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**FIRST NATIONS**  
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# ELEVATING & ADVANCING *Native Ways*

First Nations Development Institute believes that Native Peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual, and cultural well-being of their communities. We invest in Native communities and their ability to promote their economies, nurture their young people, strengthen their institutions and assets, and rebuild their Native food systems.

With the support of thousands of caring individuals, corporations, and organizations, First Nations helps elevate Native voices and move the work of our community partners forward.

In this report, we celebrate these successes, we highlight the advances happening throughout Indian Country, and we honor everyone who has made this work possible.

**Together, we are all moving forward.**

## MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. We invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.



### ABOUT THE COVER

2020 Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellow

**Hanna Sholl**

SUN'AQ TRIBE of KODIAK, ALASKA

*The artwork featured in this year's Annual Report was created by 2020 Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellow Hanna Sholl (Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, Alaska). She is an artist, educator, and culture bearer who merges traditional and modern-day Alutiiq art. Sholl is also highly regarded within Alutiiq communities as a key leader and culture bearer in the Alutiiq revitalization movement.*

*Through art, Hanna says she would like to reach every Indigenous person, whether raised within or outside their homelands, remind them that their ancestors' strength lives inside them, and encourage conversations by creating meaningful and timely pieces. Hanna champions Indigenous people to use art as a form of healing, helping foster a strong, educated, and empowered generation of Indigenous Peoples.*

*The artwork featured in this Annual Report represents a wish, showing the transition to a healthy, prosperous new year, a gift from our creator, healthy land, animals, and people.*

11 YEARS IN A ROW



# LETTER FROM THE *Chairman*



**Benny Shendo, Jr.**  
Jemez Pueblo

## Proud, Resilient, and Always Moving Forward

### It has been a year.

In 2021, COVID-19 continued to wreak havoc on our communities, further devastating services and economies, and making the everyday inequities that exist throughout Indian Country even more apparent. As the year went on and the pandemic slowly began to loosen its grip on the world, challenges remained. The creation and release of vaccines brought new struggles surrounding availability and access. Then there were the emerging variants and changing laws and policies. With this came the need to navigate a “new normal” in terms of how we live, work, do business, and – for us in Native America – how we gather together, perform our ceremonies and dances, and practice our culture.



But, of course, we have been there, done that. For Native peoples, normal left centuries ago, and the forced transitions of 2021 were just the latest in a long line of events that have continued to change our lives and the ways we know. The onset of a global pandemic was not the first time our infrastructures were strained. It was not the first time we were promised federal support that was stalled or forgotten altogether. It was not the first time we lost our cherished elders in record numbers. And it was not the first time we had to put trust in a government that has been bent on destroying us for centuries.

But, as always, we have forged ahead. And what has sustained us are the very gatherings, ceremonies, dances, and culture that have been threatened all along. Through it all, we have clung, as we always have, to our traditions and our ways of life. We have stood resilient and steadfast. We have sung. We have danced. We have moved forward. And, at First Nations, we have continued to seek brighter skies.

### This year, we’ve found many.

**More action.** The 2020 election laid the groundwork for the naming of the first-ever Native American Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. Secretary Deb Haaland’s appointment launched with a series of consultations with tribal leaders to address COVID-19, economic security, racial justice and climate change, all within the framework of tribal nations’ priorities and recommendations. These conversations guided the creation of policies and legislation throughout the year, from stewarding Native cultural resources to honoring nation-to-nation relationships. And they shed a national spotlight on the strength and resilience of Native communities and the need for the federal government to recognize the true history of America, and take steps to return Native land and restore the knowledge and practices that protected that land from the beginning.



**Greater philanthropy.** With this added advocacy, we saw advancements from the philanthropic sector. Funding to Native-led nonprofits and organizations has historically been dismal, but 2021 brought an influx of support to First Nations from corporate funders and private philanthropists. First Nations was able to leverage this funding and strengthen and expand projects and initiatives, as well as increase awareness of the need for further investments in Native communities. While this support is little and late when compared to the broader scope of philanthropic giving to non-Native organizations and causes, it is still a step in the right direction. And it's a direction forward.

**More momentum.** At First Nations, we used this added support and increased awareness to bolster First Nations' outreach, technical assistance, and grant-making. Many long-standing funders and allies continued their interest and investments in Native language immersion, culture, youth enrichment, strengthening tribal institutions, financial education, and Native land stewardship. This year, we emphasized to our funding partners and to those throughout the philanthropic sector the importance of removing barriers to funding, and providing unrestricted support. Many funders responded, and this made it possible for First Nations to invest in overall operations, build capacity, and ensure our staying power to continue to serve Native communities through our 41st year. We were able to strategically evaluate our programs to determine the best structure, moving forward, to get resources to Native-led organizations, promote collaboration, and strengthen infrastructures. We were able to step back, take stock, and position First Nations to address the needs in Native communities now and in the near future.

Through the achievements mentioned here and those highlighted on the pages that follow, it is clear the skies are indeed brighter as we enter 2022. In a new normal, we have seen progress. We have seen hope, pride, and strength.

We've seen it in the knowledge, artistry, and culture-bearing of our Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellows. We've seen it in the eyes of young Native students, presenting their ideas before a roomful of Indigenous business leaders at the RES Conference. And we've heard it in the voices of children, learning Native languages from elders in their communities, ensuring that our traditional words, stories, histories, and cultures go on.

**As we enter 2022, we know there is still more to do.  
But we are ready, united, and empowered to move forward.**

Respectfully,

**Benny Shendo, Jr.** | Jemez Pueblo  
*CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS*  
*First Nations Development Institute*

# LETTER FROM THE *President*



**Michael E. Roberts**  
Tlingit

## Willful, Humble, Fearless

Each and every year when I sit down to write the President's Letter for our Annual Report, I get a bit baffled as to what to share about First Nations that hasn't already been said, or – more importantly – hasn't been witnessed by the Native communities we serve.

At this writing, First Nations is completing its 41st year, and I am proud to say that I have been either an employee or board member of the organization for nearly three-fourths of that time. And if you were to ask me what makes First Nations First Nations, I would share with you the three characteristics that define us – willful, humble, and fearless.

### Willful

Willful is defined as “showing a stubborn and determined intention to do as one wants, regardless of the consequences or effects.” That definition might better reflect the personality of me, First Nations' President, than it does the organization as a whole. Rather, the definition of willful that best describes First Nations is: intentional or deliberate.

Built with an architect's eye of creating a strong foundation, erecting a scaffolding that will support needed programs, and sweating the details, First Nations has been very intentional. Our work is done with purpose. First Nations does not just hear from our Native community partners. We actually listen to them when they come to us with their dreams and ambitions to make their communities better. We approach our work with Native communities with a clear intention and an understanding of our accountability to them.

**Our interaction with Native communities is intentionally about mutual respect, listening rather than telling, and being responsive and inclusive of the communities' needs and solutions.**

In the past year, we have been lucky enough to fund almost one out of five of the requests that we have received, but our intention is to do better. The fact that many of these projects in Native communities are left unfunded is not lost on us. In fact, it makes us work harder so we don't leave these potential partners wanting. We do this because we know “if not us, then who?” And we know (because we did the research and wrote the report) that 23/100ths of 1% of philanthropic dollars go to Native-controlled organizations in any given year, which is an even sadder reflection on the greater private philanthropic sector.

First Nations prides itself as being a value-driven organization. We approach each and every interaction with our partners from a service-driven perspective. Our interaction with Native communities is intentionally about mutual respect, listening rather than telling, and being responsive and inclusive of the communities' needs and solutions.

We approach our work with Native communities with a clear intention and an understanding of accountability to them. At the beginning of the pandemic, First Nations was very intentional about checking in with the Native communities we serve. When setting up our COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, even before raising a single dollar, we quickly gathered an advisory group of Native non-profit

community leaders to share what they were seeing and what would be the best type of funding we could supply. From there, we distributed direct, unrestricted funding, with little or no administrative front-end application, to help those Native communities and others achieve it.

## **Humble**

There is a Harry S. Truman quote that comes to mind again and again when I think about the people and culture here at First Nations: "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

At First Nations we are repeatedly reminded that the grant ideas and great programs that happen here do not happen because we are sitting in some ivory tower here in Longmont or in Albuquerque. They happen because we listen more than we talk. We recognize and highlight the strength of Native assets rather than capitalizing on Native social and economic inequities. And I will say it one more time: We recognize that the best solutions, the best ideas for Indian Country come from Native communities themselves, and our job is rather simple. We invest capital and, when necessary, technical assistance, so that these Native communities can achieve the successes they define for themselves.

