



2022
ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE ROOTS UP

INVESTING IN NATIVE AGRICULTURE



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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 STATEMENT

The Trust's mission shall be to make grants to Eligible Grant Recipients, described in section 8 of the Trust agreement, 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 Institutions

INVESTING IN NATIVE AGRICULTURE

From 2019-2022 NAAF invested more than \$71 million to advance Indian Country agriculture and increase access to capital for Native farmers, ranchers, fishers, harvesters, and community producers. More than \$13 million supported areas that impacted agriculture infrastructure, hemp feasibility, beginning farmers and ranchers, climate resilience and conservation, traditional foods and food sovereignty, agriculture sciences, and land acquisition for tribal nations.

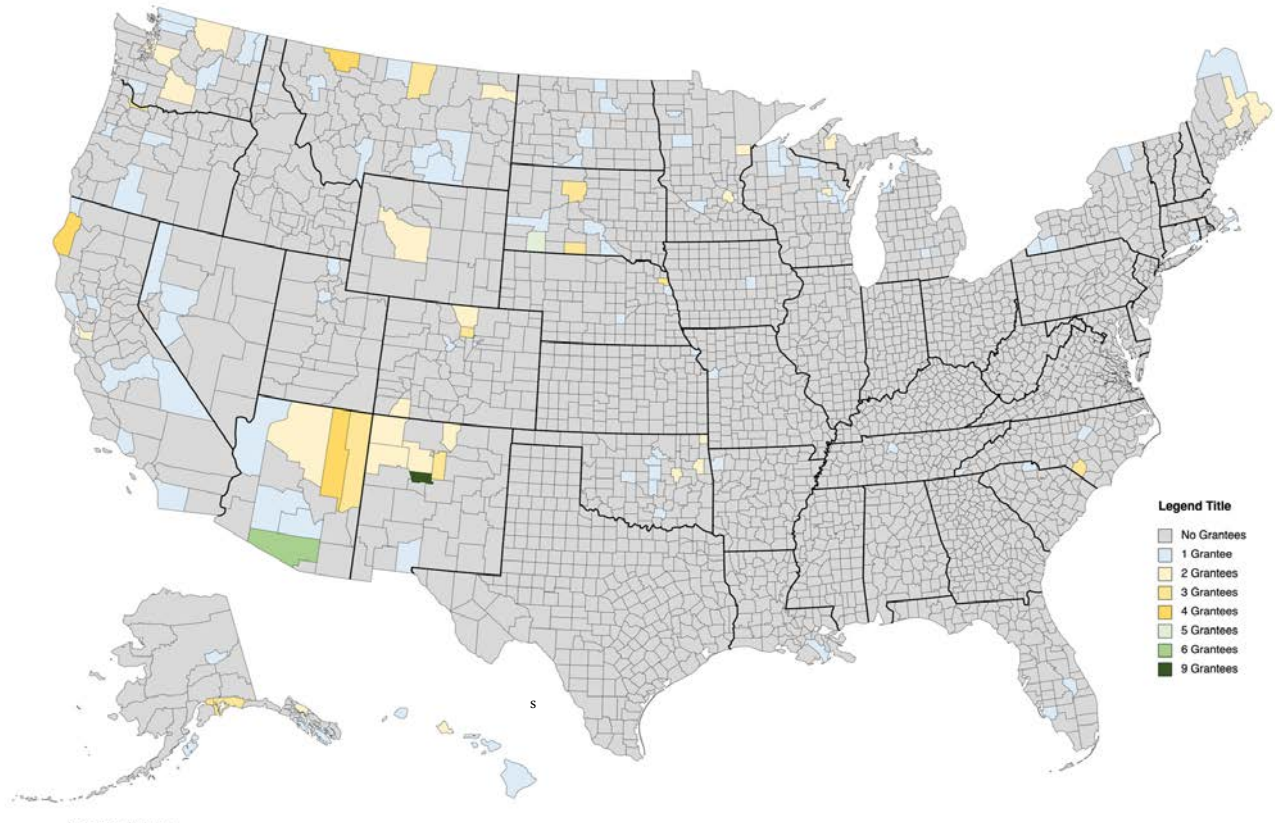
Since its inception, NAAF has developed a vast network of partnerships to bolster opportunities for Native agriculture, including establishing a new non-profit institution dedicated to supporting the future of agriculture in Indian Country. That entity is the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship program, a first-of-its-kind, fully-funded education opportunity for Native students pursuing agricultural or technical degrees.

NAAF also committed to supporting Tribal lending entities and will invest \$12 million in a new financial institution that will apply for Other Financial Institution status within the Farm Credit System, a historic investment in agricultural lending for Native producers.

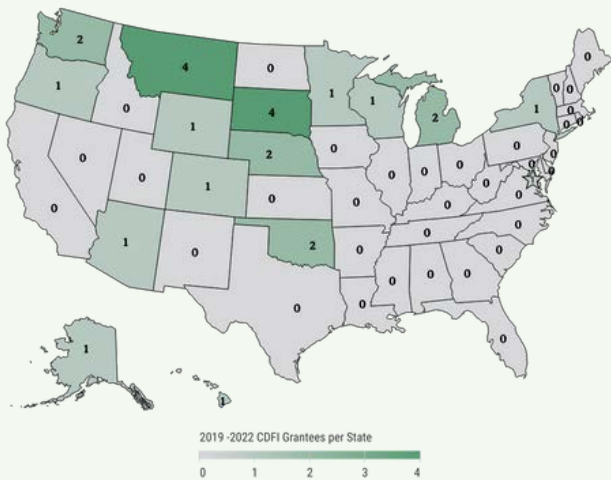
Additionally, NAAF partnered with other funding foundations to establish the Growing Justice fund to transform food systems through equitable good food procurement and increase opportunities for farmers, food producers, organizations, and social enterprises led by people of color in innovative, locally-led ways.

In 2022, NAAF invested \$12 million in 49 grant projects impacting more than 160,000 Native producers across 169 tribal nations and 23 grant projects serving more than 8,000 Native youth across 81 tribal nations.

