribe. They plan to use NAAF funding to hire a Food Sovereignty Coordinator that will provide support and help further cultivate their initiatives.



36

ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LUMBERTON, NC

\$ 158,738

www.robeson.edu

Robeson Community College (RCC) provides technical training and academic opportunity for college students. With NAAF funding, RCC will provide access to capital, engage with community business leaders along with Native farmers and ranchers in order to implement agriculture business management courses and entrepreneurship opportunities for the sector.



37

SAN XAVIER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

TUCSON, AZ

\$ 197,250

<https://www.sanxaviercoop.org/>

The San Xavier Cooperative Farm has stewarded Tohono O'odham lands using traditional agricultural and foraging practices for decades. They will expand their education and outreach utilizing NAAF funds to benefit O'odham people and producers in southern Arizona that are heavily impacted by drought, poverty, and diabetes.



38

SPRUCE ROOT, INC.

JUNEAU, AK

\$ 175,562.31

www.spruceroot.org

Spruce Root, Inc. is a Native CDFI dedicated to helping businesses by providing access to capital and technical assistance. They will utilize NAAF funding to develop the Southeast Alaska Food Catalyst Fellowship. This fellowship will assist with developing local food security by preserving traditional food knowledges and promoting food sovereignty.





39

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY BOWLER, WI

\$ 199,105

www.mohican.com

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community aims to increase access to capital for Native producers by creating economic opportunities and building food resources within the community. With NAAF funding they will create a Native led food hub that will increase economic opportunities for Native producers and increase local food availability within the community.

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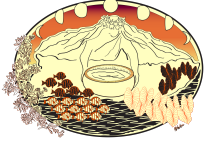
SUSTAINABLE MOLOKAI KAUNAKAKAI, HI

\$ 200,000

www.sustainablemolokai.org

Sustainable Molokai (SM) is a 501c3 dedicated to offering sustainable solutions through Molokai cultural heritage principles. SM will work with 21 Native Hawaiian farmers to launch successful sustainable chicken egg businesses with NAAF funding.

Sust ‘āina ble Molokai



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SWINOMISH TRIBE LACONNER, WA

\$ 191,665.76

www.swinomish-nsn.gov

The Swinomish Tribe is committed to preserving and promoting traditional foods in the Pacific Northwest. Using NAAF funds they will conduct research to ensure that Swinomish cultivation of their traditional foods, specifically camas, is resilient to climate impacts, builds healthy soils, and promotes biodiversity on the reservation.



Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Department of Environmental Protection
1100 Mungwa Way - LaConner, WA 98227 - 360.466.7200 - 360.466.1813 fax

42

TANKA FUND KYLE, SD

\$ 200,000.

www.tankafund.org

The Tanka Fund (TF) is a 501c3 whose primary mission is to bring back the buffalo to Indian Country. Using NAAF funding, TF will provide Native buffalo producers greater access to capital derived from education and training to be successful.



43

THE PEOPLES PARTNER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAME DEER, MT

\$ 40,000

www.thepeoplespartners.org

The Peoples Partners for Community Development is a Native CDFI invested in economic development of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. NAAF funding will assist in providing financial literacy for youth and capital access for Northern Cheyenne Farmers and Ranchers in order to allow their business operations the opportunity to be transferred intergenerationally.



44

THUNDER VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PORCUPINE, SD

\$ 200,000

<https://thundervalley.org/>

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation (TVCDC) is a 501c3 organization established to address the many needs of their Lakota community. With NAAF funding, TVCDC will enhance tribal food sovereignty through financial and agricultural-related services to increase value-added foods and economic development opportunities on the Pine Ridge Reservation.





45 **TOLANI LAKE ENTERPRISES INC. WINSLOW, AZ**

\$ 199,963

<http://tolanilake.org>

Tolani Lake Enterprises Inc.(TLEI) is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening food, water, and economic security in the southwestern section of the Navajo Nation. TLEI will continue to expand its programming using NAAF funding to provide training, technical assistance, and mini-grants to Native producers across the U.S.



