NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FUND

2023 YOUTH RFA WEBINAR
HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

• 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
ABOUT NAAF

Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement
Private charitable trust created in 2018
Expires in 2038
Fast Track
2019 - RRF
2020
2021
2022
MISSION

To provide business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture.
NAAF GRANTEES FROM 2019-2022

TOP THREE STATES WITH NAAF GRANTEES

1. New Mexico (21 Grantees)
2. Arizona (17 Grantees)
3. Montana (15 Grantees)

NATIVE PRODUCERS THROUGHOUT THE US

1. Arizona, 19,279 Native producers
2. Oklahoma, 11,912 Native producers
3. New Mexico, 8,523 Native producers

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture

2019-2022 GRANTEES BY COUNTY

Note: According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the Navajo region expands throughout Arizona and New Mexico, with over 27,800 Native producers represented between the two states.
2023 RFA - YOUTH OVERVIEW
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

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

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

Note: The relationship between grantees and the fiscal sponsor is not managed by NAAF and are the sole responsibility of the grantee.
NAAF 2023 RFA

- Allowable Use of Funds
- Collaborators, Cooperators, Leveraging
- Unallowable Use of Funds
- Addressing Access to Capital
- Limitation on Indirect Costs
- Initial Review on Eligibility
- Cost Sharing or Matching Funds
- Eligibility of Previous Grantees
ACCESS TO CAPITAL

- Access to capital was at the core of the Keepseagle case
- A conversation on access to capital is available on our website
- Applications that don't address access to capital will not be funded in 2023
All Applicants for Youth Programming are required to use the separate application portal.

Project Types: hands-on food production, support for FFA, 4H, or other youth groups, youth-led community projects, youth ag councils, scholarships, online youth ag activities.

Available pool - $1,000,000
Minimum - $20,000
Maximum - $200,000
NOTE - BIE SUPPORTED OR CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

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

Because BIE schools are part of the federal government and not one of the four eligible entity types, they are welcome to partner with an eligible entity to pursue funding.

If the BIE school is tribally controlled or receiving federal grants or contracts they may be eligible for funding as a tribal instrumentality, 501(c)(3) org or an educational org, depending on status.
EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION REMINDERS

BROAD DEFINITION

• Covers all those under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRS Code, including K-12 and post-secondary institutions, such as
  ◦ Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)
  ◦ Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), and
  ◦ other institutions (must have history and experience in serving Native farmers and ranchers)

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Required - no exceptions
EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

- Team/Organizational Capacity and Collaborators (10% weight)
- Evaluation (10% weight)
- Innovation and Replicability (10% weight)
APPLICATION REVIEW

COMPONENTS

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

CONSIDERATIONS

- Progress Reporting & Compliance
- Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest
- Unsuccessful Applicants
• NAAF's Indirect Limit is 15% - no exceptions
• Applicants must follow the budget guidelines and use required templates
• Applicants must abide by request minimums and maximums as listed in the youth programming category
REMINDER:
There is no opportunity to edit the application after the deadline.
FOUNDANT - ONLINE APPLICATION

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

Native American Agriculture Fund

Applicant Dashboard

Public Profile

Applicant: 
Organization: 

Contact Email History

If your organization information does not appear correct, please click the edit (pencil) icon.

Active Requests 0  Historical Requests 1

You do not have any Active Requests. Click Apply to begin the application process.
2023 Request for Applications - General - Imported
Accepting Submissions from 03/28/2023 to 06/01/2023

Apply here to seek Targeted Funding for 501(c)(3) organizations, educational organizations, CDFIs, and Tribes/Instrumentalities. This includes general focus and special focus areas (Ag Infrastructure; Beginning Farmer and Rancher; Inflation Assistance & Supply Chain Relief; Market Access; and Tribal Departments of Agriculture).

2023 Request for Applications - Youth - Imported
Accepting Submissions from 03/28/2023 to 06/01/2023

Apply here for youth programming.

Reminder: This application closes on Thursday, June 01, 2023, at 11:59 pm CT.
QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION
CONTACT US

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SAVE THE DATES

Schedule of 2023 NAAF RFA Webinars

- Thursday, April 27th from 2-4 PM CT
- Thursday, May 11th from 2-4 PM CT
- Thursday, May 25th from 2-4 PM CT