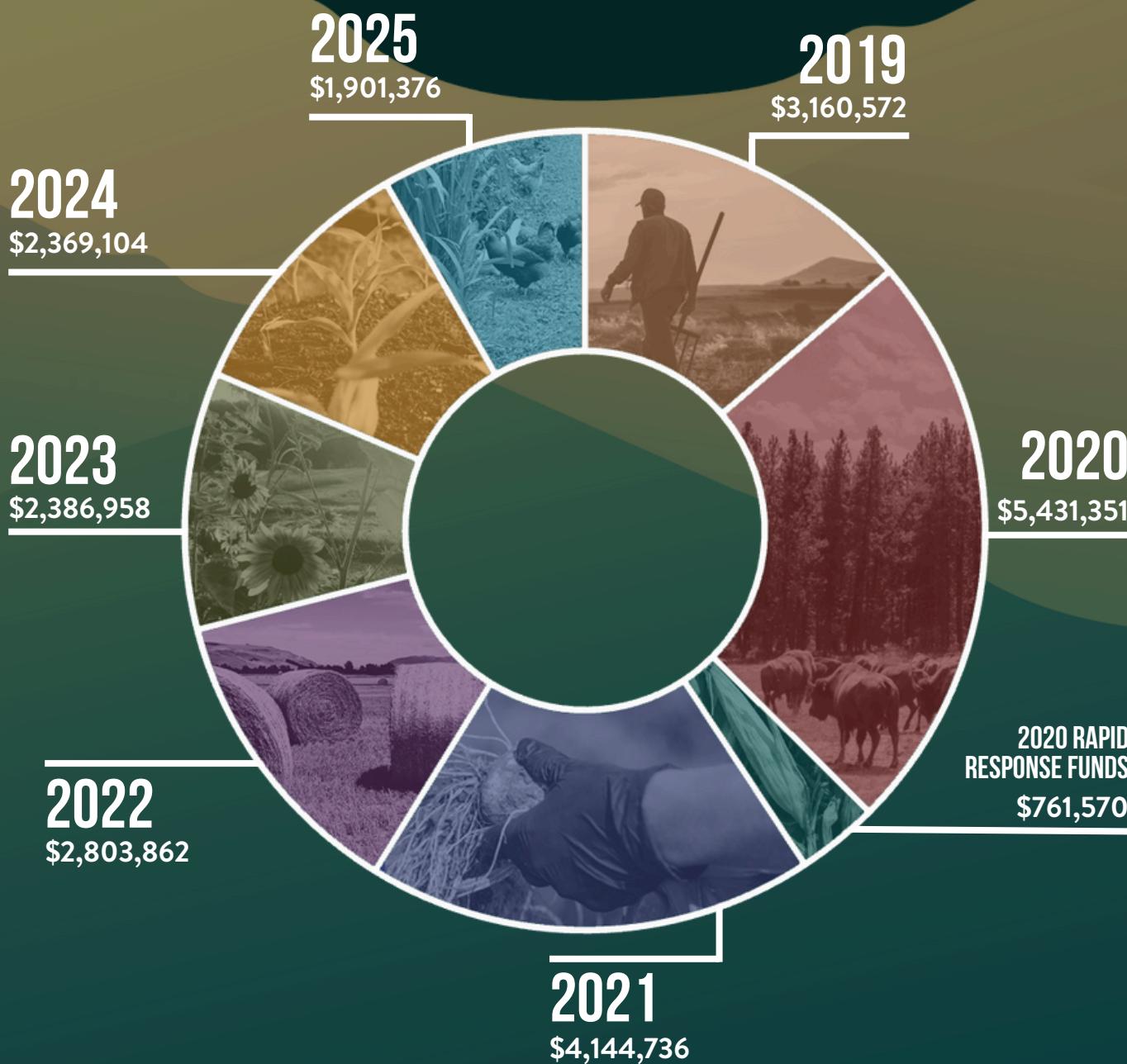




NEARLY \$23 MILLION FUNDDED TO 501c3s FROM 2019-2025

The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) believes that investing in Native-serving 501c3s means strengthening the networks, programs, and resources that directly expand economic opportunity and access to capital that equips farmers, ranchers, fishers, and harvester.