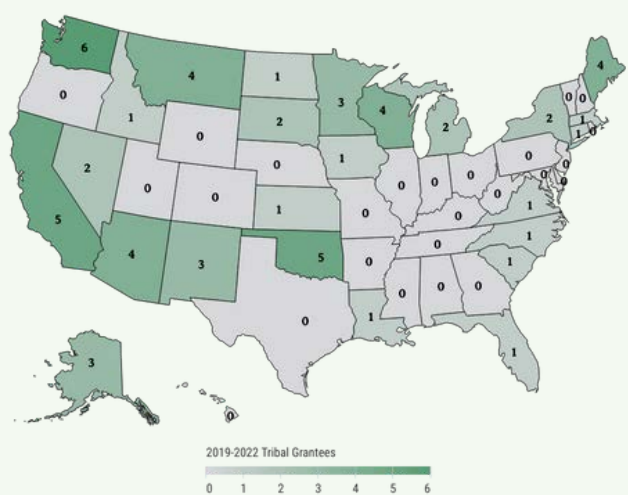
2019-2022 GRANTEES BY COUNTY



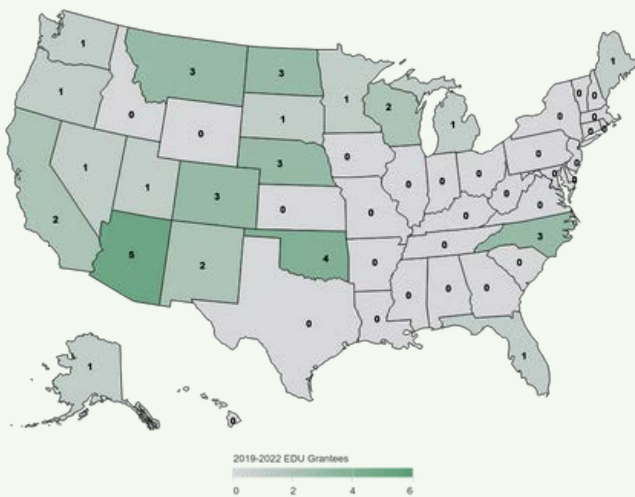
25 CDFI GRANTEES ↗ 3 NEW



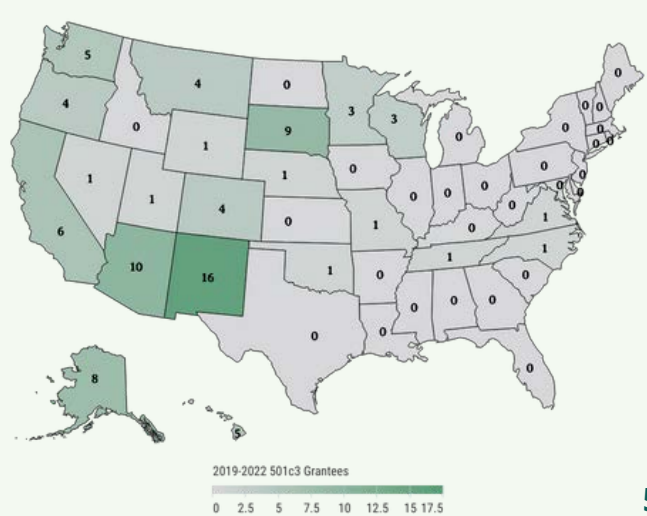
60 TRIBAL GRANTEES ↗ 2 NEW



41 EDU GRANTEES ↗ 9 NEW



85 501(C)3 GRANTEES ↗ 4 NEW



2022 GRANT FUNDING BY ENTITY TYPE: \$8,926,106.12



501(c)(3)'s \$2,003,453.62



Edu Org's \$999,186.21



CDFI's \$4,998,635.00



Tribes \$924,831.29

2022 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS: \$3,073,893.88



Ag Infrastructure \$598,827



Beginning Farmer & Rancher \$492,491.6



Climate \$945,489.14



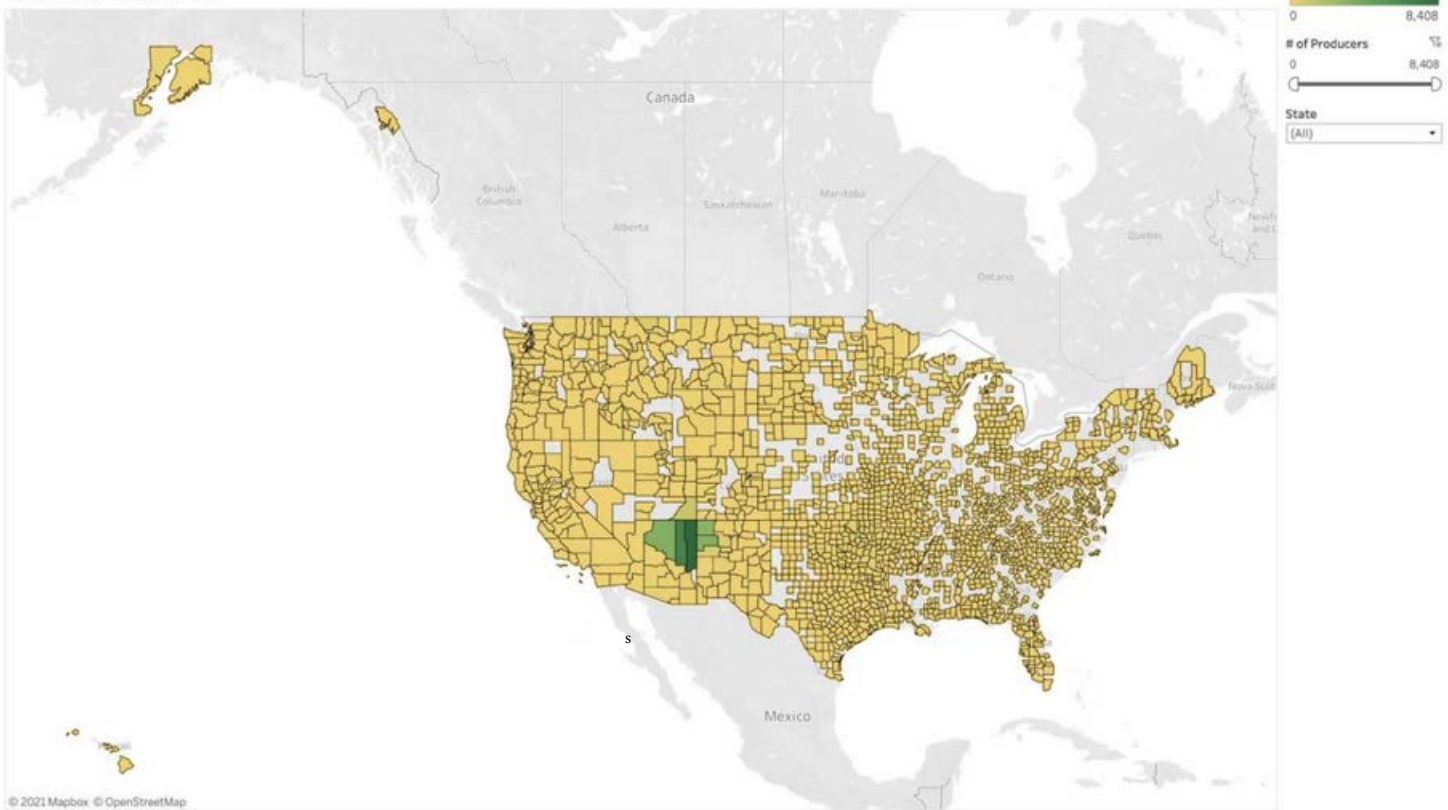
Land Acquisition \$125,000.00



Youth \$912,086.14

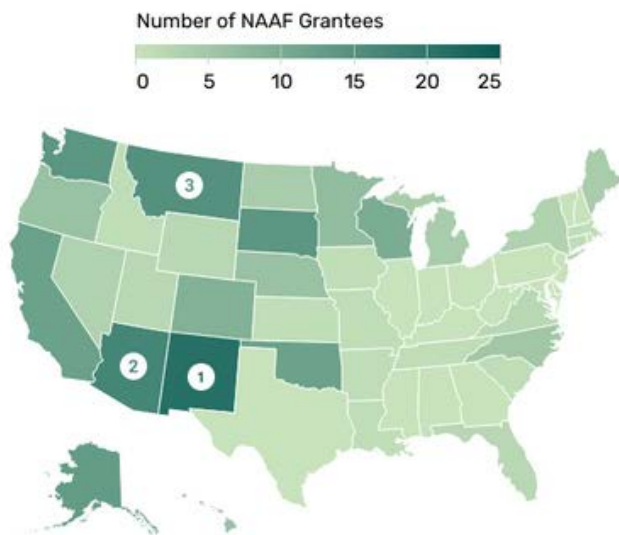
NATIVE PRODUCERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Numbered Per County