Our humbleness extends to our interactions with the folks who fund us. We treat the resources entrusted to us as sacred, exercising a high level of responsibility with the funds and investments in our care, as we recognize that these belong to Indian Country, not us.

One last thought on this characteristic of humbleness is humor. At First Nations we value humor and fun in the work place; we laugh with one another and at ourselves.

## **Fearless**

41 years ago, First Nations was founded by a fearless social entrepreneur, Rebecca Adamson. Without ever having set foot in the office of a private foundation, Rebecca travelled to New York, and through diligence, intelligence, and persuasion secured an audience with a program officer at the Ford Foundation. Rebecca's willingness to not let perfect inaction be the enemy of imperfect action got First Nations its \$25,000 founding grant, and it was a foundational value upon which the organization has built for the past 41 years.

We at First Nations have enjoyed a 41-year relationship with private philanthropy. But to us, that lifelong benefit does not come without an obligation. In our minds, that obligation is to share with our friends in private philanthropy when they can be doing better. And with only 23/100ths of 1% of private foundation dollars flowing to Native-controlled institutions, that answer is "ALWAYS!" You will see this in the advocacy we do here at First Nations, and the research reports that are openly critical of private philanthropic practices. You will also see it in our entrepreneurial zeal in creating new programs and initiatives, not because they have been fully researched and tested, but because our community partners have asked us to take the lead in their creation.

In my opinion, the day that we stop taking chances, the day we stop creating, the day we begin to worry about our reputation in the event of failure, well, that is the day we have failed and we might as well close our doors.

**But for now, we continue to seek brighter skies for Native peoples. And we move forward . . . willful, humble, and fearless.**

Respectfully,



**Michael E. Roberts** | Tlingit

*PRESIDENT & CEO*

*First Nations Development Institute*



# This Year AT FIRST NATIONS

In 2021, we are honored to commemorate some key achievements . . .

## Introducing the Tribal Lands Conservation Fund

First Nations has long recognized that the effects of climate change and global warming are rampant, with key indicators increasing regularly. In addition, Native peoples in the United States, the long-time stewards of some of the most conservation-prioritized regions, continue to occupy the bottom rungs of the economic ladder. In response, this year we began exploring an opportunity for Native communities, philanthropic partners, and environmental advocates to join First Nations in putting financial resources in the hands of the Native people who can best conserve and steward Native lands in ways they always have.



Through the new Tribal Lands Conservation or “TLC” Fund, First Nations provides a means to invest in the core competencies of Native communities that are difficult to match by other conservation organizations – a culture- and people-approach, tribal sovereign jurisdiction, and the genius of highly resilient peoples who have used their beliefs, traditions, and practices to preserve and protect the earth. The TLC Fund is a vehicle for Native supporters and allies to not only protect the earth, but also find economic avenues for Native communities. In this way, the fund is a solution to both conservation and economic justice.

## More People, Greater Capacity



Another highlight of 2021 is the growth of our First Nations family. In response to increasing opportunities throughout Indian Country to invest in Native ingenuity and best practices in education, agriculture, language immersion, and conservation, First Nations invested in our own capacity in program leadership, operations, communications, and human resources to better serve our communities. And, we assessed and implemented plans for the organization’s continued growth, evolving program design, and leadership succession.

We also expanded our national presence with the establishment of a field office in Claremont, California. Our California Tribal Fund team is positioned locally to support the viability and visibility of California Tribal Nations, communities, and families, and – to date – the team has grown the fund from \$250,000 in initial support, to over \$3 million. Since the fund’s inception, we have distributed more than 46 grants, representing nearly \$900,000 in funding, to 40 California Native communities and causes, including COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. Many of these are multi-year grants designed to help organizations invest in long-term growth, opportunities, and sustainability.

## Building Communities of Practice

This year, First Nations' **Native Fundraisers Community of Practice** entered its third year, with the 2021 cohort of leaders of Native nonprofit organizations and causes. Through this unique model, participants learn strategies to strengthen their grant-writing and fundraising skills within a framework of narrative change and authentic storytelling. The training empowers them to identify and connect with funders, bolster their grant submissions, and ultimately build the capacity and financial sustainability of their organizations.

With training through the NFCoP, participants in 2021 collectively submitted **67 grants**, with a combined ask of **\$6.4 million**.

In addition, the NFCoP further cemented a model for First Nations that has lent itself to other program areas. This year, we launched the **Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice** to foster more equitable practices by philanthropic institutions, resulting in increased access to resources by Native-led organizations and initiatives. Through this Community of Practice, food systems funders gained the opportunity to share and sharpen their skills and strategies for investing in Indigenous partners who are leading sustainable agriculture and food systems work in Indian Country.

We also implemented Community of Practice sessions with our **Native Language Immersion Initiative** grantees, to help them not only identify current relationships and potential funding partners, but also share and learn from peers. Meeting regularly as a community, these Native leaders were able to elevate a collective voice in the needs, efforts, and best practices in language immersion work.



## National Visibility and Advocacy for Native Communities

With the appointment of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, this year brought added focus to the environment, climate change, and evidence-based policymaking, as well as to Native resources, needs and priorities, and the benefits of traditional ecological knowledge. Upon taking the position, Secretary Haaland committed to advancing an inclusive and equitable climate and conservation agenda, including projects to restore wildlife habitats and strengthen tribal climate resilience and infrastructure.

Secretary Haaland also launched formal investigations into the trauma experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native Indians resulting from the federal Indian Boarding School Policy of 1869. Further, Secretary Haaland created a Missing and Murdered Unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services to provide a cohesive and strategic approach to the issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Haaland's team implemented the *Not Invisible Act* aimed at reducing violent crime against American Indians and Alaska Natives. She also took action to remove racist names of many of the nation's geographic features, accelerating a process to reconcile derogatory place names and better honor the original stewards of our lands.



## *Strengthening* TRIBAL & COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

First Nations' Strengthening Tribal and Community Institutions program promotes the community and economic development efforts of our community partners, including Native-led nonprofits and grassroots community organizations as well as tribal programs and departments, and works to strengthen their community and institutional assets through grantmaking, training and technical assistance, and research and advocacy. These assets include cultural assets and the perpetuation of intergenerational transfer of cultural and artistic knowledge and the sustaining of arts and cultural hubs; physical assets such as tribally-controlled broadband build-out; and human assets to maximize organizational capacity and sustainability.

### Building Digital Technology Capacity in Native American Communities

With the generous support of the **Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation** and a private donor, **Kathryn Ryan**, First Nations continued the Building Digital Technology Capacity in Native American Communities project in 2021 to support and amplify digital access and inclusion efforts of several tribes.

The pandemic further exposed well-known, longstanding, and unacceptable inequities facing many tribes and Native communities in accessing reliable, high-speed broadband. Acutely aware of the extent of this lack of access, tribes and Native communities have begun leveraging long-awaited federal support and building necessary resources to assert tribal control over this critical physical asset. This project recognizes that even with temporary, increased federal funding, there continues to be a tremendous unmet need facing tribes as they work to build out broadband infrastructure.

In 2021, First Nations awarded five grants of \$25,000 each to the Bishop Paiute Tribe (California), Lower Sioux Indian Community (Minnesota), Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Mississippi), Nez Perce Tribe (Idaho), and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Oregon) to support their digital capabilities. The work of these community partners prioritizes securing and exercising broadband rights and laying the foundation to access and proficiently use reliable, high-speed internet.

### First Americans' Cultural Treasures Initiative

First Nations launched the four-year, \$5 million Americans' Cultural Treasures Initiative in the final quarter of 2021 through an innovative funder collaborative among the **Ford Foundation**, **Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP)**, and First Nations. Going forward in 2022, this funder collaborative will position First Nations to increase general operating support to current and previous community partners that are traditional arts and cultural hubs in their communities. Historically under-resourced, these institutions are now responding and adapting to the effects of the pandemic with efforts focused on rebuilding capacity and programming around the perpetuation of cultural assets and Native knowledge systems and lifeways. This project's geographic scope includes the upper Midwest (Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota), Southwest (New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California), and Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana), which represents MACP's service area.

The project's early activities have included building a learning framework that can be molded by our community partners, useful to their needs, and iterative as the initiative evolves. In 2022, First Nations will initiate grantmaking and training and technical assistance for the project's community partners.