46 **TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS BELCOURT, ND**

\$ 195,073

<https://tmchippewa.com/>

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is engaged in multiple Tribal agricultural initiatives. With NAAF funding they will ensure their agricultural enterprises are well managed and that Tribal producers have access to resources they need to be successful with the development of a tribal Agriculture Department.



47 **UNITED HOUMA NATION GOLDEN MEADOW, LA**

\$ 198,234

www.unitedhoumanation.org

The United Houma Nation's mission is the preservation and promotion of traditional Houma customs and knowledge. Using NAAF funding they will create the Tribal Education Center and Library that will provide resources and educational programming to promote agriculture and fishing, as well as a beekeeping pilot program for tribal citizens.

48 **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE PEMBROKE, NC**

\$ 110,028.36

www.uncp.edu

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) was founded in 1887 and prides itself in promoting diversity and affordability. Utilizing NAAF funding, they will implement the Native STEPS program that is designed to attract students who are interested in sustainable agriculture courses based on entrepreneurship principles and practices.



49 **VILLAGE EARTH FORT COLLINS, CO**

\$ 195,500

<https://villageearth.org>

Village Earth is a 501c3 non-profit organization established to help reconnect communities to resources that may help their human well-being. Village Earth are dedicated to helping expand land and agriculture data on the Native Land Information System for tribal nations and Native agriculture producers.



50 **WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE SCHURZ, NV**

\$ 153,100.51

www.unitedhoumanation.org

The Walker River Paiute Tribe, located on a high desert land base, is critically aware of the importance of water. With NAAF funding they will upgrade irrigation canals on the reservation that will allow for water savings during extreme drought, as well as conduct educational workshops for tribal producers.



51 **WIND RIVER DEVELOPMENT FUND FT. WASHAKIE, WY**

\$ 188,133.05

www.wrdf.org

Wind River Development Fund is a Native CDFI promoting self-sufficiency and providing capital and technical assistance. With NAAF funding, they'll implement the Wind River Ag Business Development project to increase capital access to farmers and ranchers, provide technical assistance, business planning, agriculture education and one on one support to producers.



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WISCONSIN TRIBAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL **OCONTO FALLS, WI**

\$ 200,000

www.wtcac.org

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) provides a forum for eleven Native American Tribes in Wisconsin on natural resources and agriculture issues. With NAAF funding, WTCAC will develop a statewide collaborative effort to help train the next generation of Native American farmers and ranchers.



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YUOK TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM **KLAMATH, CA**

\$ 153,000

www.yuroktribe.org

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program is dedicated to reconnecting youth to their culture. With NAAF funding they will develop the Klamath Food Village, a centralized location for the procurement and processing of traditional foods, production of contemporary foods through gardens and orchards, and cultural practices that extend beyond food.



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ZUNI YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROJECT **ZUNI, NM**

\$ 150,000

www.zyep.org

Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) promotes Zuni youth in the areas of health and Zuni culture. ZYEP will promote Zuni food sovereignty and all its aspects by using NAAF funds to enhance capacity building and agriculture education for future generations.



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION



2021 NATIVE YOUTH GRANTEES



1 **AKIPTAN** **EAGLE BUTTE, SD**
\$ 56,000

<https://www.akiptan.org>

Akiptan Inc. is a Native CDFI who aims to fairly provide capital and technical support to Native Farmers and Ranchers. Using NAAF funding, they will complete a market study, provide further access to capital for Native producers and create new loan products for Native Farmers and Ranchers.



2 **AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESS LEADERS** **MISSOULA, MT**
\$ 35,000

<https://www.aibl.org/>

American Indigenous Business Leaders (AIBL) is a non-profit dedicated solely to promotion of Indigenous youth in the business sector. With NAAF funding, AIBL will sponsor 60 Indigenous youth to attend their conference where they will engage in agri-business training.



3 **ANCESTRAL LANDS** **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**
\$ 57,000

<https://ancestrallands.org/>

The Ancestral Lands Conservation Corp (ALCC) is dedicated to enhancing ecological and cultural well-being for Native youth on tribal lands. With NAAF funding, ALCC will train the next generation of Native farmers to enhance localized food systems for their tribes.