DRIVING GROWTH, RESILIENCE, AND OPPORTUNITY

Nonprofit organizations are the backbone of local and regional food systems across Indian Country. Native-serving nonprofits weave the histories, landscapes, and community priorities that shape Native agriculture into the programs and services they design and deliver. They are uniquely positioned to respond with culturally grounded, place-based solutions. Their work fills critical gaps in access to capital, technical assistance, training, market development, and more.

Between 2019 and 2025, NAAF invested nearly \$23 million across 107 501c3 grantees that reached nearly 54,000 individuals, including 32,389 students and youth, as well as 21,596 ranchers, farmers, harvesters, and fishers.

WHY INVESTMENTS IN NATIVE-SERVING 501c3s MATTER:

Expand direct access to capital and fill critical resource gaps

By offering tools, education, technical assistance, and region-specific programming, Native-serving nonprofits help producers overcome barriers created by decades of discriminatory lending and program administration. These services reduce risk for producers, making capital more accessible and attainable.

Strengthen local and regional food systems

Nonprofits build sustainable food economies, support producers across the entire supply chain, and keep more food, knowledge, and economic benefit within rural communities. Stronger food systems create more stable economic conditions, laying the groundwork for producers to successfully access and leverage capital.

Amplify resilience and long-term growth

Investments allow nonprofits to expand programming, innovate solutions, and reach more producers with consistent support. This long-term stability reinforces producers' financial health, business planning, and readiness to access and leverage capital for growth.



53,985 INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED

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8,829

Farmers

5,716

Ranchers

5,275

Harvesters

12,918

Students

19,471

Youth

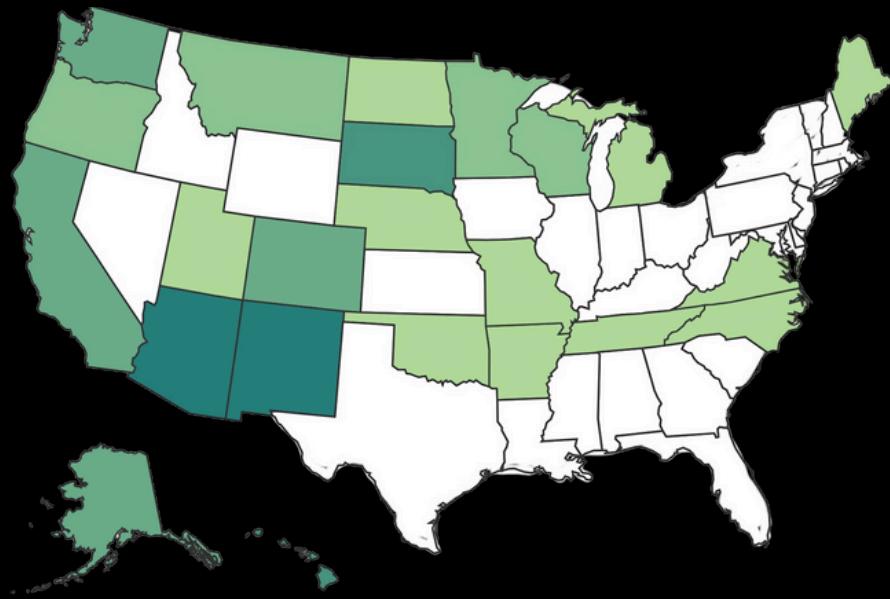
1,776

Fishers



NAAF FUNDED 501c3 GRANTEES

Since 2019, 107 501c3 grantees have helped expand economic opportunities, build capacity, and strengthen Native agriculture with support from NAAF.



NAAF Funded 501c3 Organizations by State, 2019-2025



IMPACT IN ACTION



2019

INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

BILLINGS, MONTANA

With support from the Native American Agriculture Fund, the Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) American Indian Foods (AIF) program strengthened domestic market opportunities for producers by building a clear and accessible pathway into local, regional, and national markets.