## Native Arts Initiative

First Nations launched the Native Arts Initiative (NAI) in 2014 with generous support from **Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP)** to support Native-led arts and cultural hubs that utilize a framework of intergenerational transmission of artistic knowledge and skills in serving their communities.

The NAI's geographic scope includes the upper Midwest (Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota), Southwest (New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California), and Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana), which represents MACP's service area. With renewed funding of \$3.2 million from MACP in 2020, First Nations has utilized general operating support grantmaking to support community partners that have pivoted their work in response to the needs of their communities during the pandemic.

In 2022, the NAI will deploy grant support to community partners as they rebuild their traditional arts and culture programming. Community partners in this initiative will also have the opportunity to identify training and technical assistance needs as well as participate in First Nations' Native Fundraisers Community of Practice.



*One of the many murals featured on the inside and outside of the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project community center and created collectively by members of the Artists Committee and other Zuni artists.*

PHOTO CREDIT:  
ZUNI YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROJECT

## 2021

### NFCoP SUPPORTERS

**W. K. Kellogg Foundation**

**Margaret A. Cargill  
Philanthropies**

**San Manuel Band of  
Mission Indians**

**Target Foundation**

**American Express  
Foundation**

**AMB Foundation**

The NFCoP operates from and elevates a set of core values:

creativity • innovation  
knowledge sharing • humor  
relationships • storytelling

## Native Fundraisers Community of Practice

First Nations launched the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice (NFCoP) in 2019 as a strategy to support First Nations' community partners as they work to increase organizational capacity and sustainability and ensure long-term service to their communities. Integral to the NFCoP is the partnership with the Hopi-founded and -led firm Melvin Consulting PLLC located in Nuvatukya'ovi (also referred to as Flagstaff, Arizona).

In addition to providing technical assistance and training, the NFCoP curriculum addresses the fact that mainstream philanthropy's giving trends to Native organizations and causes are rooted in inequities. The curriculum also addresses findings from First Nations' 2018 report, *Reclaiming Native Truth (RNT): A Project to Dispel America's Myths and Misconceptions*, in that it strives to position cohort members to effectively participate in and contribute to strengths-based messaging about the contributions and needs of Native communities and ultimately reshape perceptions of the general public and mainstream philanthropy for positive narrative change.

In 2021, the NFCoP graduated two cohorts comprising 36 professionals from Native-led nonprofits and tribal programs, most of whom were current or former First Nations' community partners from multiple First Nations' programs.

## ABOUT THE NFCoP CURRICULUM

Each NFCoP cohort participated in 14 virtual, live trainings geared to develop participants' practical skills in grant writing, fundraising, messaging, and communicating their story from a strengths-based framework.

- Topics included:
- Fundamentals of Grant Writing
  - Understanding the Philanthropic Giving Landscape
  - Communications Strategies for Grant Writing and Fundraising
  - Understanding Strategies for Driving Positive Narrative Change
  - Prospect Research Strategies
  - Donor Relations and Introduction to Developing an Individual Donor Base
  - Data Sovereignty and Indigenous Evaluation Methods for Grant Proposals
  - Tools for Making the Pitch to Community and Potential Funders

The second cohort in 2021 also participated in a live grant writing and grantmaking lab pilot led by peers and supported with coaching.

Each participant developed and submitted a general operating support proposal for a \$5,000 micro-grant utilizing First Nations' grantmaking portal, participated in the grantmaking review team, and provided strengths-based feedback to their peers. First Nations awarded \$40,000 in micro-grants as part of this pilot project and the effort received strong positive feedback from participants.

**Between the two cohorts, members submitted 67 grant proposals totaling \$6.4 million in requested funds.**



*Jessica Quintana is an Oneida Nation descendent and member of the 2021 NFCoP.*

## 2021 OUTCOMES

**100%** of graduates indicated an increase in their ability to create positive change in their communities through fundraising

**78%** came away with a list of funders to submit proposals to in the coming year

**100%** said they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with their experience

**100%** said they would recommend the NFCoP to a colleague or community leader

# 2021 NFCoP COHORT PARTICIPANTS

## COHORT 2



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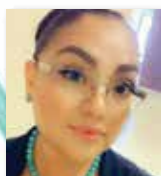
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FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREAS:  
Investing in Native Youth, Nourishing Native Foods & Health

*"What scared me the most about fundraising when I first started was that I didn't know where to look for specific grants, specifically language revitalization grants or education grants, and also I didn't know how to start a campaign. So I feel more comfortable now in participating in the NFCoP cohort because it provided me those type of resources. It provided me resources on how to develop an elevator speech or a pitch talk. It also helped me network with other organizations that are out there. It also helped me out in preparing proposals that I would submit to specific foundations or organizations that are out there. It also taught me not to be scared to ask for funds because you never know. There's a specific amount that is put within the guidelines of a specific grant. And it taught me to ask for the max amount as well and not to be scared of that."*



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Catawba Indian Nation

FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREAS:  
Investing in Native Youth, Nourishing Native Foods & Health

*"What I appreciated from these meetings was first the reassurance from other folks who were other Native folks and folks working in tribal communities that a lot of the troubles that we've had and that we were feeling – like onerous applications, arbitrary reporting requirements, funding cycles that are too limited – these were things that all folks were experiencing in Indian Country. What it also helped me see was that there are ways that we can actually begin working with funders and communicating with funders – particularly those outside of the strictly controlled kind of federal government granting structure – that we can actually work with them to start to change this and that a lot of funders are looking for that kind of change."*



**Steven Holley**  
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Hopi Education Endowment Fund



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**FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREAS:  
 Strengthening Tribal & Community  
 Institutions, Investing in Native Youth,  
 Nourishing Native Foods & Health**

*"It really helped me develop the skills that I needed to do my job for our Zuni youth. Our staff consists of passionate, knowledgeable, amazing, talented people, and none of us are trained for the non-profit world, but the NFCoP allowed two of our staff to be able to learn how to turn that passion into tangible skills that would allow us to further our mission. We learned how to write grants. We learned how to develop relationships with funders. We learned how to make connections and networks – so many different things that would allow our organization to grow."*



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**FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREA: Nourishing Native Foods & Health**

*"With the support of the program mentors as well as the other participants, I was able to apply for and receive multiple funding opportunities which we needed to launch a new program area for our organization. These funds will allow us to redistribute wealth directly into our communities by compensating our valuable knowledge holders to share and preserve their own unique and diverse narratives. In addition to the skills I developed further in grant writing and fundraising, I was also able to practice and learn more communications strategies as well as facilitation techniques and practice video editing and pitching. All of these things will directly benefit the work that I do. Now that I've completed the program, I feel that I can move forward with the connections and knowledge necessary to direct more funds toward work that will directly benefit our Native communities."*



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 OUTREACH COORDINATOR  
 Diné C.A.R.E.

FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREA:  
 Nourishing Native Foods & Health

*"My view on fundraising shifted as soon as I started taking the program. How we looked at fundraising before was that we needed to have it so that we can continue these projects. Although that is still part of the reason why I will be doing grant writing and fundraising, it is not the only reason why. What shifted was Michael Roberts coming on and talking about the narrative change in Indian Country. I also see that we need a narrative change and to celebrate our people's strengths and our people's resilience. I feel that when I first started the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice, the fear that I faced the most about writing grants was being rejected and not being able to continue to do the projects that we are doing. This has changed and shifted because I believe that as long as we're painting our program in a good light and serving the people that the resources will come. I do not like to paint my people in a weak light. We are strong, resilient people. And yes, we face historical trauma, but there are other things to celebrate within our communities. We have very resilient people who are willing to learn and who are willing to take on and be empowered as long as we can get the resources to empower them."*



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FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREA: Investing in Native Youth

*"I really appreciate the well-rounded approach that the Native Fundraiser Community of Practice had in exposing me to different areas of fundraising because I thought I was doing the whole pie, knowing that they were like minor slices here and there. But actually there were a lot more elements that I wasn't aware of. And I think the parts of fundraising are not well known, and community members like myself tend to be just really good at one piece or another but not necessarily the whole thing. Getting the comprehensive picture about messaging and about where to look for funders, foundations, who gives the most, thinking about your approach, thinking about all of these different aspects in a really concerted, targeted way that meets the needs of Indian Country I think – I could really tell that in designing the content, the audience was me, thinking about what we usually do in Indian Country, how do we usually access funds, and where are the holes. So I really appreciated that care that was given to people like me that are just looking for the money to make our communities' dreams happen, and that is a daunting task. I feel like this line of work can be really high pressure because finding the funds to continue good things is hard. Finding the funds to continue to try new things is hard... Knowing that there is this cohort, this community of practice exists gives me hope that we'll be able to do it in a way that's effective and sustains our lifeways and is able to help us access what we need to create healthy communities to make change where we need to make change to dream."*