4 **ARAPAHO RANCH FIELD STATION** **THERMOPOLIS, WY**
\$ 59,550.40

<https://arapahoranch.org>

The Arapaho Ranch Field Station (ARFS) works with partners on the Wind River Reservation to promote ranching operations for tribal members. With NAAF funding, ARFS will form the Ag Leadership Collective, a youth mentorship program encouraging tribal youth to pursue agriculture-related ventures.



5 **CALIFORNIA INDIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER** **SANTA ROSA, CA**
\$ 60,000

<https://cimcc.org/>

The California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) supports their Tribal Youth Ambassadors in agribusiness through Advancing Cultural Opportunities to Reclaim Nutrition (ACORN). With NAAF funding, CIMCC will provide interactive training for 10 Native youth seeking to purchase a 5+ acre oak woodland to continue their acorn harvesting practices.



6 **CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE YAKAMA NATION** **TOPPENISH, WA**
\$ 37,769

www.yakamanation.org

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation continue to invest in their youth in a multitude of ways. Using NAAF funding they will provide scholarships and internships to Yakama students seeking agriculture related certifications and degrees, building capacity in their communities for agricultural sustainability.

7**CHEYENNE RIVER YOUTH PROJECT EAGLE BUTTE, SD****\$ 37,769**<https://lakotayouth.org>

The Cheyenne River Youth Project (CYRP) is grassroots, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing the youth of the Cheyenne River reservation with access to a vibrant and secure future. With NAAF funding, CYRP will train Lakota teens in Indigenous farming, entrepreneurship and agricultural business development.

8**COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION KESHENA, WI****\$ 60,000.00**www.menominee.edu

The College of Menominee Nation is a Tribal College/University (TCU) and they currently offer courses in sustainable agriculture on their campus. Utilizing NAAF funding, they will organize workshops, facilitate discussions and expand agricultural course offerings by holding micro-credential courses about Native agribusinesses, sustainability practices, and the local Native community.

9**FRESNO AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT FRESNO, CA****\$ 31,306.60**<https://www.faihp.org/>

The Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP) promotes a culture of wellness and healing for tribal communities in the Fresno, CA area. With NAAF funding, FAIHP will create a pipeline of Future Native Farmers beginning with 3rd to 6th graders using a culturally relevant gardening curriculum to generate excitement and interest in agriculture.

10**HOCHUNK COMMUNITY CAPITAL, INC. WINNEBAGO, NE****\$ 60,000**www.hccdc.org

HoChunk Capital is a Native CDFI that focuses primarily on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and economic development with the Winnebago Tribe. With NAAF funding, they will help Native entrepreneurs develop agriculture enterprises, provide technical assistance, help market produce at a farmers market sales location and provide capital for business startups.

11**HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANAHOLA, HI****\$ 40,000**<https://hawaiianhomesteads.org/>

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 organize a youth council to engage youth through finance & business training, policy exploration, hands-on project experience, and equity grants.

12**INDIGENOUS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE FAYETTEVILLE, AR****\$ 59,974**www.indigenousfoodandag.com

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) focuses on promoting tribally driven solutions to revitalize and advance Native food systems through diversifying economic development opportunities. With NAAF funding, IFAI will empower Native youth through leadership training on issues of access to capital and climate resiliency.

13**MISSION VALLEY FFA ESKRIDGE, KS****\$ 60,000**

Misson Valley FFA strengthens student potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. With NAAF funding, Mission Valley FFA will invest in infrastructure for greater education opportunities and provide Native students access to loans so they can begin building their agri-business.



14**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY –
AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTER****LAS CRUCES, NM****\$ 60,000**<https://arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/program/aibe/>

New Mexico State University's American Indian Business Enterprise Center (NMSU) partners with Navajo Technical University to serve Indigenous students interested in agriculture. With NAAF funding, NMSU's Innoventure Native Youth Ag Camp will guide Native youth on how to build a plan for ranch management.

15**OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION BISHOP, CA****\$ 52,250**<https://www.oviw.com/>

Owens Valley Indian Water Commission (OVIWC) works with Payahuunadü tribes to advance self-sufficiency, sovereignty, sustainability, food security and improve the restoration of land and water conditions within the area. With NAAF funding, OVIWC will provide Native students education on business decision-making skills while incorporating cultural values.