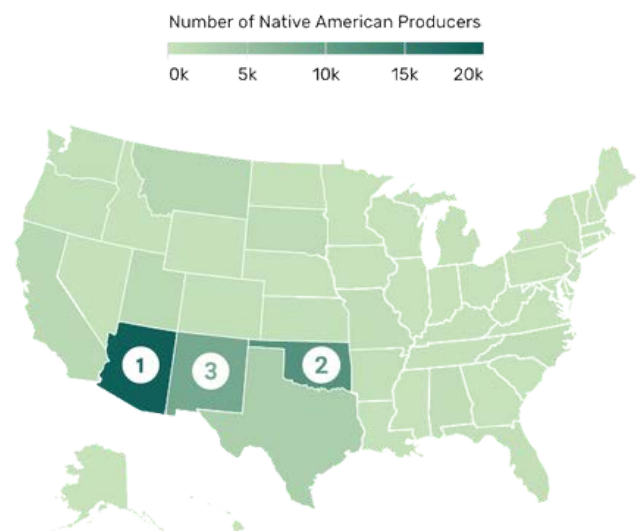
According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture

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

Note: The Navajo region expands throughout Arizona and New Mexico, with over 27,800 Native producers represented between the two states.

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

2022 GENERAL GRANTEES



1 AHTNA INTERTRIBAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

GLENNALLEN, AK

\$ 199,162.4

<http://ahtnatribal.org/>

The Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission Subsistence Harvest Tools Regrant will equip Tribal citizens with equipment and supplies needed to harvest meat, fish, or pelts for subsistence activities or to distribute within their community. Recipients are encouraged to share their knowledge and harvesting techniques with others to promote the continuation of traditional harvest practices.



2 AKIPTAN EAGLE BUTTE, SD

\$2,100,000

<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.



3 AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER, INC. ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$200,000

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

The American Indian Graduate Center seeks to provide scholarships to Native students pursuing post-secondary degrees related to agriculture; thereby increasing access to critical training, diversifying the professional agriculture sector, and reducing the burden of student loan debt which can hinder future farmers in setting up operations.



4 BOARD OF REGENTS, NSHE, OBO UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO RENO, NV

\$ 325,000

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

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) will work to provide workshops that address access to capital, financial management training, and an understanding of land usage and ownership throughout Indian Country. This project will also aid in providing agriculture education for Native students joining the UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

NAAF funding will also be used to assist in providing access to capital workshops, risk management training and technical sessions to tribes in Nevada and South Dakota. These trainings will specifically address how to mitigate risk with climatic events including, extreme weather, and climate adaptation methods. Trainings will also aim to introduce regenerative agriculture practices for producers.

5 CATAWABA INDIAN NATION ROCKHILL, SC

\$ 224,080

www.catawaba.com/

The Catawba Indian Nation's Yawakče Yabsigre Land Expansion and Yawakče Yabsigre Aquaponics Greenhouse projects will purchase agricultural lands to expand the Nation's ability to produce food and graze livestock, as well as construct an aquaponics greenhouse to grow and sell produce year-round, while also providing fish to Catawba households. These combined projects will improve access to and support local tribal food production.





6

CENTER OF SOUTHWEST CULTURE, INC.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$ 71,407.14

www.centerofsouthwestculture.org/

The Center of Southwest Culture, Inc.'s Indigenous Cultivators of Conservation Project aims to build upon their 2020 NAAF project by developing and enhancing the economic viability of Indigenous farms, the ecological health and sustainability of Tribal farmland, and the equitable market participation of Indigenous Pueblo farmers and their communities within their local food value chain.

7

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE

BOX ELDER, MT

\$ 124,826

The Chippewa Cree Tribe (CCT) will provide technical assistance to tribal producers in developing conservation and grazing management plans to help mitigate drought and open the door for higher participation in USDA programs and possibly the carbon sequestration market, enhancing producers' access to capital in direct payments. They will also continue their work helping producers to establish conservation practices and their advocacy efforts for CCT and neighboring tribes.

8

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT CORPERATION

SHAWNEE, OK

\$ 200,000

<https://cpcdc.org/>

Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC) is a Certified Native CDFI addressing persistent financing gaps in Native communities. CPCDC serves Native Americans residing throughout the state of Oklahoma and tribal members nationwide. With NAAF funding, the CPCDC will seek Native producers through targeted market advertising. They will provide an Agriculture Lending Program to meet the needs of Native farmers and ranchers access to capital, complemented by TA and re-granting.

9

DINÉ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHINLE, AZ

\$164,621.58

www.dinecdc.org/

The Diné Agribusiness Technical & Financial Assistance Program will provide quality business management, financial training, and technical assistance to established and emerging Navajo agripreneurs, farmers, and ranchers. The program will provide agricultural and business workshops throughout the Navajo Nation.



10

FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE**FALLON, NV****\$ 100,000**www.fpst.org/

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's (FPST) Infrastructure Project will provide new corrals and equipment for safe livestock movement, care, handling and sorting for all Native producers on FPST land. In addition, FPST will hire a consultant to determine the best locations on shared grazing lands to drill for water wells.



11

FOND DU LAC TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**CLOQUET, NM****\$199,186.21**www.fdlccc.edu/

The Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College's *Bimaaji'idiwin* Food Sovereignty program will expand efforts to improve the food systems of the Fond du Lac Tribal community by increasing credit knowledge, access to capital, and improving marketing opportunities for harvesters and producers. With NAAF funding, *Bimaaji'idiwin* Food Sovereignty program will provide workshops, agricultural supplies, and financial support.



12

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY**HARLEM, MT****\$125,000**www.ftbelknap.org/

The Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) will develop climate and drought summaries to help address the current and future climate impacts on Native livestock producers, to better inform Tribal council decision-making on drought declarations, and lay the foundation for real-time climate and drought monitoring systems through their partnership with Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC). They will also provide producers with emergency water solutions and technical assistance.



13

FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND**EAGLE BUTTE, SD****\$800,000**<https://fourbands.org/>

Four Bands Community Fund, a Native CDFI provides enhanced loan opportunities to Native famers and ranchers on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Utilizing NAAF funds they will provide a combination of products and services including loan capital, equity bundles, and offer business coaching to multiple Native owned Agriculture operations. They also will have a Building Equity for Beginning Farmers & Ranchers program to assist in purchasing assets to strengthen operations.



14

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS**PESHAWBESTOWN, MI****\$100,000**www.gtbindians.org/

The Grand Traverse Band's (GTB) Mijim Project will support and encourage tribal members and their families to reconnect to the land through gardening and farming, financial education workshops, and hosting a farm market to sell produce.



15

GREY SNOW MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS**WHITE CLOUD, KS****\$99,750**<https://iowatribeofkansasandnebraska.com/grey-snow-management-solutions-llc/>

Grey Snow Management Solutions will hire a consultant to develop a supply chain management program for the Ioway Seed Company. This program will provide the necessary best practices and standard operating procedures necessary to ensure an efficient and cost-effective plan to source and supply seed from Tribal and Native producers.