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**FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM AREA:  
 Nourishing Native Foods & Health**

*"I think the biggest challenges that I had to overcome was my writing style. I tended to come from a deficit-based writing style where I tended to focus on the negative within communities and what was lacking, and sometimes overlook the good in our capabilities. And with the change narrative theme that focused on values, history, visibility, and a call to action, I was able to tell the whole story about my community and about my organization, you know the good that we're doing, the successes that we have. The strategy was a strengths-based approach, and by conveying this message, I was able to tell the whole story of why we should be funded and I was able to secure two grants utilizing that technique."*



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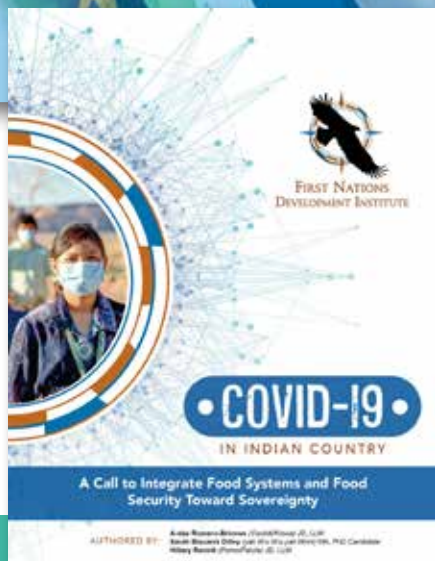
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# Moving Forward

Through the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice, participants gain skills, expertise, and tools to build their fundraising capacity and ensure the strength and longevity of their organizations. 2021 community cohort participant, Tahlia Natachu of Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, says:

“Our staff consists of passionate, knowledgeable, amazing, and talented people, but none of us are trained for the non-profit world. But the NFCoP helped our staff learn how to turn that passion into tangible skills, allowing us to further our mission. We learned how to write grants, develop relationships with funders, and make connections. This opportunity helped guide our organization and learn about the statistics and data around fundraising, specifically for Native communities. It helped guide our approach in terms of our budgets and our income in order to sustain our growth in the long run.”



## A CALL TO INTEGRATE FOOD SYSTEMS and FOOD SECURITY TOWARD SOVEREIGNTY

In this 2021 report, we celebrate some of the tribal responses to COVID-19, including project partnerships with First Nations, tribal governments, and tribally led non-profits. We also highlight opportunities and recommendations to build a more resilient philanthropic and federal response in Indian Country in light of the COVID-19 epidemic.

## Strengthening Native American Philanthropy

Native communities continue to practice Native traditions and lifeways, implementing their own innovative and effective approaches and solutions. To raise awareness of this capacity and implore the philanthropic sector to recognize the ingenuity that has always existed in Native communities, First Nations advocates for greater equity and inclusion in philanthropic funding. This year, with support of the **Target Foundation**, First Nations worked to build Native American assets through racial wealth gap research and philanthropic equity, and we made strides in promoting racial equity and justice with the support of **Apple**. First Nations was also named one of **Bank of America's National Neighborhood Builders®**.

Highlights of the year included several partnerships. We participated with Decolonizing Wealth Project and responded to ongoing inquiries about our work around philanthropic advocacy. First Nations partnered with the African American Research Collaborative (AARC) and The Commonwealth Fund for the 2021 American COVID-19 Vaccine Poll. We co-presented a Native American Journalists Association webinar, sharing research on pathways to overcoming vaccine hesitancy in Native communities.

We hosted a webinar with CEO and founder of the Indigenomics Institute, Carol Anne Hilton, about the emerging Indigenous economy. We also partnered with the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders to develop a funder learning cohort focused on Native American agriculture.

Again this year, we collaborated with the *NonProfit Quarterly* to publish an article series on both environmental justice and economic justice in Native communities.



## California Tribal Fund

As part of First Nations' overall mission to invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and communities, the California Tribal Fund addresses both the unique circumstances of California Native communities and the lack of philanthropic support for California Native causes.

Launched in 2020, the fund is made possible by **The California Endowment, Swift Foundation, Highlands 3:23 Fund, Ceres Trust, the Campbell Foundation, Regenerative Agriculture Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and 11th Hour Project.** The fund also facilitates the California COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Fund, which provides financial support to California Native-led organizations for their response and recovery efforts associated with COVID-19.

In 2021, the fund's Mission, Vision, and Values were finalized and shared, and additional funders, including the **Arkay Foundation, California Wellness Foundation, Clarence E. Heller Foundation, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Reis Foundation, Reissa Foundation, and Walter and Elise Haas Fund,** came on board. As a result, this year, 45 grants totaling over \$845,000 were provided to 44 California-led nonprofits, who also received networking support and technical assistance.

In addition, 40 grants averaging \$15,000 per grant were awarded through the fund's COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency grant opportunity. The fund's grantee pool currently consists of 47 grantees.

## KEEPING ELDERS CONNECTED DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Moving Forward



*Tribal elders serve as the knowledge and language keepers of their communities. The ability to gather together is at the heart of their cultural ceremonies, uniting communities in sharing intergenerational knowledge.*

With funding from the **Public Health Institute's, Together Toward Health** program, 30 California-based tribes and tribally controlled non-profit organizations received grants in support of targeted efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable and highly susceptible populations.

With this funding, First Nations Community Partner Wukchumni Tribal Council of Tulare County was able to purchase Chrome books and headphones and train tribal elders on how to use the equipment, as well as ZOOM technology. With this support, elders could virtually gather during the pandemic and participate in cultural workshops and talking circles.

Tribal Chair Darlene Franco says, **"In modern times, we realize that using technology can also be healing to our mental and emotional health. We look forward to continuing to use technology to connect beyond the pandemic."**



# Community Partner for the California Tribal Fund

## SPOTLIGHT ON NATIVE AMERICAN PATHWAYS

Located in rural Humboldt County, Native American Pathways (NAP) is a registered, native-controlled, nonprofit organization dedicated to the achievement, health, and happiness of community members on and beyond the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. NAP delivers services by focusing on relations and wellness efforts, intergenerational community events, and Native youth mentoring.

Funding from the California Endowment helped NAP develop culturally tailored COVID-19 messaging, distribute Personal Protective Equipment to the community, host online and socially distanced cultural events, and develop youth-hosted webinars with local doctors that encouraged tribal youth to get vaccinated.

Balancing the requirements of safety and the desire to continue to gather as a community, NAP hosted a series of socially distanced, outdoor traditional foods harvesting field trips. Small groups of youth were able to gather wild crab, salmon, steelhead wild potatoes, wild mushrooms, acorns, and wild berries. Foods gathered during these fieldtrips were utilized during a follow-up virtual canning workshop.

In late summer 2021, wildfires near the reservation made outdoor air quality unhealthy for nearly a month. Additional funding from the California Tribal Fund enabled NAP to purchase and distribute home and car air purifier systems, prioritizing elders, families with new infants, and expecting mothers.

**“We are strong and resilient. And I know we can come out stronger if we work together to create change.”**

– Lindsay McCovey | Hoopa/Yurok/Chimariko  
NATIVE AMERICAN PATHWAYS CO-FOUNDER AND CEO



Youth helped organize seven community events, including multiple “drive through” PPE distribution and vaccine clinics. Over 3,000 members of the greater Humboldt County community received these resources.

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### HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE(S) WORK?

The COVID-19 vaccine works by producing a part of the virus called the spike protein. Your body makes an immune response to that protein and provides you with protection against the virus.



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Utilizing Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Tik-Tok, and the local tribal newspaper, NAP's youth council worked with cultural bearers to share information with the community on how to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

# Investing IN NATIVE YOUTH

Native youth are the future of Native communities, and their health and well-being determine the future health and well-being of a community overall. With this knowledge, First Nations continues to invest in Native-led organizations that provide young people with a sense of place and tradition in their communities and foster their identity, strength, and purpose.

## Native Youth and Culture Fund

With support from the **Kalliopeia Foundation** and many generous donors, this cornerstone of First Nations' Investing in Native Youth program continued.