**16****PEACEKEEPER SOCIETY YAKIMA, WA****\$ 59,110**<https://www.peacekeepersociety.com/>

The Peacekeeper Society (PS) provides mentoring and economic opportunities for Yakama youth to preserve Indigenous cultural traditions and promote positive social change. With NAAF funding, PS will use create the Native Youth Food Preservation Program to focus on building the foundation for future entrepreneurs and traditional food caretakers.

**17****RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS RED LAKE, MN****\$ 57,040**<https://www.redlakenation.org/>

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians works to increase capacity and capability in their local food systems by creating a sustainable food environment mindful of cultural values. With NAAF funding, Red Lake Band's Miinikaan – "Seeds" project will teach students how to manage, sustain, harvest, and effectively fund local food production and gathering of wild plants.

**18****SAC AND FOX TRIBE OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN IOWA TAMA, IA****\$ 40,000**<https://www.meskwaki.org/>

Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa are committed to protecting their inherent sovereignty, preserving and promoting their culture, and improving the quality of life for future generations. With NAAF funding, they will establish a year-round Meskwaki Youth Agriculture Club which will teach students tribal values, tribal economics, land stewardship and tribal agriculture.

**19****THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT TAMA, IA****\$ 35,000**<https://www.meskwaki.org/>

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) helps Native tribes and businesses gain access to economic opportunity and growth. With NAAF funding, NCAIED' will train over 350 Native students in agricultural entrepreneurship and will select 20 students to develop and present a specialized business plan at the Reservation Economic Summit.





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THREE SISTERS GARDENS

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA

\$ 30,000

Three Sisters Gardens (TSG) serves community members through workshops on agricultural skills, research training, youth education and hands-on experience opportunities with food production processes. With NAAF funding, TSG will focus on developing necessary agriculture skills during a 12-month time period for Native youth impacted by incarceration.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

TUCSON, ARIZONA

\$ 50,000

<https://www.arizona.edu/>

The University of Arizona's tribal extension program engages Native American communities through education and outreach on agricultural development, sustainability, and resiliency. With NAAF funding, Arizona's Preserving Indigenous Agricultural Wisdom project will provide hands-on agricultural learning experiences for students on tribal lands.



BREAKING BARRIERS AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL



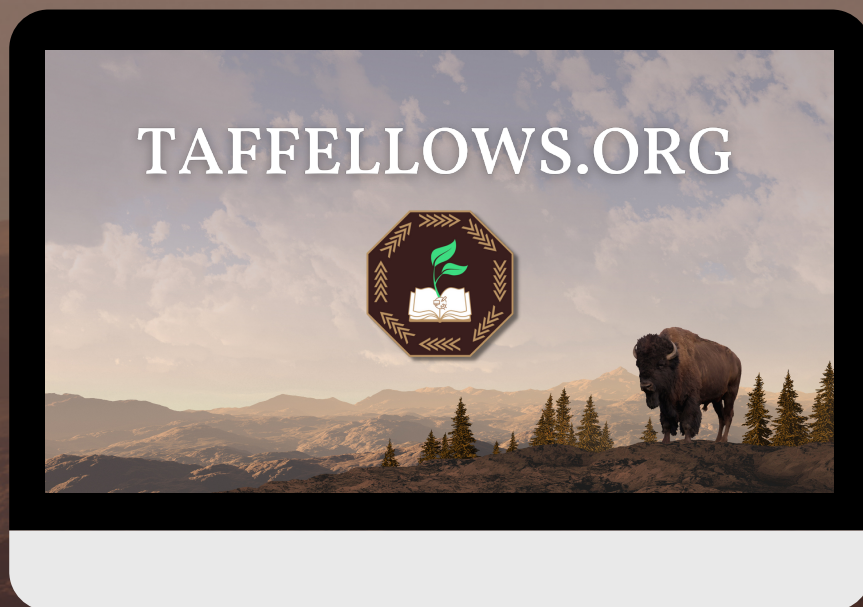
Tribal Agriculture Fellowship
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NAAF ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRIBAL AGRICULTURE FELLOWSHIP

The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) announced the development of the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship (TAF). TAF awards fellowships to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students pursuing technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees in agriculture with the goal of strengthening the flow of Indigenous professionals into tribal agriculture. The Fellowships include scholarship funding for the pursuit of career, technical and educational certificate and degree programs. TAF is managed by the Native Agriculture Education Fellowship Program (NAEFP), a nonprofit organization supported by – but separate from – NAAF.