16

HAWAIIAN LENDING & INVESTMENTS HONOLULU, HI**\$200,000**<https://hawaiicommunitylending.com/invest/>

The Hawaiian Lending and Investment's (HLI) Food Producer Resource Program (FPRP) is a unique lending approach, that addresses the surveys and input from producers that incorporate potential milestones and financial impact. With NAAF funding, FPRP will deliver opportunity for access to capital to Native Hawaiian producers through a blended debt and equity investment to strengthen successful food production on Hawaiian Homelands in the State of Hawaii.



17

INDIGENOUS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW**\$200,000 FAYETTEVILLE, AR**<https://indigenousfoodandag.com/>

With NAAF funding, IFAI will provide outreach to Native producers and Tribes as they host policy roundtables across Indian Country in unison with the Native Farm Bill Coalition to identify the needs of Producers and Tribes. As needs are identified, IFAI will work diligently to have this information represented in the upcoming Farm Bill.



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ISLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**HAYS, MT****\$125,000**<https://www.islandmtn.com/our-companies/montana-native-growth-fund/>

Island Mountain Community Development Financial Institution addresses Agri-business needs by utilizing strategies to deal with sustainable developmental issues. With NAAF funding, Island Mountain Community Development Financial Institution will provide growth capital and development services to build and sustain the operations of Native ranchers and producers. They will also provide emergency load funds, educational conservation activities related to climate-related disasters and focus on responsive action for tribal farmers and ranchers facing climate impacts.



19

KALISPEL INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE KALISPEL RESERVATION**CUSICK, WA****\$ 150,244.59**<https://kalispeltribe.com/>

The *Kalispel Agricultural Enterprises Enhancement Project* will ensure the efficient management of ongoing agricultural initiatives; expand training opportunities for Tribal and community members in food processing and agricultural production; and provide agribusiness workshops for existing community producers and those interested in the industry.



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KLAMATH TRINITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**HOOPA, CA****\$100,000**<https://ktrcd.org/>

The Hoopa Value-Added Producers Program will support tribal beginning farmers and ranchers in furthering their agricultural businesses on and off the Hoopa Reservation through technical assistance, equipment purchases, food safety workshops, and tribal food code certifications.



21

LUMBEE LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC**PEMBROKE, NC****\$195,431.99**<https://www.lumbeetribe.com/>

The Lumbee Land Development project seeks to advance Lumbee agriculture by facilitating advocacy, networking, business assistance, educational opportunities, and training for our Native producers. They seek to better understand their Native producers, collective resources, and the needs within the Lumbee tribal food system, ultimately strengthening tribal food sovereignty. We estimate a total of at least 150 Native producers will be served over the two-year grant period.

**22****LUMMI CDFI BELLINGHAM, WA****\$ 200,000**www.lummicdfi.org

The Lummi CDFI provides lending opportunities to diverse Native businesses. NAAF funds will be used to focus on Native fisherman, divers and harvesters who will receive technical assistance on how to utilize their direct lending, access to capital, and financial tools.

23**MA KA HANA KA IKE BUILDING PROGRAM HANA, HI****\$150,000**<https://www.hanabuild.org/>

Na 'Oihana 'Aina (Trades of the Lands) aligns Native Hawaiian trainees and community producers to overcome established obstacles to agriculture and to harness the full potential of East Maui's abundance through intergenerational knowledge and use of modern techniques. With NAF funds, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike Building Program will restore pathways for participants' success in lucrative, in-demand agricultural trades.

MA KA HANA KA 'IKE**24****MAKOCE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT INC. PORCUPINE, SD****\$200,000**<https://makoceag.org/>

Makoce is working to increase the number of local producers by creating space for businesses to operate a local food system and by providing outreach and training opportunities for those who are attempting to expand or start a business, particularly businesses with an agricultural focus.

25**MVSKOKE LOAN FUND OKMULGEE, OK****\$50,000**www.mvskokefund.org

The Mvskoke Loan Fund (MLN) is a Native CDFI with a mission to promote entrepreneurial growth to Native farmers and ranchers within Oklahoma. With NAAF funding they will provide access to credit for Native farmers and ranchers to successfully grow or maintain their agriculture business.

**AKIPTAN INC.**



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NAKODA~AANIIH CREDIT AGENCY **HARLEM, MT****\$100,000**

The Nakoda~Aaniiih Credit Agency (NACA-INC) project will create a long-term positive impact for agricultural producers on the Fort Belknap Reservation. With NAAF funding the NACA-INC project will provide loan products, credit services, increased knowledge and economic growth.

27

NATIVE 360 LOAN FUND **GRAND ISLAND, NE****\$100,000**

www.native360.org

Native 360 Loan Fund is a certified Native CDFI providing credit, loan capital and technical assistance to Native American businesses. NAAF funding will help Native 360 Loan Fund become a regional hub for ag lending, expanding lending operations for food production among the tribes.

28

NATIVE CDFI NETWORK, INC. **WASHINGTON, DC****\$100,000**

<https://nativecdfi.net/>

The Native CDFI Network (NCN) unifies Native CDFI's and provides lending services to Native Agriculture businesses. With NAAF funding NCN will provide long term low interest loans to applicants seeking capital in Indian Country.

29

NATAWANI COALITION **KYKOTSMOVI, AZ****\$**

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

The *Natwani* Coalition will support community coalition building, long term planning, data collection, infrastructure development, agricultural training, and micro-granting to small scale producers so that the Hopi community can achieve their goal of 50% food sovereignty by the year 2032. The Natwani Coalition plans to build on emerging datasets from their previous community food assessments that have allowed them to identify an accurate number of Hopi food practitioners on their Reservation.

30

NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY CAPITAL **ALBUQUERQUE, NM****\$197,400**

<https://nmccap.org/>

New Mexico Community Capital proposes version 3.0 of the Native Farmer in Residence program that has directly invested \$110,000 in Native-owned farms and will increase expertise in Native communities to adapt agriculture practices for drought, fire-induced soil erosion, and other threats posed by climate change. The members of the Farmer Steering Committee will each share their knowledge with at least 10 other Native farmers through their community engagement activities.

31

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY **LAS CRUCES, NM****\$125,000**

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

With NAAF funding, NMSU will conduct a project entitled Tribal Resilience-by-Design in Agriculture. This project will combat climate change and food insecurity by working with Native producers to grow a value-added product. The chosen product will later be freeze-dried, packaged, and labeled as a shelf-stable food.



32

NIIJII CAPITAL PARTNERS INC.**KESHENA, WI****\$100,000**<https://niicap.org/>

Niijii Capital Partners (NiiCaP) provides loans and related development services including technical support, business assistance and training to underserved persons within economically distressed communities. With NAAF funding NiiCaP will focus on Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Economic Empowerment to provide business technical support and access to credit to the Menominee Food System.

33

NORTH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS (NATIFS) MINNEAPOLIS, MN**\$200,000**<https://www.natifs.org/>

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems will increase food sovereignty in Tribal communities by Increasing the number of Native farmers and ranchers producing Indigenous food by providing training, financial assistance, and increasing markets for these goods. NATIFS will pilot new projects to increase the distribution and marketing of Indigenous food products through training and support of Indigenous chefs and entrepreneurs, tribal culinary programs, and food support programs.