This year community partners that were selected for grants were offered flexible funding in order to support their initiatives and services through the pandemic. Grantees developed online programming and provided at-home learning with kits for beading and materials for making regalia and even small home gardens. They also worked to address isolation and mental health-related challenges many youth faced, and are facing, as a result of living through the COVID-19 pandemic, while also continuing to provide opportunities for leadership development and intergenerational learning.

## Advancing Native Youth Development

The Advancing Youth Development in Native Communities (AYD) project, supported by the **Chan Zuckerberg Initiative** and **Blue Meridian**, is concentrated on the intersection of Native language preservation and proliferation, accessing shared culture and history, and the establishment of positive self-identities for Native youth.

Native knowledge systems are the vehicle through which ancestral traditions are passed and values – such as respect for elders, community, and the Earth – are taught. Preservation of these important Indigenous lifeways means that a new generation of tribal members will build a positive cultural identity, fortifying them with resiliency in the face of life's struggles. These important values systems link the past and the future. Language is an important facilitator of the growth, transmission, and preservation of traditions and culture, and is unique to each culture and each individual. Ultimately, by supporting programs that are teaching language to Native youth, we are ensuring that Native youth are able to carve out a critical sense of place in their community and access mechanisms for successful development on many levels (intellectual, mental, spiritual, and economic).

## READY for a NEW DECADE: INVESTING in NATIVE LANGUAGE IMMERSION

This year, the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 called our attention to the critical situation of Indigenous languages across the globe. The loss of a language brings a loss of knowledge, culture, and identity – the markers of our diverse humanity.

With this knowledge at the forefront, First Nations this year developed a public evaluation report highlighting best practices, needs, and challenges faced by Native language immersion programs. The report shares the impact of the Native Language Immersion Initiative and presents findings and lessons learned from four years of targeted investments in Native language immersion programs. The report and its companion publications, ***A Summary for Funders and Allies*** and ***A Summary for Native Communities and Language Practitioners***, serve as an opportunity to elevate the good work being accomplished in Native language revitalization.

## College Scholarships

The Native Agriculture and Food Systems College Scholarship program encourages American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian college students to enter agriculture and agricultural-related fields so that they can better assist their communities with efforts to invest in, develop, and gain control of local food systems. To qualify for the scholarship, students must demonstrate how they will use their degrees within their own or another Native community.

First Nations awarded 25 scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$1,500 for the 2021-2022 academic year. Selected students represent 24 different tribal nations and are studying in fields ranging from agricultural business, to plant science, to sustainable food systems. Five students are working on graduate-level degrees, and 20 are working on undergraduate degrees.

## Native Language Immersion Initiative

This Native Language Immersion Initiative is designed to build the capacity of and support existing Native language immersion programs in tribal communities. In addition to providing direct financial resources, the initiative seeks to build a dialogue and community of practice among Native language immersion programs and momentum for supporting this work.

With support from the **National Endowment for the Humanities**, the **NoVo Foundation**, **Wells Fargo**, **Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation**, and numerous individual donors, Native language immersion grantees continued their work during the year and convened for several online sessions. During these sessions, Community Partners engaged with each other to share program highlights and challenges in implementing language immersion efforts, and offer insight into their needs and promising practices.

Planning for the 2022 grant cycle also began thanks to continued support from the **NoVo Foundation**. A new cycle of grantees will be selected and announced in early 2022.



# “Grow, Teach, Advocate, and Protect!”

## SPOTLIGHT ON CHICKALOON NATIVE VILLAGE



*Through the school’s approach to learning, teachers don’t teach the language. Instead they do everyday things like calendars, math, and weather in the language.*

Lisa Wade, director of the Ya Ne Dah Ahn Tribal School serving the Chickaloon Native Village, shared this message for those fighting for their languages. She described the charges of Grow, Teach, Advocate, and Protect as being Indigenous in a land that really doesn’t want you to exist. Her strong words were coupled with more words of advice, “Be gentle with each other. Lateral violence and internalized oppression have no place in the community work of saving languages.”

Advice to funders was equally compelling: “When there’s a choice between writing a report or grant and taking care of our relatives, having some grace of understanding of our Tribal world would be helpful.” She further recommended to funders to apply a trust-based funding approach in their efforts to support language work, which she described as trusting the grantee and limiting restrictions on reporting.

The Ya Ne Dah Ahn Tribal School is the only pre-K through 12th grade tribal government-operated school in Alaska. The fact that the school has been going for nearly 30 years is a testament to their commitment and success.

The community is geographically spread out and somewhat isolated like many other villages in Alaska. Lisa emphasized, “These factors contribute to some challenges, yet they also contribute to the authentic Ahtna way of life. Even though we are spread out, we stay connected to our place of cultural learning. We follow the seasons, birch tree tapping is the first elixir of the season...”

**We live the traditions,  
not just teach about them.”**

The next steps of this First Nations community partner are to conduct additional research to update and modernize their curriculum. Lisa stressed that expanding their curriculum is especially important as their community faces the fact that there are very few first-born fluent speakers remaining. “We’re always evolving, innovating. We can’t judge and shame each other, there’s no place for that.”



*Ya Ne Dah Ahn student removes quills from a porcupine for use in making regalia.*

## Native Youth Business Plan Competition

Building on the success of the 2020 youth event, First Nations partnered with the **National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED)** and **American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)** to help host and to sponsor team prizes for the second Native Youth Business Plan Competition at RES2021.

The competition is designed to help Native students increase their knowledge and enhance their business, entrepreneurial, and academic skills to prepare them for business and entrepreneurship opportunities in the future. It also provides an educational experience for students by learning the process of creating and presenting a business plan, and it simulates the real-world experience of entrepreneurs seeking start-up funds.

The second Native Youth Business Plan Competition application window opened in the spring and garnered 11 submissions. These teams were provided additional mentoring and feedback to prepare for the in-person competition at the joint AIBL and RES Conferences in Las Vegas. First Nations supported four high school teams and three college teams with prize monies and travel stipends for the competition. Planning is now underway for the 2022 competition.

### OPENING DOORS FOR THE FUTURE

## Moving Forward



*Pictured at the award presentation for the College/University division are (left to right) Prairie Bighorn-Blount (AIBL), Victor Corpuz, Kendall Tallmadge (First Nations), Sadie Belton (NCAIED), and Michael Marquez.*

For Victor Corpuz (Laguna), presenting a business plan before a gathering of Native business leaders and entrepreneurs provided not only a skills-building exercise, but an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the ingenuity of Native people.

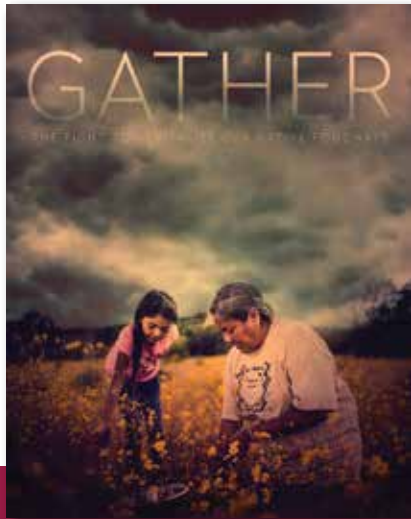
**“The competition provides an identity we all need – to feel welcomed, to be supported by the communities that raise us,”** he says.

Victor’s team was the first-place winner in the University division in the 2021 Business Plan Competition this summer in Las Vegas. Victor, age 22, and teammate Michael Marquez, age 23, who both attend University of New Mexico, won for their business plan for their product, Maize the Experience, an event planning service that helps Native artisans reach new customers.

Victor shares how the competition helped participants practice the language that is required in the business world, but in the familiarity and richness of a Native environment. “Many times, our people are well versed in entrepreneurial skills, but they do not have the diction to present to lenders or investors. This was a place that speaks our language but lives in that different world as well,” he says.

# Nourishing

## NATIVE FOODS & HEALTH



In 2021, the GATHER Film continued reaching new audiences with promotion throughout the year with screenings, panels, and interviews. This documentary is an intimate portrait of a growing movement among Indigenous Americans to reclaim their spiritual and cultural identities through food sovereignty guided work. On November 1, 2021, Netflix released the documentary furthering the film's success.

To strengthen food sovereignty, First Nations supports tribes and Native communities as they build Indigenous food systems that improve community health, increase control over Native agriculture and food systems, and re-affirm culture and Indigenous land stewardship practices and understandings. First Nations provides this assistance in the form of financial and technical support, including training materials, to Indigenous-led projects that address Indigenous food systems.