The Tribal Agriculture Fellowship (TAF) is a collaboration with leading Native agriculture industry groups including Farmer Mac, John Deere, and Farm Credit.

TAFELLOWS.ORG





Black and Native American Agriculture Organizations Stand United

The **Native American Agriculture Fund** and **Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund** announce pursuit of two new Other Financial Institutions (OFI) within the Farm Credit System

Pigford and Keepseagle Cy-Pres Funds come full circle to strengthen opportunities for minority agriculture lending to minority farmers through minority coalition work

The originally alleged violations of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (EEOC) occurred when Native American Farmers and Ranchers attempted to obtain U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans. For those that successfully obtained a USDA loan, it was also alleged that they were victims of poor loan servicing. These discriminatory practices were asserted by other minority farmers. Ultimately, multiple discrimination settlements were reached during the Obama Administration. Today, many minority farmers still lack access to adequate agricultural lending and appropriate loan servicing. NAAF announced its efforts to work with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives leadership – as part of its efforts with the Black Farmer Council that was created after the Pigford class action lawsuit – to pursue our respective efforts in establishing two new Other Financial Institutions (OFI) within the Farm Credit System.

FOOD INSECURITY IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The Native American Agriculture Fund, Food Research and Action Center, and the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative publish a report on the challenges of food security in Indian Country and the Tribally-driven solutions needed to address those challenges head-on.

54% 54 percent indicated that sometime or often during COVID-19 they couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.

48% 48 percent indicated that sometime or often during COVID-19 the food their household bought just didn't last, and they didn't have money to get more.

37% 37 percent indicated that, in at least one month during COVID-19, they or other adults in their household cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food. Ten percent reported this occurred almost every month during COVID-19.

34% 34 percent indicated that they ate less than they felt they should because there wasn't enough money for food.

FOOD INSECURITY RATES AND RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS
FOOD INSECURITY BY HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Food insecurity rates are statistically significantly higher for respondents with children under age 18 in their household (p<0.001), with 56 percent experiencing food insecurity and 31 percent experiencing very low food security during COVID-19. Similarly, 59 percent of respondents with children under age 5 in their household experienced food insecurity and 33 percent experienced very low food security (figure 4).

Households with children experiencing greater levels of food insecurity is a pattern consistent across online surveys of food insecurity conducted during COVID-19 and with the latest 2020 USDA Economic Research Service's (ERS) annual food security estimates. A recent review of other online surveys during COVID-19¹⁰ provides evidence that regardless of the data source, studies consistently find that food hardship has increased during COVID-19 and is higher among households with children. Congruent with this pattern, USDA ERS's annual report, *Household Food Security in the United States in 2020*, shows that the rate of food insecurity in 2020 (most of which was characterized by COVID-19) for households with children (14.8 percent) was higher than for those without children (8.8 percent).¹¹

The rate of food insecurity with children is 14.8 percent. One concern when school is down and children miss school meals through the Breakfast Programs and snack programs is that food insecurity for children is higher. The food without a household points higher with an average (42 percent) reflective income level.

REIMAGINING HUNGER RESPONSES IN TIMES OF CRISIS
 Insights from Case Examples and a Survey of Native Communities' Food Access During COVID-19

Photos by Zura Youth Enrichment Project

SELECT CHARACTERISTICS OF NAAF FOOD ACCESS SURVEY RESPONDENTS

MARTIAL STATUS 17% Divorced/Widowed 46% Married 26% Single 9% Domestic Partners	HOUSEHOLD SIZE 3.8 household members on average
INCOME \$30,000 - \$50,000 in median household income	OLDER ADULTS 30% live in a household with an adult age 65 years old or older
GENDER 24% Male 72% Female 4% Trans-Spirit	AGE 49 Average age is 49 with a range of 19 to 90

Source: Native American Agriculture Fund Food Access Survey

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BEHIND THE SCENES BEYOND THE NUMBERS



NAAF in Washington, D.C. with Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and Steve Lowery, Administrative Specialist to the Deputy Under Secretary



NAAF CEO Toni Stanger-McLaughlin discusses importance of regional food and agriculture infrastructure framework throughout Indian Country with at 2021 Tri National Agriculture Accord.