NAAF's investment contributed to a domestic market access process, technical assistance, and expanded training opportunities. This ensured that producers had the tools, guidance, and support needed to bring their foods directly to consumers.

Through virtual and in-person trainings, custom marketing workshops, and one-on-one consultations, IAC equipped producers with practical knowledge on branding, market regulations, financial resources, and value-added production. Staff also supported producers in navigating federal relief programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, which helped secure much-needed capital in an unprecedented times.

This support translated into real economic impact. IAC connected dozens of producers from across the country to domestic markets, sourced Native foods for national and regional events, and highlighted Native-owned food businesses through the AIF Producer Directory and other internal efforts and external partnerships.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, IAC quickly pivoted to deliver high-quality educational content through webinars, digital workshops, and an online learning platform. This ensured continuity of support for hundreds of farmers, ranchers, fishers, harvester, and community food producers.

Through the support of NAAF and others, the IAC is expanding visibility, strengthening market access, and elevating the economic potential of Native food products across the country and world. These efforts help producers build thriving operations and share the story of their food with new audiences.

CONNECTING NATIVE PRODUCERS TO STRONG
AND SUSTAINABLE MARKETS STRENGTHENS
TRIBAL ECONOMIES AND GROWS VISIBILITY
FOR NATIVE FOODS WORLDWIDE.



2020 FLOWER HILL INSTITUTE JEMEZ PUEBLO, NEW MEXICO

Flower Hill Institute used its 2020 Native American Agriculture Fund grant to take on an ambitious challenge that many ranchers in the Southwest have faced for decades: limited processing capacity and the absence of a regional, Native-controlled supply chain. With NAAF's support, the institute advanced Tribal food sovereignty through a multifaceted project focused on building regional capacity for producers and strengthening local food systems. The project included a comprehensive feasibility assessment for developing a Tribally-owned meat processing facility, identifying regional markets, and evaluating the supply of animals that could be provided by participating producers. The assessment confirmed that a processing enterprise could expand market access for ranchers, support the development of value-added and branded products, and provide critical processing capacity for both Tribal distribution programs and individual producer needs. It also highlighted the infrastructure, workforce, and financial planning necessary to build a sustainable enterprise in the region.

At the same time, Flower Hill Institute advanced critical food sovereignty efforts through its Sharing Indigenous Foodways program and its Native Farmers and Indigenous Farming Practices program.

These initiatives highlighted farmers, ranchers, and community producers through videos, podcasts, and virtual workshops that showcased traditional foods, Indigenous agricultural practices, and entrepreneurial skills. Cooking demonstrations filmed across communities in New Mexico have reached thousands of viewers, providing accessible recipes, cultural narratives, and educational content that encourages homegrown food systems and traditional cooking techniques.

Through these programs, Flower Hill Institute provided producers with tools to develop, market, and distribute their agricultural products while building confidence and leadership among food entrepreneurs. By pairing educational workshops with video and podcast storytelling, the project amplified the voices of chefs, farmers, and community members, creating a replicable model for supporting Indigenous food systems and economic opportunities in rural and Tribal communities.

**FLOWER HILL INSTITUTE IS HELPING
PRODUCERS TURN LOCAL RESOURCES INTO
SUSTAINABLE FOOD ENTERPRISES WHILE
MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL PRACTICES.**



2021

MAKOCE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Makoce Agriculture Development is a Native-led organization based on the Pine Ridge Reservation dedicated to strengthening local food systems and supporting producers through hands-on training, community education, and holistic production. Makoce helps Tribal members develop the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to grow and sustain their own agricultural enterprises.

Makoce Agriculture Development's work focuses on building community capacity, promoting food sovereignty, and creating economic opportunities while honoring the land and cultural traditions of its original stewards.