### GATHER Food Sovereignty

Through support from the **Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tide Foundation**, First Nations' GATHER Food Sovereignty Grants helped Native communities expand their food sovereignty efforts while elevating Indigenous agro-ecological knowledge to create strong healthy tribal nations, families, and people. First Nations awarded over \$1 million in 32 grants across 15 states, including six relief grants to support food-related efforts directly responding to COVID-19 in Native communities. The grantees shared their projects during a virtual networking convening. First Nations also provided technical assistance support to Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy Montana and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

### Keepseagle Fast Track Funding

The Keepseagle settlement was the result of a class action lawsuit that sought to hold the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) accountable for discrimination against Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA loan servicing, processing, outreach, and technical assistance. As part of the settlement process, the **Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund** awards funds to a select number of organizations to support agricultural, business assistance, or advocacy services to Native Americans.

In 2021, First Nations awarded 19 Keepseagle Fast Track grants and 15 Keepseagle Equipment grants with funding support from the Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund. The Kiowa Tribe and Pawnee Seed Keepers also received funding to support Native producers. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges to Native farmers and ranchers and the direct services and programs that support them. The year also revealed how important it is to have a resilient food system with healthy agriculture and food sectors.



## Changing Native Food Economies

Funding from the **Northwest Area Foundation** continued to support a learning cohort of seven tribes and Native nonprofit organizations engaged in food sovereignty and asset-building efforts across the Northwest. Each grantee was awarded \$40,000 to implement a community-driven process focused on asserting community control of the community food system. Together the learning group pivoted to meet the needs of COVID-19 in their communities and expand their outreach and fundraising efforts online. The Fort Belknap Economic Development Corporation transported 125,000 pounds of food to their pantry, while the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community secured over 350 pounds of food each week from local farmers for their community.

## Fertile Ground Advocacy Campaign

Generous support from the **American Heart Association** and **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community** supported the Fertile Ground Advocacy Campaign to provide grant funding to promote policy activity and development. These Native-led advocacy efforts advance new policies and innovative policymaking approaches that benefit Native American nutrition and health by improving access to healthy foods, reducing consumption of sugary beverages and foods, and strengthening food sovereignty work that is rooted in tradition, culture, and Indigenous knowledge. Grantees continued their policy work from 2020, despite the challenging and changing work environment due to COVID-19. They submitted official policy drafts and recommendations to their tribes and organization leadership, which are critical to Native food systems and often become models for Indian Country.



## Native Farm to School

In 2021, First Nations continued the Native Farm to School initiative with support from the **USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS)** with a Farm to School Training grant that showcased model programs and provided learning and networking opportunities for program staff across Indian Country. A second USDA FNS Regional Farm to School Institute Grant allowed six Native Farm to School programs to expand their efforts in the mountain plains region.

The Continuing the Tradition of Indigenous Farming and Environmental Stewardship through the **US Environmental Protection Agency** grant offered tribal communities in New Mexico an opportunity to incorporate environmental education into youth programming. First Nations launched Native Farm to School Season 1 webinars, which covered Indigenous seed saving and traditional farming methods and funding opportunities and evaluation strategies.

## Regional Food System Partnership

The collective food systems work of Spirit Lake Nation and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe creates a regional partnership model that thrives on community relationships. With generous support from the **USDA Agricultural Marketing Service**, Spirit Lake and Standing Rock received \$75,000 each to gather and encourage local food producers, knowledge keepers, institutions, agencies, and tribal leaders to build partnerships and reclaim their food systems. Going forward, the two tribes continue to regularly meet to share best practices and navigate the challenges of community building.



## Moving Forward

With support through a grant from the **Chicago Region Food System Fund** to invest in innovative efforts to reclaim control of community food systems, First Nations Community Partner and Native nonprofit organization **Ukwakhwa** outfitted their new processing kitchen located on their farm in Oneida, Wisconsin. This year, they processed over 100 pounds of Tuscarora White Corn for delivery to the American Indian Center in Chicago and continued to explore new trade routes and ways to create a stronger barter economy. To provide an educational resource for the Oneida community, the organization grows traditional heirloom foods with an emphasis on Haudenosaunee varieties of corn, beans, and squash.



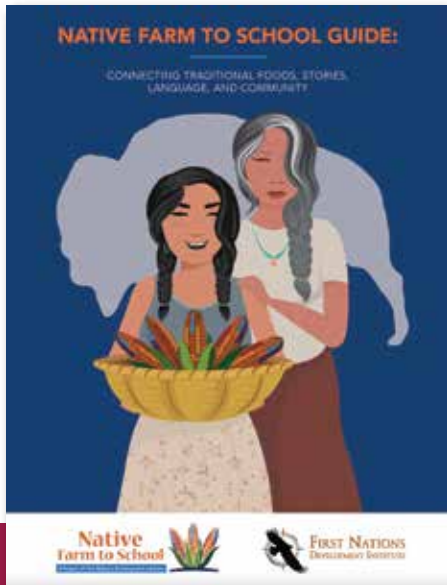
### Reclaiming Native Food Systems

Through the **Chicago Region Food System Fund**, First Nations awarded grants to five tribes and Native nonprofit organizations in Michigan and Wisconsin. The Reclaiming Native Food Systems funding provided \$20,000 for each grantee to conduct innovative efforts to reclaim control of their local and regional food system for economic, social, and cultural benefit. The grantees were able to delve into traditional trade routes, source equipment for wild rice, corn, and berry processing, participate in food box programs that supported Native populations, and create learning and training opportunities for community members.

### Food Pantry Initiative

In 2021, First Nations' Food Pantry Initiative continued to provide Native American communities, organizations, and programs the resources needed to address food insecurity. The **American Express Foundation** funded the Strengthening Native Programs & Feeding Families Grant, which provided 12 Native Food Pantries with \$10,000 each to build organizational capacity and address food insecurity.

Through support from the **Walmart Foundation**, the Setting the Table for a Healthy Food System in Indian Country grant boosted food system control, cultural responsiveness, and infrastructure for 11 Native American food pantries and food banks for grants averaging \$34,485 each. First Nations anticipates awarding one additional grant of \$35,000 in 2022. The results were an increase in economic development, reduced food insecurity, and increased access to healthy and traditional foods. This work was essential as Native communities navigated the impacts of COVID-19.



## CONNECTING TRADITIONAL FOODS, STORIES, LANGUAGE, and COMMUNITY

First Nations recognizes that the deep roots of Native communities in tending and harvesting food have grown into contemporary farming, ranching, and other forms of agriculture. This year, we published the *Native Farm to School Guide: Connecting Traditional Foods, Stories, Language, and Community*, which focuses on what food sovereignty can look like inside community education and school systems.

The Guide distinguishes Native Farm to School from Farm to School by providing diverse examples from tribal communities across Indian Country and sharing key elements that pertain to Native communities. Developed through an analysis of Native and non-Native Farm to School programs, the Guide identifies best practices, lessons learned, biggest challenges, and case studies of successful programs. The Guide also outlines planning activities, assessment tools, and resources to help Native communities improve, expand, and initiate Native-centered programming and support this important work.

## Native American Food Sovereignty Initiative

The **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** has been a long-time supporter of First Nations' food sovereignty work. During 2021, First Nations built on previous successes by expanding peer learning, networking, capacity building, and philanthropic efforts, including the continuation of Native Fundraisers Community of Practice (see page 9).

First Nations partnered with the **Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders** to launch the Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice in response to the lack of philanthropic funding for Native communities and their food systems. First Nations also hosted the Indigenous Evaluation and Data Sovereignty Working Group to combat harmful ways philanthropic institutions and other funding agencies dictate evaluation and data collection practices to Native communities. Also, through this initiative, First Nations' Food Sovereignty Assessment Tool that assists Native communities in reclaiming their local food systems and demystifies the process of data collection was developed into an online course.

These combined efforts generated resources for Native communities to leverage their assets and build equitable food systems.



## First Foods and Breastfeeding Program

First Nations established a First Foods and Breastfeeding Program through First Nations' **Keepseagle Endowment** to reinforce traditional food systems, support producers and practitioners of traditional food systems, and communicate the value of traditional foods. The grant funded 10 grantees: American Indian Family Center, A'nowa:ra Owira Doulas, Bois Forte Tribal Government, Catawba Indian Nation, Center for Indigenous Midwifery, Chickahominy Indian Tribe of Virginia, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc, Navajo Breastfeeding Coalition, Nitamising Gimashkikinaan, and Yurok Tribe. With the funding, each community partner was able to improve access to first foods and support culturally appropriate lactation practices for Native parents, caretakers, and young children.