34

NORTH LEUPP FAMILY FARMS, INC.**LEUPP, AZ****\$199,848**

The North Leupp Family Farms is a Diné operated, non-profit community-based farm serving rural communities in Western Navajo Nation. The proposed program will encourage continued capacity building at the farm while expanding an ongoing program of technical assistance to small Native farmers with the support of several partners across the Southwest. Some of the greatest impacts imparted through this program will be through the direct technical assistance to producers.

35

NORTHWEST NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND**OULEE DAM, WA****\$150,000**www.thenndf.org

The Northwest Native Development Fund (NNDF) is a CDFI providing financing to Native producers. NAAF funding will assist in financing more Native owned cattle operations, assistance to impacted wood harvest clients, and access to business training opportunities.

36

OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION**BISHOP, CA****\$174,587**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, OVIWC will set up the Nüümü Newe Protecting Our Future Project which will improve Native American farmers and ranchers' ability to access credit through loans and grants. It will also expand tribal members' involvement in agriculture and strengthen their economic opportunities through regrants, training, education, resources, and technical assistance.

37

PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE AT INDIAN TOWNSHIP**PRINCETON, ME****\$200,000**<https://www.passamaquoddy.com/>

Wabanaki Unagi will establish a Tribal aquaculture enterprise that grows American eel. The project will support over 700 Native harvesters, increasing the price per pound, stabilizing the market, and creating agriculture-based employment on the reservation.



**38****RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA****BAYFIELD, WI****\$100,000**

<https://www.redcliff-nsn.gov/>

The Mino Bimaadiziwin Tribal Farm will construct a new pole barn which will allow the Farm to strengthen and expand food production, house critical program equipment, and enhance food sovereignty efforts of the Red Cliff community.

39**ROSEBUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (REDCO) MISSION, SD****\$200,000**

<https://www.sicangucorp.com/>

The Rosebud Economic Development Corporation's (REDCO) "Investing in Sicangu Farmers and Ranchers" project will expand capacity and support entrepreneurship and Native food producers in and around the Sicangu Macoke.

**40****SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA, INC.****OKEECHOBEE, FL****\$200,000**

<https://www.semtribe.com/stof>

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. will develop a cattle program accounting system to provide tribal producers access to accounting information on a timely basis. This proposed system will provide comprehensive financial data on operational expenses such as pharmaceuticals, feed, mineral supplementation, labor, veterinary services, etc. that will provide tribal cattle owners the opportunity to mitigate risk and make informed business decisions.

**41****THE LAKOTA FUND, INCORPORATED****KYLE, SD****\$748,635**

<https://lakotafunds.org/>

The Lakota Fund Inc. promotes economic sustainability and increases access to capital for Native Agriculture producers. With NAAF funding, the Lakota Fund Inc. will assist ranchers in effectively stewarding their environmental resources with a unique loan/equity investment product supported by technical assistance and training.

**42****UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE****BISMARCK, ND****\$ 200,000**

<https://uttc.edu/>

With NAAF funding, the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) will design, plan, and construct a 5,000 square foot greenhouse for the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (SAFS) program. This greenhouse will be used as an essential part of the agriculture program and will provide the opportunity for food sovereignty in the UTCC student and tribal community.

UTCC will also provide students with an opportunity to obtain stipends, proper tools/equipment, and clothing for the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (SAFS) Associates Degree program. Students will also work with UTCC Faculty and Staff to access travel opportunities to various agriculture farms and operations, conferences, and business education/assistance trainings.

Additionally, UTCC will utilize NAAF funding to integrate solar-panels/photovoltaic systems onto the newly constructed greenhouse. Solar panels are a means of utilizing climate smart agriculture and will provide students an opportunity to learn from hands on experience. Students will also be provided direct training on solar-panel systems in their programs curriculum.





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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL EXTENSION PROGRAM**OMAHA, NE****\$200,000**<https://nativecoalition.unl.edu/>

The University of Nebraska Tribal Extension Program will utilize this grant to provide garden to table market training, accessing capital, financial literacy workshops, internships/job training, and academic/career advising. The program will increase the amount of Native Producers by teaching high school students to grow food for their families and for profit.



44

VILLAGE EARTH FT. COLLINS, CO**\$124,256**<https://villageearth.org/>

Village Earth will continue to build out our pilot climate data portal on our online Native Land Information System (NLIS) to make data, critical for building resilience to climate change, more accessible to tribal planners, tribal support organizations, and tribal agriculturalists. Because we are developing an informational resource tool, we imagine will have very broad reach to aid Tribes in their quest to obtain accurate research data.



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WHITE EARTH INVESTMENT INITIATIVE**OGEMA, MN****\$100,000**<https://www.wei.website/>

White Earth Investment Initiative (WEII) is experienced with lending to Native-controlled and Reservation-based businesses in Minnesota. WEII will use NAAF funding to provide loans to eligible borrowers, and increase capital among Native Farmers and Ranchers primarily within the State of Minnesota



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WIND RIVER DEVELOPMENT FUND**FT. WASHAKIE, WY****\$50,000**<https://www.wrdf.org/>

Wind River Development Fund (WRDF) a CDFI providing loans, re-grants, business assistance and training, work with Native producers representing diverse agricultural models. With NAAF funding WRDF will facilitate capital access to Native agricultural producers, provide technical assistance and re-granting programs, while supporting economic and workforce development opportunities.

47

WISHTOYO FOUNDATION VENTURA, CA**\$92,491.60**<https://www.wishtoyo.org/>

Wishtoyo will build expertise among beginning Native farmers and ranchers by engaging experts on wild tending, farming, harvesting and permaculture design. Wishtoyo will recruit and train members of the Chumash and California Native communities to participate in wild tending, harvesting and native farming. Participants will be recruited from the Syuxtun Plant Mentorship Collective and the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation.



48

YUOK TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM**KLAMATH, CA****\$99,997**<https://www.yuroktribe.org/environmental-program>

From the Ground Up: Development of the Yurok Food Villages will fund land surveys that are needed to determine the location of three centralized Food Villages throughout the Yurok Indian Reservation. With NAAF funding, the project will build infrastructure focused on improving access to capital, creating a hub for community-centric economic development, and providing technical assistance to Yurok food producers.



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION



NAAF SPONSORED YOUTH AT THE
WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

2022 NATIVE YOUTH GRANTEES



1 **AKIPTAN** **EAGLE BUTTE, SD** **\$40,000**

<https://www.akiptan.org>

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2 **ANCESTRAL LANDS** **ALBUQUERQUE, NM** **\$ 39,028.37**

<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.



3 **BOARD OF REGENTS, NSHE, OBO UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO** **RENO, NV** **\$ 39,996.82**

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

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) will work to provide workshops that address access to capital, financial management training, and an understanding of land usage and ownership throughout Indian Country. This project will also aid in providing agriculture education for Native students joining the UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

NAAF funding will also be used to assist in providing access to capital workshops, risk management training and technical sessions to tribes in Nevada and South Dakota. These trainings will specifically address how to mitigate risk with climatic events including, extreme weather, and climate adaptation methods. Trainings will also aim to introduce regenerative agriculture practices for producers.

4 **CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS** **LYONS, NE**

\$ 39,992.95



www.cfra.org

Through hands-on opportunities and traditional practices, NAAF funding will assist The Center for Rural Affairs Isanti Youth Agriculture and Business Education Project in bridging the gaps between growing produce and small business opportunities.