Toni-Stanger McLaughlin, CEO, represents NAAF at 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit



NAAF sponsors and attends the 2021 Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas, NV, hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

NAAF hosted six sessions for the Native agriculture track:

- Reimagining Native Food Economies
- Global Opportunities in Agriculture and How Supply Chain Disruption Affects Native Agriculture and Business
- Legal Issues and Governance in Agricultural Development
- Entrepreneurship in Food and Agriculture
- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Farm Lending



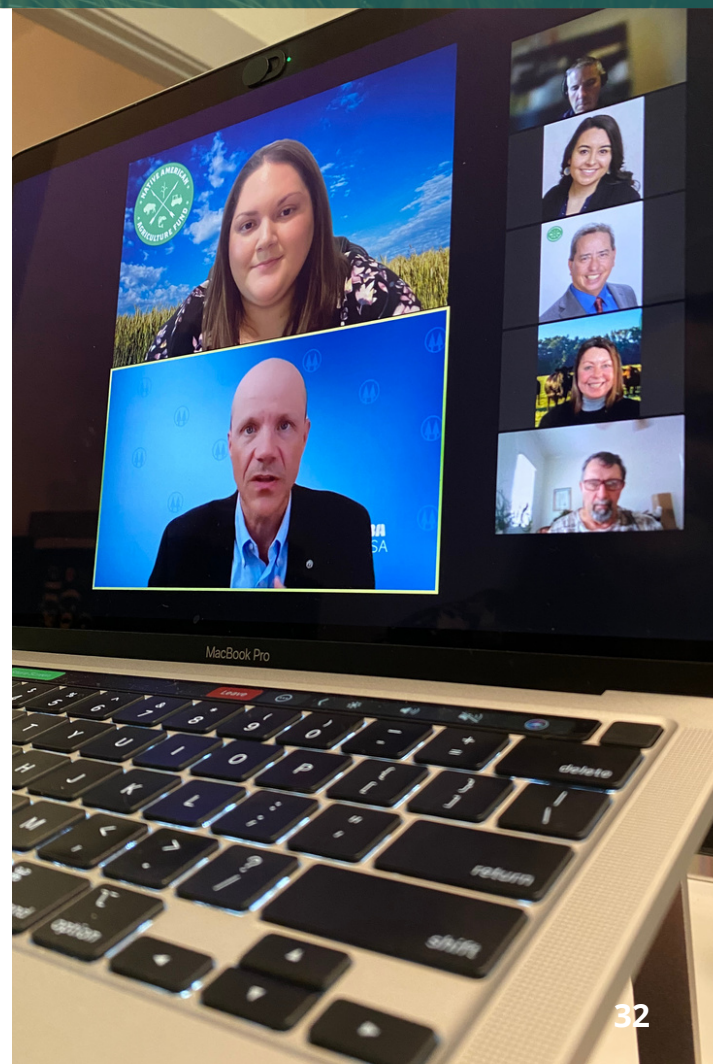
NAAF presents on Reimagining Native Food Economies at the 2021 American Agricultural Law Association (AALA) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.



COOPERATING TO ENHANCE NATIVE AMERICAN FOOD ECONOMIES

NAAF partners with Cooperative Development Foundation (CDF) and the National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA) for a webinar series on enhancing Native American food systems through cooperatives. Topics included:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s obligation to Native American agriculture
- Vision for rebuilding Native American agriculture infrastructure and food systems
- Power, reach and potential of cooperatives
- Cooperatives in First Nation's Canada
- Legal framework for agriculture cooperatives in Indian Country
- Promise of cooperatives in creating sustainable food systems
- Developing sustainable food systems
- Indigenous people and cooperatives
- Unlocking development capital
- Meeting community needs through cooperatives



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