In addition to sub-grants, First Nations conducted policy research to contextualize the importance of Indigenous breastfeeding through a decolonial history of first foods. A finalized publication will highlight the community-led work of the grantees, share best practices and approaches to first foods and breastfeeding, and raise funder awareness of this integral part of the Native food system.

## Forging Last Mile Protein Supply Chains in Indian Country

Through support from First Nations' **Keepseagle Endowment** and the **Ronald D. Naito MD Foundation**, First Nations launched the Forging Last Mile Protein Supply Chains in Indian Country pilot project in Fall 2020. In 2021, First Nations provided direct financial support and technical assistance to six grantees, two in the Southwest (Major Market, Inc., and Trilogy Beef Community LLC), two in the Northern Great Plains (Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation), and two in the Midwest (Benson and Turner Foods and Oneida Nation). Funding ranged from \$25,000 to \$56,500 to support a variety of planning and implementation-related activities, including feasibility studies, the purchase of butchering equipment and cold storage, advertising and marketing, and construction of new meat-processing facilities.

First Nations also supported a butcher certification training at Major Market in Zuni, New Mexico, in May/June 2021. Through this training, four local Native butchers were certified and are now able to custom-cut meats, create value-added products, reduce waste, and better meet local demand. In addition, First Nations partnered with the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas to begin production on a guide for Native communities to develop their own small- to medium-scale meat-processing facilities, including steps, examples, and resources to get started.





Puyallup Tribal youth harvester Patty Finley at the Muckleshoot Community Garden

# Moving Native Food Systems Forward

## AT FEED SEVEN GENERATIONS

First Nations Community Partner Feed Seven Generations (FEED) in Muckleshoot, Washington, is revitalizing the health and wellness of tribal communities by amplifying the voice of Native people, reconnecting to ancestral community health practices, and elevating land management strategies.

In 2021, Feed Seven Generations was awarded a **GATHER Food Sovereignty Grant**, which enabled their organization to collaborate with Leslie LaFontaine-Bill, a community garden educator to grow a crop of seasonal vegetables to provide produce for culturally significant foods boxes, while stewarding the Muckleshoot Community Garden.

Many Indigenous communities were faced with challenges during COVID-19, including food shortages, closures, and supply chain disruptions. For Feed Seven Generations, the pandemic served as an opportunity to learn from the challenges observed in food distribution and address them through community collaboration and partnership. By partnering with Muckleshoot Tribal Programs, Feed Seven Generations was able to use the Muckleshoot Community Garden for the project, saving substantial cost in soil preparation. The community garden yielded several crops – potatoes, peppers, cabbage, corn, beans, tomatoes, squash, onions, beets, and Brussels sprouts. In addition, Feed Seven Generations supplied 800 food box packages to Muckleshoot Households, including 100 to elder households.

*“With so many garden beds to prep, we needed some help, so we asked the Tribal Summer Youth Crew to come out and assist. They were eager to learn and happy to help once they learned that this was a project for their community. The Youth Crew were taught how to use the tillers and what makes soil ‘happy.’ We planted all that we had and hoped for the weather to hold on long enough for all of our crops to flourish. Our efforts were rewarded with delicious food. Most of the readily available foods were used by the community during their visits to the garden. We spent an additional day with community volunteers and gathered our potatoes for distribution. We shared stories about the methods and traditions that surround us involving fresh foods and garden techniques.”*

– Leslie LaFontaine-Bill  
COMMUNITY GARDEN EDUCATOR

A look inside a Back to School Tradish Foods Kit by Feed Seven Generations



# Achieving

## NATIVE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT



Learning how to manage finances ensures that Native people are more likely to save and invest in their own economic freedom, strength, and prosperity. With that focus at heart, First Nations continued to provide financial education to Native communities, and importantly, to schools and organizations that serve Native students.

This year, as COVID-19 continued to shut down many outreach opportunities, First Nations' financial education workshops were revamped to an online format. And, as doors of Native communities slowly reopened, new strategies and solutions for how to connect with individuals and families were developed.

### Financial Education Classes

In 2021, First Nations' financial education training and outreach continued strong with the support of the **FINRA Investor Education Foundation** and First Nations' financial education consultant Shawn Spruce.

First Nations' financial education curriculum and products emphasize personal responsibility, cultural values, and action-based learning. Ongoing workshops this year included fraud awareness trainings and ***Building Native Communities: Investing for the Future and Financial Skills for Families Train-the-Trainer Workshops*** as well as a webinar series titled ***Your Money in Indian Country***.

***Money Smarts '21*** was the newest addition to these outreach efforts, bringing an emphasis to topics such as fixed and flexible expenses, organization and record-keeping, and savings strategies, all within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new workshop debuted in October 2021, with an in-person training to over 300 students at Browning High School in Browning, Montana.

### EMPOWERING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, we led 40 classes, workshops, and presentations reaching more than 740 participants in Native communities across the country. We also provided interviews on financial education for two episodes of the nationally syndicated radio show, *Native America Calling*, as well as interviews for *Indian Country Today's* Livestream Daily Newscast and print edition.

Popular sessions included a fraud awareness presentation to community members on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, and a *Building Native Communities Train-the-Trainer* workshop conducted in collaboration with the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition.



## Spending Frenzy!

This year, we continued to offer Spending Frenzy!, both as an in-person training and virtually. Spending Frenzy is an interactive financial education program that lets participants use play money to spend, save, and learn to budget and make wise financial choices.

In 2021, we distributed multiple Spending Frenzy! workshop kits across North America, and also furthered development on a mobile app, which provides a hybrid training product combining hard-copy materials with scannable QR codes that translate into virtual assets.



## Ask Dr. Per Cap

First Nations continued to publish the **Ask Dr. Per Cap** financial advice column. The column was originally designed for tribal citizens who receive per capita payments. About 20% of the Native American population in the United States receives these payments, primarily from gaming revenues and dividends from natural resources leases.

In this column, “Dr. Per Cap” draws upon his experiences – some good, some bad – to help individuals learn skills, tricks, and strategies to take control of their financial future.

## EMPOWERING NATIVE YOUTH WITH FINANCIAL KNOW-HOW

# Moving Forward



This year, First Nations’ financial education consultant Shawn Spruce collaborated with NACDC Financial Services to address pressing financial issues of students living through the coronavirus a pandemic. The result was a powerful two days of learning that benefited the students of Browning High School and created a foundation to bring *Money Smarts* ‘21 to more audiences.

“What makes the training different from other workshops is that it recognizes the impact that the pandemic has had on Native communities...many of our youth now face additional challenges when it comes to savings and money management such as lockdowns, higher costs of living, and health risks. Drawing on Native culture for resilience and leadership is especially important right now,” Spruce says.



# Advancing HOUSEHOLD & COMMUNITY ASSET-BUILDING STRATEGIES

Supported by the **Henry Luce Foundation**, the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship continues to be a cornerstone of the Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies program. The Fellowship supports Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers who embody exceptional creativity, progressive and critical thinking, and the potential to significantly move forward their field in ways that will ultimately lead to broad, transformative impacts for Indigenous communities.

The program launched in 2019 as a 12-month, self-directed fellowship program, with an additional year of post-fellowship funds, intended to support 10 outstanding Native individuals engaged in meaningful work that benefits Indigenous people and communities in reservation and/or urban settings. The program has since formally updated to a two-year fellowship program.

In 2021, the inaugural 2020 cohort concluded their year of post-fellowship support and released a curated video project for a "Message of Hope to Indigenous Communities." The program then continued with the selection of 13 new fellows for the 2021 Cohort – each one chosen for their work in their knowledge fields and dedication to their communities.

As part of the fellowship program, these fellows gathered three times during the initial fellowship year to create a collaborative cohort of connected Indigenous knowledge holders to advance Indigenous knowledge and knowledge systems for community benefit. The 2021 fellows began their fellowships in May and convened with other cohort members in June and October.

The 2022 fellowship opportunity also launched during the summer and 300 applicants applied to participate in the third fellow cohort. The selection and review process carried into the fall and the 2022 fellows will be announced at the beginning of next year.

## DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LANGUAGE WARRIORS

### Moving Forward

Through the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship, 2021 Fellow Brooke Niiyogaabawiikwe 'Niiyo' Gonzalez gained the time and space to reflect upon her life's work and strategize with Ojibwe elders and fluent language speakers about the best way to move forward with Ojibwe language revitalization efforts.