5 **CHEYENNE RIVER YOUTH PROJECT** **EAGLE BUTTE, SD** **\$40,000**

<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, CRYP will train Lakota teens in Indigenous farming, entrepreneurship and agricultural business development.





6

COPPER RIVER NATIVE ASSOCIATION

GLENNALLEN, AK

\$ 39,992.4

www.crnative.org

Copper River Native Association is providing a youth project titled Tribal Community Services Youth Beginning Re-Grant Program. This program will allow Alaskan Native community members educational opportunities geared towards food security, harvesting techniques, garden growth, and maintenance as well as exposure to raising farm animals.



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COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

LONGVIEW, WA

\$ 39,994.87

www.cowlitz.org

The youth Native Foods Project operated by the Cowlitz tribe is intended to educate Cowlitz youth on identifying, preparing, and preserving first foods. With NAAF funding, the project allows support and assistance in the enhancement of Agriculture career opportunities.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

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DINÉ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHURCHROCK, NM

\$ 40,000.00

www.dinecdc.org

The Diné Community Development Corp. will provide access to agricultural entrepreneurship workshops to boost emerging Navajo youth farmers' and ranchers' financial literacy and business knowledge. Through their Youth Agripreneurship Program along with NAAF funding this program will create space and opportunity to encourage Diné youth to build upon their own agriculture-focused businesses.



**MA KA HANA KA IKE BUILDING PROGRAM'S
MAHELE FARM**



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GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS**PESHAWBESTOWN, MI****\$ 40,000.00**<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.

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HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**ANAHOLA, HI****\$ 39968.75**<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.



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KLAMATH TRINITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**HOOPA, CA****\$ 40,000**www.ktrcd.org

The *Hoopa Youth Livestock Project* will provide Tribal youth with a structured foundation in which Tribal youth can create individual year-round businesses raising livestock and marketing their animals on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation and the surrounding communities.



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MA KA HANA IKE BUILDING PROGRAM**HANA, HI****\$ 40,000**www.hanabuild.org

The Na Pulapula O Hana (Seedlings of Hana) project provides the PreK-12 Native Hawaiian youth of East Maui, Hawai'i with farming education, training, projects, and service opportunities centered around agricultural resources of traditional and modern Hawaiian cultural significance.

MA KA HANA KA 'IKE

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METHOW FIELD INSTITUTE**TWISP, WA****\$ 35,486**www.methowvalleyinterpretivecenter.com

The Seed to Sylix-Traditional Food Systems program will build upon the existing Traditional Foods System program, established under a 2020 NAAF grant. The project will continue to develop a Native Garden and connect students with traditional foods. A new native food plant nursery will give students new business tools to help them build a more sovereign food future



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NAKODA~AANIHH CREDIT AGENCY**HARLEM, MT****\$ 40,000**[Nakoda Aaniiih Credit Agency Facebook Page](#)

The intention of the *NACA-INC Youth Program* is to provide youth leadership training that will develop student agricultural leadership and entrepreneurial skills. The program has the potential to create a long-term positive impact by increasing the number of Native agricultural producers on the Fort Belknap Reservation.



Peacekeeper

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NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACADEMY ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$40,000

www.nacaschool.org

The Native American Community Academy (NACA) project Food-Sovereignty Chain: Linking Indigenous Knowledge to Our Lifeways is rooted in reclaiming ancestral food systems with the branches extending into sustainable communities. The project grounds students in traditional practices in fishing, gardening, foraging, and ecological stewardship while giving them tools to chart their own pathways to commercial operations and careers in agriculture.

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY RED LAKE, MN

\$ 40,000

www.arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/program/aibe/

In partnership with Navajo Technical University NMSU's *Innoventure Native Youth Ag Camp* (INYAC) provides Native youth the opportunity to learn how to construct cattle ranch management plans, learn about business and personal finances, and ultimately gain greater access to capital to become community producers, farmers, and ranchers.

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OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION BISHOP, CA

\$ 39,841

www.oviw.com

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission (OVIWC) will conduct the *Nüümü/Newe Preserving Our Future Project* which will provide youth with hands-on activities in the form of workshops, field trips, training sessions, and in-the-dirt projects that will help our youth become young food producers. The OVIWC will provide 4-H/FFA scholarships to at least 20 youth that will assist them in overcoming financial barriers to participating in market animal projects.

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PAINTED DESERT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS (STAR SCHOOL)

FLAGSTAFF, AZ

\$ 40,000

www.starschool.org

The STAR School will implement a STAR Livestock Club where students will raise sheep and cattle at home and participate in weekly after-school activities. The club will integrate classroom learning and PBIS, connect to the Navajo language and culture, promote independent ranching along with access to capital and develop future career pathways for students.

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SICANGU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MISSION, SD

\$ 38703.58

www.sicangucdc.org

The Growing the Next Generation of Sicangu Farmers & Food Producers program is an initiative that will increase youth engagement in the Rosebud food sovereignty movement through partnerships with local schools and the 7Gen Youth Internship. The goal is to generate excitement and stoke interest in Sicangu students becoming the food producers of the future.





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TAKSHANUK WATERSHED COUNCIL

HAINE, AK

\$ 39,081.40

www.takshanuk.org

With the Takshanuk Watershed Council's Gardening Education program, Native students in the towns of Haines, Klukwan, and Mosquito Lake will learn how to grow food in Alaska's Chilkat Valley. They will develop their skills in food production and composting while learning how to generate income from local produce.



21

TANKA FUND

KYLE, SD

\$ 40,000

www.tankafund.org

The aim of the Tanka Landback Youth Project is to create opportunities for long-term land sustainability by utilizing sustainable methods of agriculture and herd management by incorporating Indigenous youth into our everyday processes. Through this work, the Tanka Fund's mission to improve the lands, lives, and economies of Native communities will continue.



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THE BLACKFEET NATION AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

BROWNING, MT

\$ 40,000

The Blackfeet Nation Youth in Agriculture Scholarship will provide scholarships to Native students who are descendants of the Blackfeet Tribe and are pursuing higher education in the agriculture sciences or related studies with the goal of increasing the number of Native farmers, ranchers, and ag professionals that can contribute to generating laws, policy, and programs that influence the discipline of agriculture.



23

ZUNI YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROJECT

ZUNI, NM

\$ 40,000

www.zyep.org

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) Rooted in Healthy Traditions: After-school Food Sovereignty Program for Zuni Youth is a 12-month after-school program that will provide 240 Zuni youth with increased opportunities to participate in Zuni's traditional agriculture cycle of planting, maintaining, harvesting, and seed saving. Participating youth will increase their connection to Zuni culture and language as they practice Zuni food sovereignty.



KLAMATH TRINITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT'S GILL NET PROJECT

BEHIND THE SCENES BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) CEO, Toni Stanger-McLaughlin, J.D. (Colville) appointed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Equity Commission to address historical discrimination against minority farmers within USDA.



In March, the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) pledges to work in collaboration with the Native American Agriculture Fund to address issues surrounding access to capital for Native American farmers and ranchers.



In June NAAF sent a cohort of FFA students to attend the FFA 2022 annual Washington Leadership Conference.