With support from NAAF, Makoce has expanded its educational tracks, offering both virtual and in-person training that bring together local partners, conservation educators, and community mentors. These programs help participants strengthen their knowledge of land access, U.S. Department of Agriculture resources, food safety, and small-scale poultry systems, while also providing access to equipment, technical assistance, and training that help them succeed as agricultural producers.

Makoce is also developing infrastructure to support local food production, including work with their Mobile Poultry Processing Unit. These efforts aim to give producers closer access to processing and help build stronger, more resilient local food systems.

Grounded in culture, community, and holistic practice, Makoce Agriculture Development is building a healthier, more resilient future, one producer, one family, and one locally raised chicken at a time.

MAKOCE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT'S
WORK EMPOWERS PRODUCERS,
STRENGTHENS FOOD SECURITY, AND
FUELS LOCAL, TRIBAL ECONOMIES.



2022

VILLAGE EARTH

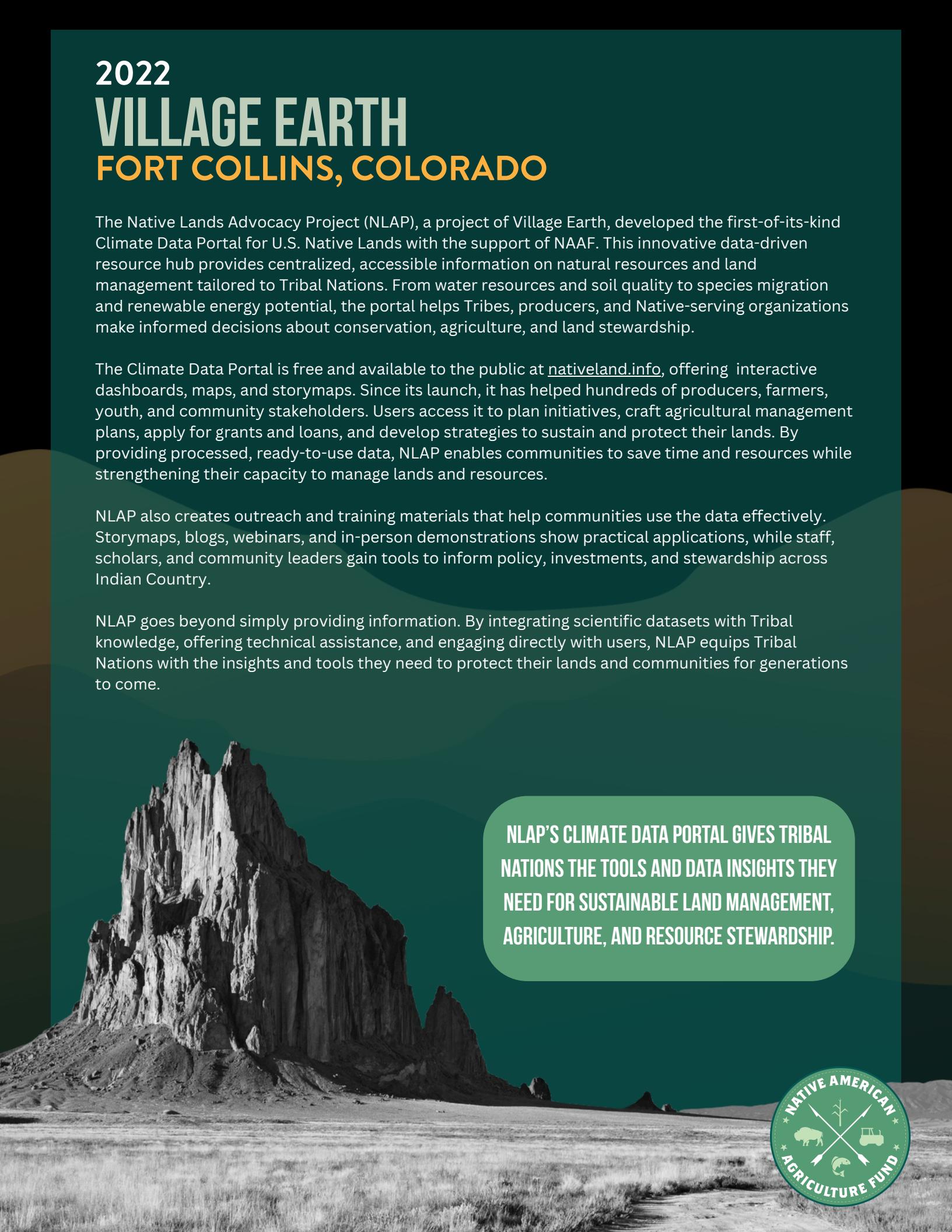
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

