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Our Mission

First Nations Development Institute invests in and creates innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.
**Our Core Programs**

**Achieving Native Financial Empowerment**
Native financial & investor education, consumer protection & financial fraud education, combating predatory lending, and research.

**Nourishing Native Foods & Health**
Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition, and food sovereignty efforts.

**Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies**

**Investing in Native Youth**
Native Youth & Culture Fund, college scholarship/internship programs, and youth-oriented financial education, among other programs.

**Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions**
Nonprofit & tribal capacity-building activities including the Urban Native Project, Native Arts Capacity Building Initiative, and coalition-building work, among other programs.
Our Strategies
How Change Happens

Our strategies are designed to support the entire ecosystem of transformative change in Native communities and build a network of grantee partners that ultimately leads to asset-building in Native communities.
Our Approach
First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets and to restore control and promote culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.

Asset-building Defined
A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build Native capacities, capabilities and communities.

Why Asset-building Works
Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and needs of their communities better than outside agencies. It strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to create solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms. In brief, in the long term it works because it helps protect and enhance tribal sovereignty.
NAFSI’s Strategy

Native Food Sovereignty

- Health: Increasing access to locally produced healthy foods will reduce diet-related diseases and improve the health of Native peoples.
- Economic Development: The development and cultivation of food markets and businesses foster the entrepreneurial spirit of Native peoples that leads to economic development.
- Culture: Traditional agriculture practices revitalize ceremonies of planting seasons, build the social bonds of the production process and strengthen the relationship of Native peoples to the land that sustains us.
- Native Nationhood: Native communities create policies and programs aimed at Native food-system control and build strong Native institutions and governance capacity.
## 2020 Nourishing Native Food Economies Grantees

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## Program Overview

### Grants Funded
- 7 Grants Awarded, $40,000 each
- Total amount awarded through program grants is $280,000

### Grant Term:
- July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

### Disbursement Schedule:
- Issued upon receipt of grant agreement and webinar participation
- Remaining disbursements following receipt of progress and final reports.
- Please email grant agreement to rlapine@firstnations.org
# Reporting Requirements

Including project narrative and financial status report, and copies of any policies, publications, media, or other tangible documentation produced from the proceeds of this grant.

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Technical Assistance

• First Nations will work with each grantee collaboratively to build the programmatic, management and administrative capacity to support the success of their food project and any resulting plans.

• Grantees will be asked to either submit an Organizational Assessment to evaluate the technical assistance needs or have a check in call with a First Nations program officer.
Networking Opportunities

• Opportunity to network with other NAFSI project grantees at the training opportunities.
• At the end of the grant, First Nations will circulate program models, best practices, etc.
Getting Started

Grant Agreements
- Return to First Nations as soon as possible. Your First disbursement is dependent on receipt of your grant agreement. Please scan and return your signed and initialed grant agreement to rlapine@firstnations.org. One original signed copy by First Nations will be returned for your records. Mailed copies are also acceptable.

Orientation Webinars
- Participate in the orientation webinar

Technical Assistance Plans
- You will be contacted to schedule calls to generate technical assistance plans
- Purpose is to provide technical assistance on evaluation to ensure the consistent gathering of information, data, and implementation.

Required Travel
- More information will be provided dependent on the risk of COVID-19 and the 2021 First Nations Conference.
### Getting Started Summary

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<td>First Nations NAFSI Program Officer</td>
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Publicizing Your Project

• First Nations requires grantees to make announcements of grants through various media outlets and request that NAFSI grantees note that this project is funded by First Nations Development Institute. If you want more information about First Nations, contact us.

• An acknowledgement of the funded program/project documenting its impact on your community to include one or more of the following:
  • A letter; videotape or documentary; a story or article; photograph or story boards, **will be due on or before December 31, 2021**.
  • Additionally, although not required beyond the above-mentioned items, First Nations invites your organization to submit a separate well-written feature article of between 500 and 1,500 words, along with relevant photographs or graphics, to possibly be used in First Nations’ electronic newsletter. The feature story should describe the project, its purpose and its successful completion, and utilize quotes or experiences from various project participants.
When to Contact First Nations?

- If you have staff turnover – especially if it is the project coordinator.
- If you don’t receive your check within 30 days.
- If you are having problems meeting your objectives.
- If you are having issues with your onsite visit.
- If you are having financial issues.
- If you have to revise your budget or objectives.
- If you want to share good news or progress!
Questions

This webinar will be recorded and can be accessed on our website under the First Nations Knowledge Center [http://www.firstnations.org/fnk](http://www.firstnations.org/fnk)
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