NAAF sponsored 15 teachers to attend the annual Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York in June.



The Native American Agriculture Fund Commits More Than \$100 Million to Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in Indian Country



NAAF commits more than \$100 million over the next 12 years to advance Native American agriculture and establish healthy lands, healthy people, and healthy economies. NAAF's vision for this 12-year commitment is to achieve systemic and meaningful impacts to address food and nutrition disparities in Tribal communities. That is why NAAF is committing to strive for \$10 million in grantmaking each year through 2035 to build and sustain thriving food economies that feed and nourish Indigenous people for generations to come. The eligible entities that receive NAAF grants are leading in work that increases access to capital and alleviates food insecurity in order to meet the needs of Indian Country and build equitable food systems for all.

In September, NAAF visited Fort Lewis College. NAAF grant supports their Farmer in Training and regenerative food systems internship.

Featured is Farmer in Training Sage Walstrom, and Field Assistant Autumn Raasch.





The Borlaug Dialogue each year brings together individuals from more than 65 countries to address cutting-edge issues related to global food security and nutrition.

NAAF CEO Stanger-McLaughlin spoke on the panel discussing Pathways to achieve zero hunger and how Indian Country should be at the forefront of these discussions.



NAAF visited the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) in Santa Rosa, CA. They support Tribal Youth Ambassadors in agribusiness through Advancing Cultural Opportunities to Reclaim Nutrition (ACORN).



In November, NAAF visited the Three Sisters Garden in West Sacramento, CA.

They work with at-potential high-promise youth and community members through workshops on agricultural skills, research training, education, and hands-on experience with food production processes.



In mid-November, NAAF visited the Brighton Reservation to tour their cattle operation and learn more about how they plan to create an accounting system for tribal ranches using NAAF funds.



To conclude the year, NAAF sponsored the Intertribal Agriculture Council's 35th annual conference in Las Vegas.

IAC was established to pursue and promote Native resources for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Our staff was ready for a fun and educational week.



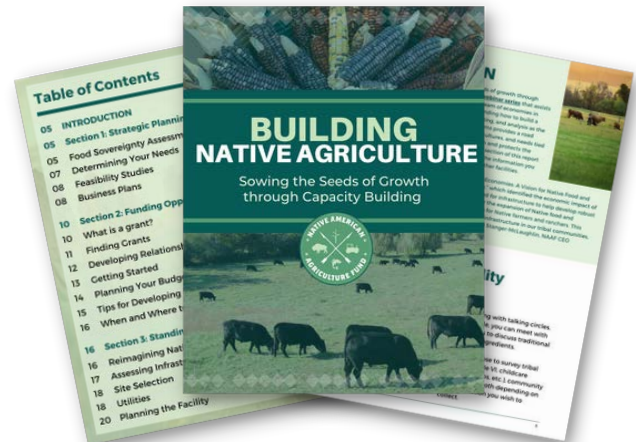
The NAAF Communications Team was able to meet and interview several grantees at the IAC conference. The grantees shared stories of their projects, successes, and challenges as they continue to serve Indian Country.



BUILDING NATIVE AGRICULTURE: SOWING THE SEEDS OF GROWTH THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING

WEBINAR SERIES

This webinar series “Sowing the Seeds of Growth through Capacity Building” focuses on how foodways, cultures, and needs tie into the different building blocks for Indigenous agriculture systems. This series, hosted by the Native American Agriculture Fund, supports Tribes and Tribal organizations as they work to build their own robust economies in agriculture. Watch our video series on [YouTube](#).



[READ THE REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



STANDING UP INFRASTRUCTURE

Are you interested in building or enhancing infrastructure in your tribal community? Learn more from this episode of Building Native Agriculture.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND WRITING A GRANT

There are several funding opportunities available for your agriculture operation. Learn more about how to find, schedule, and write grant proposals.



STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY

In this episode learn how foodways, cultures, and needs tie into business plans – the foundation for Indigenous agriculture systems.



LABOR AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you wanting to know more about how to find labor and support for your agriculture operation? Watch this episode to learn more about training and data resources, and training development and funding availability.



HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) AND FOOD SAFETY PLANS

Do you have questions on how to develop a food safety plan for your processing plant? Learn more from our guest speaker on the seven principles of HACCP and additional resources Native producers have available to them.



USING TRIBAL PRODUCT IN RETAIL AND VERTICAL INTEGRATION

Have you been considering what it takes to put Tribal produced products on the market? Learn more about the different skills you need to build your distribution processes.



HOW TRIBAL FOODS TIE INTO FEEDING PROGRAMS

Do you want Native foods to be a part of federal feeding programs? Learn how to support Native communities in this episode of Building Native Agriculture.



AGRICULTURE POLICY

Are you wanting more Native led initiatives in policies governing agriculture? Learn more about agriculture policy and the efforts going into the 2023 Farm Bill.



QUARTERLY MARKET REPORTS USING SPINS MARKET RESEARCH

INFLATION, FOOD AT HOME, AND SELLING TO THE USDA



[READ THE REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

This Quarterly Ag Report focuses on Inflation, Food at Home, and Selling to the USDA.

Utilizing SPINS market research, NAAF provides market data for free, with each report equaling a \$500 value.

ORGANIC CLAIMS-BASED MARKETING



[READ THE REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

This report focuses on Organic Claims-Based Marketing. It explains the current organic market and the basic requirements for organic production and handling.

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QUARTERLY MARKET UPDATES



sort of a market basket summary,

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USDA LOAN SERVICING ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED FARM LOAN BORROWERS: TAX IMPLICATIONS AND HOW TO PREPARE




On October 18, 2022 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans recently received nearly \$800 million in assistance. This funding was mainly derived from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), with some additional resources coming from the COVID-19 Pandemic Relief. Through the IRA, USDA was directed to expedite services to distressed borrowers with either direct or guaranteed loans. Many Native American farmers, ranchers, and producers will receive debt relief before the end of 2022.

The Native American Agriculture Fund has partnered with Rob Holcomb, a tax expert at the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota, as a resource to Native farmers, ranchers, and producers to provide financial education as these payments are released.

Debt Forgiveness

- Debt forgiveness will be reported on 1099-G (if the amount is over \$600)
- Farmer will also receive a 1098 showing interest paid for the loan
 - This interest may be deducted on the farmer's schedule F.
 - Make sure to distinguish between mortgage and other interest.



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EXPANDING REACH FOR INDIAN COUNTRY



NAAF partnered with Cooperative Development Foundation to create a curriculum and training to empower Tribes and individual members with the education and resources to start cooperatives or improve existing cooperatives in Indian Country. The training is also available to entities that want to expand their knowledge of working with Tribal cooperatives and communities.



NAAF collaborated with the Center for Farm Financial Management, Native CDFI Network, and Intertribal Agriculture Council to host a Native Ag Underwriting School that provided existing and future lenders in Indian Country the tools they needed to start or expand their agricultural lending programs.



In collaboration with the Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC), NAAF assisted with virtual listening sessions to support Native veteran producers and how to expand infrastructure and resources in the Indian Country, and sponsored Native veterans farmers to attend the FVC annual conference.



NAAF was proud to partner with the National FFA Organization to sponsor Native American high school students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in Washington, D.C. Students spent the duration of the week working with WLC facilitators to build a Living to Serve Plan, which they took back to their communities. Each plan was specific to the student and their community needs.