The Native Lands Advocacy Project (NLAP), a project of Village Earth, developed the first-of-its-kind Climate Data Portal for U.S. Native Lands with the support of NAAF. This innovative data-driven resource hub provides centralized, accessible information on natural resources and land management tailored to Tribal Nations. From water resources and soil quality to species migration and renewable energy potential, the portal helps Tribes, producers, and Native-serving organizations make informed decisions about conservation, agriculture, and land stewardship.

The Climate Data Portal is free and available to the public at nativeland.info, offering interactive dashboards, maps, and storymaps. Since its launch, it has helped hundreds of producers, farmers, youth, and community stakeholders. Users access it to plan initiatives, craft agricultural management plans, apply for grants and loans, and develop strategies to sustain and protect their lands. By providing processed, ready-to-use data, NLAP enables communities to save time and resources while strengthening their capacity to manage lands and resources.

NLAP also creates outreach and training materials that help communities use the data effectively. Storymaps, blogs, webinars, and in-person demonstrations show practical applications, while staff, scholars, and community leaders gain tools to inform policy, investments, and stewardship across Indian Country.

NLAP goes beyond simply providing information. By integrating scientific datasets with Tribal knowledge, offering technical assistance, and engaging directly with users, NLAP equips Tribal Nations with the insights and tools they need to protect their lands and communities for generations to come.



NLAP'S CLIMATE DATA PORTAL GIVES TRIBAL NATIONS THE TOOLS AND DATA INSIGHTS THEY NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP.



2023 DREAM OF WILD HEALTH MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Dream of Wild Health is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening Tribal communities and peoples in the greater Twin Cities area through agriculture, culture, and health. The organization has cultivated gardens, worked with the land using holistic practices, and developed programs that connect individuals to sustainable food systems. In addition to youth programming, Dream of Wild Health operates a community-supported agriculture (CSA) program and other community initiatives that increase access to healthy, culturally relevant foods, particularly for Native populations. Through these efforts, the organization fosters food sovereignty, community resilience, and a deeper connection to the land.

NAAF support has helped fund Dream of Wild Health's youth programming, which seeks to introduce youth to agriculture and food systems, build leadership skills, and strengthen cultural knowledge. Participants gain hands-on experience growing and preparing food, develop professional skills, and engage in activities that expand their understanding of Indigenous food systems and urban agriculture.

Youth programs provide a year-round trajectory of engagement, allowing participants to take on mentorship and leadership roles, attend workshops and field trips, and present their knowledge at regional and national gatherings. These experiences empower youth to advocate for Indigenous food sovereignty and see themselves as leaders in their communities.

Through these programs and initiatives, Dream of Wild Health supports the growth of future leaders, strengthens sustainable food practices, and builds foundations for pathways to entrepreneurship and access to capital to create lasting benefits for youth and the surrounding community.



**DREAM OF WILD HEALTH EMPOWERS
NATIVE YOUTH THROUGH AGRICULTURAL
LEARNING, CULTURAL EDUCATION, AND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, PREPARING
THEM TO BECOME FUTURE LEADERS IN
INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS.**



Through nearly \$23 million in funding, Native-serving nonprofits reached tens of thousands of producers, students, and youth—supporting the people who grow, raise, harvest, and steward food across Indian Country. These investments translate into real outcomes: stronger local economies, increased readiness for capital, and more resilient Tribal food systems.

Learn more about NAAF's impact and investments at
nativeamericanagriculturefund.org