NAAF is a project partner for the FRAC - WIC Community Innovation and Outreach project. The goal is to increase WIC participation and retention and reduce disparities in WIC program delivery. Furthermore, the potential outcomes of this project is to expand partnerships with community organizations and use of community-level data to develop and test WIC outreach efforts with awareness, outreach, and participation.



NAAF is a founding funder of Growing Justice; a pooled fund co-designed by funders, farmers, advocates, food suppliers, purchasers, and community partners from Native and non-Native communities nationwide to transform food systems through equitable good food procurement--purchasing from locally- or regionally-owned and environmentally- and economically-sustainable farms, ranches, fisheries, and food businesses that prioritize the needs of low-income communities.



NAAF helped with the development of the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship. In 2022, the program had its first cohort of 10 students - they represent 6 tribes, 6 different states, and they have 2 CTE students, 3 undergraduate students, and 5 graduate students and is looking to bring in eight additional students in 2023.



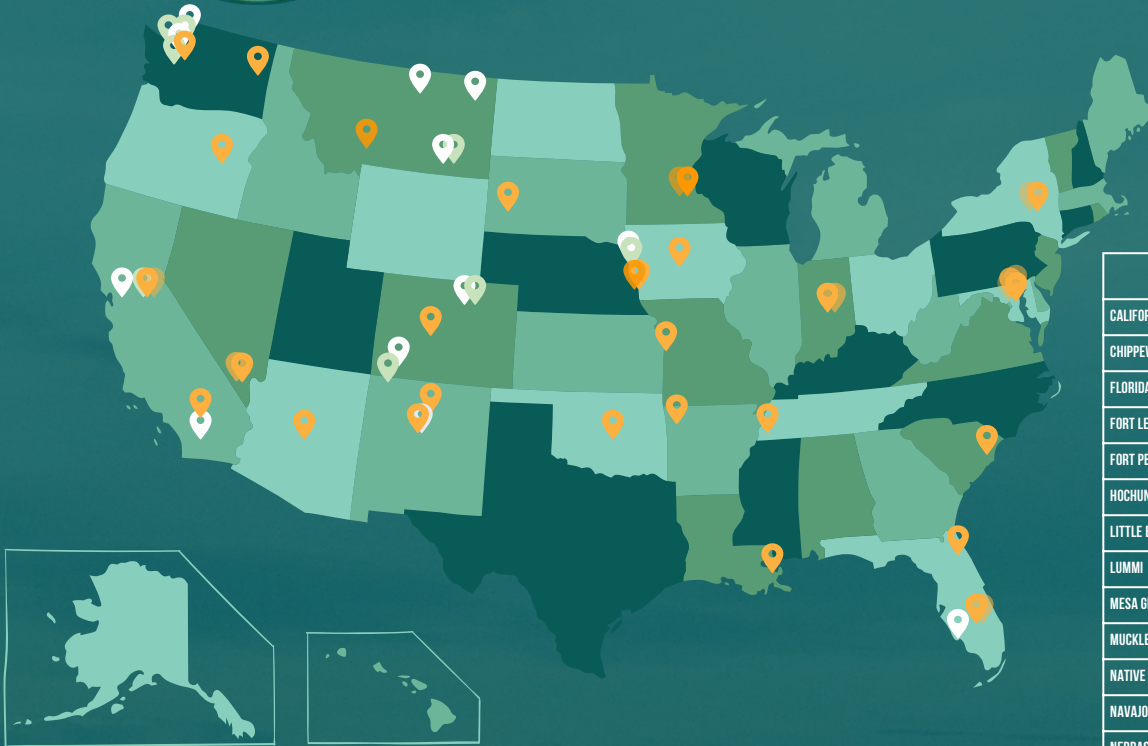
NAAF believes in the future of agriculture, and teachers are a critical link to helping Native students become more familiar with food and agriculture concepts and information. NAAF sponsored a cohort of teachers to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Annual Conference in hopes that the teachers would leave the conference with tools to improve the curriculum in classrooms surrounding agriculture.



NAAF believes in climate-smart agriculture and has partnered with U.S. Farmers & Ranchers in Action to collaborate and learn from food leaders that are driving change through unprecedented collaboration and innovation. These stakeholders are committed and working across the food value chain to create a more sustainable food system through climate-smart practices. NAAF CEO attended the USFRA's Honor the Harvest Festival and participated in the Decade of Ag video initiative.



NAAF IN ACTION



20 GRANTEE
SITE
VISITS
IN 2022

GRANTEE	LOCATION
CALIFORNIA INDIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER	SANTA ROSA, CA
CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE	BOX ELDER, MT
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	LEE COUNTY, FL
FORT LEWIS COLLEGE	DURANGO, CO
FORT PECK	FORT PECK, MT
HOCHUNK COMMUNITY CAPITAL	WINNEBAGO, NE
LITTLE BIG HORN COLLEGE	CROW AGENCY, MT
LUMMI	BELLINGHAM, WA
MESA GRANDE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	RAMONA, CA
MUCKLESHOOT	MUCKLESHOOT, WA
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACADEMY	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY	FARMINGTON, NM
NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	MACY, NE
PORT GAMBLE S'KALLAM	PORT GAMBLE, WA
SUQUAMISH	SEATTLE, WA
SWINOMISH	LA CONNER, WA
THE PEOPLE'S PARTNER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	LAME DEER, MT
THREE SISTERS GARDEN	SACRAMENTO, CA
TREES, WATER & PEOPLE	FT. COLLINS, CO
VILLAGE EARTH	FT. COLLINS, CO

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CONFERENCES,
EVENTS,
AND MEETINGS
ATTENDED
IN 2022

- AG OUTLOOK FORUM
- AGRI-PULSE AG & FOOD POLICY SUMMIT
- AGRICULTURAL BANKERS CONFERENCE
- ASPEN INSTITUTE ESG SUMMIT
- COMMODITY CLASSIC
- EXTENSION RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
- FALCON
- FARM BILL COALITION ROUNDTABLES
- FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION FORUMS AND MEETINGS
- FARMER VETERAN COALITION
- FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING
- FFA MONTANA STATE CONVENTION
- FFA WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
- FFA WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION
- FOUNDANT SUMMIT AND WORKSHOP

- IAC REGIONAL SUMMIT
- IAC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE
- INFLATION REDUCTION ACT MEETING
- LAKOTA FOOD SUMMIT
- MANRRS NATIONAL CONFERENCE
- NAAF MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, DC
- NAFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- NATIONAL AG IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE
- NATIONAL AG MEDIA SUMMIT
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CONFERENCE
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE (NASDA)
- NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
- NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
- NATIONAL TRIBAL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CONFERENCE

- NATIONAL TRIBAL LAND ASSOCIATION MEETING
- NATIONAL YBS FORUM
- NATIVE AG UNDERWRITING SCHOOL
- NEUBERGER INVESTMENT CONFERENCE
- PEAK GRANT-MAKING ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- PODFEST/VIDFEST
- RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT
- SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS FUNDERS CONFERENCE
- THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM, OKC
- U.S. FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN ACTION - HONOR THE HARVEST FORUM
- USDA EQUITY COMMISSION & AGRICULTURE MEETING
- WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HUNGER, NUTRITION, AND HEALTH

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