**"Too often we are in survival mode,"** says Niiyo. **"We forget to stop and process our vision."** During the fellowship period, Niiyo interviewed elders and other fluent language speakers to lay the groundwork for a new leadership program that will foster the next generation of language revitalization leaders. These "language warriors" now help preserve and perpetuate Ojibwe and other Indigenous languages.

Through her efforts, Niiyo helped ensure that the once nearly extinct Ojibwe language grows and thrives well beyond her. **"The thing about language revitalization work is that you are very unlikely to see the fruits of your labor. It's generational work that will live on in our community years from now."**



## “Long After My Students Forget My Name, Basketry Will Continue. That’s What’s Most Important.”



### *2021 Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellow Delores Churchill is keeping the traditional art of basket weaving alive for generations*

A tribal citizen of the Ketchikan Indian Corporation, Churchill is one of the last living speakers of the Haida language and a master basket weaver. She has taught Haida basketry for more than 40 years, sharing not only basket-weaving skills, but also the resilience, strength, culture, and language behind the art.

She recalls the experience of one of her students. He had fallen on hard times. He was homeless and jobless, and he had recently lost his children. He said a social worker encouraged him to take Delores’s basketry class and paid for the registration fee. The young man credited Delores with helping him turn his life around, and he soon was gathering materials and creating his own baskets.

“Basketry completely changed his life,” Delores says. “That realization was greater than any award I’d ever won. It inspired me to keep teaching.”

And indeed she has. In addition to Haida basketry, Delores also teaches Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Naaxiin or “Chilkat” weaving, incorporating the styles, techniques, and patterns unique to each community. During her fellowship period, she worked to publish a book on Haida basket weaving, planned future travel to the United Kingdom and to museums across the country, where she says she can study basketry in more detail.

*2021 Luce Fellow Delores Churchill has received numerous awards for sharing her knowledge of Haida, Tlingit, and Tsimshian basket weaving styles, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska-Southeast. Additionally, she received the National Basketry Association Lifetime Achievement Award, National Endowment of the Arts Lifetime Fellowship Award, Rasmuson Foundation Lifetime Fellowship Award, the Governor’s Award for the Arts, and National Heritage Fellowship.*

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**“At 92, I feel frantic to learn everything I can and I am still learning,” she says.  
“Some people think if you’re old, you aren’t going to learn anything anymore.  
You’re never too old!”**

*Delores’s baskets are displayed in museums from Alaska, to Canada, Hawaii, Germany, and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C.*



# LUCE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE FELLOWS

2020

2021



**Will Khaayay Clarence Cruz**  
*Ohkay Owingeh | Tewa*



**Dorene Day**  
*Ojibwe Anishinabe  
Nett Lake, Minnesota*



**Rahekawè·rih Montgomery Hill**  
*Skarù·rę Tuscarora Indian Nation*



**Lisa Yellow Luger**  
*Standing Rock Sioux*



**Trisha L. Moquino**  
*Cochiti | Kewa | Ohkay Owingeh*



**Corine Pearce**  
*Redwood Valley Little River  
Band of Pomo Indians*



**Hanna Sholl**  
*Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, Alaska*



**Lloyd Harold Kumulā'au Sing Jr.**  
*Native Hawaiian*



**X'unei Lance Twitchell**  
*Tlingit | Haida | Yup'ik | Sami*



**Pilgavak Peter Williams**  
*Yup'ik*



**Evelyn Lance Blanchard, PhD**  
*Laguna | Yaqui*



**Gimiwan Dustin Burnette**  
*Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*



**Delores Churchill**  
*Ketchikan Indian Community | Haida*



**Steven A. Darden**  
*Navajo | Cheyenne*



**Charles Kealoha Leslie**  
*Native Hawaiian*



**Jennifer Malone**  
*Wukchumni*



**Charles E "Aulii" Mitchell**  
*Native Hawaiian*



**Richard Moves Camp**  
*Oglala Sioux*



**Theresa Secord**  
*Penobscot Nation*



**Charlene Stern**  
*Native Village of Venetie  
Tribal Government*



**Reba Jo Teran**  
*Eastern Shoshone*



**Hinaleimoana  
Wong-Kalu**  
*Kanaka | Native  
Hawaiian*

# Stewarding NATIVE LANDS

Native American communities have sustainably and effectively managed their natural resources for thousands of years. With this knowledge, First Nations launched the Stewarding Native Lands program in 2021 to support Native ecological stewardship and improve Native control of and access to ancestral lands and resources. Through this program, First Nations provides financial support and technical assistance to tribes and Native communities that are engaging in the conservation and stewardship of their lands, as well as protecting their natural and cultural resources through the pursuit of environmental justice. In 2021, a series of strategic planning sessions, made possible with the support of the **Schmidt Family Foundation: The 11th Hour Project**, was carried out to map the trajectory of the program. Successes included identifying opportunities, determining a vision, outlining five-year goals, and performing an environmental scan of environmental justice and conservation work in Indian Country.

## Supporting Indigenous-Led Environmental Justice

Ongoing support from the **Broad Reach Fund at the Maine Community Foundation** was used to aid tribes and Native-led organizations to combat destructive natural resource extraction in their communities. First Nations provided grants to Native communities ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for general operating support. Funding also went toward supporting anti-extraction efforts across the United States, from Apache Stronghold's litigation and advocacy activities to protecting Oak Flat in Arizona, to supporting Blackfeet Nations' work to safeguard the Badger-Two Medicine from oil and gas leasing in Montana, to helping United Tribes of Bristol Bay raise awareness around the Pebble Mine Project in Alaska. Other groups that received support included Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government, Camp Migizi, RedTailed Hawk Collective, Chilkat Indian Village, Carrizo/ Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, Bering Sea Elders Group, and Orutsarmiut Native Council.

## Tribal Lands Conservation Fund

This year, First Nations launched the Tribal Lands Conservation Fund, a cultural- and people-centered Native approach to Native environmental conservation and ecological stewardship that involves Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Tribal Sovereign Jurisdiction, and Native genius and practice. In 2021, as strategic planning and marketing activities moved forward, First Nations made its first investment through the TLC Fund to provide seed funding for Grasslands for Generations (G4G)/Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance to form a Native nonprofit organization to lead conservation work in the Northern Great Plains.



## Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains

Through this ongoing initiative, made possible through **Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies** and the **Chicago Community Foundation**, First Nations continued to provide funding and technical assistance to tribes and Native-led organizations in the Northern Great Plains that are growing or initiating their programs to support sustainable economic development and Native grassland preservation.



Additionally, First Nations worked with Spruce Tone Films to create films featuring the work of the Nakoda Aaniiih Economic Development Corporation and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. The completed films can now be viewed on the Stewarding Native Lands webpage on [firstnations.org](http://firstnations.org).

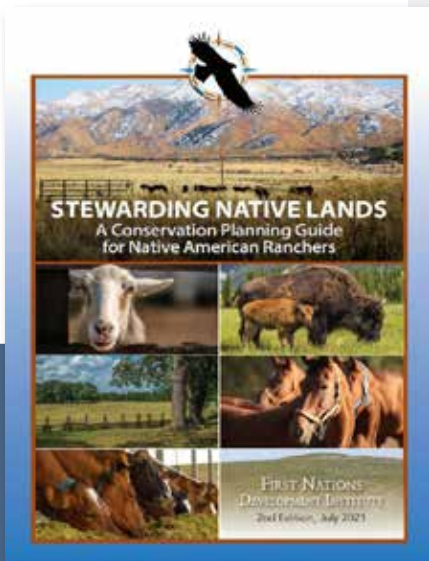


Other community partners that received funding through this initiative this year included Brave Heart Society, Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance, Can Wigmunke, Lakota Youth Development, North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance, People's Food Sovereignty Program, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, and the Tanka Fund. Additional grants were awarded to Nakoda Aaniiih Economic Development Corporation and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to continue their projects.



## Colorado River Basin Project

With support from the **Walton Family Foundation**, First Nations worked with tribal groups, producers, and communities to identify market opportunities that encourage low-water-use agricultural methods in the Colorado River Basin.



## A GO-TO RESOURCE REVISED and RELEASED

Stewarding the land is an important part of ranching. Native American ranchers work with natural elements from the land, building and sustaining healthy communities, and sharing set responsibilities as the caretakers of the land. This revised popular guide helps Native American ranchers develop and implement a written conservation plan, which provides a vision and identifies actions to get land as healthy and productive as possible to promote greater longevity.

## Life After COVID-19: Montana Tribal Tourism

With funding from the **Otto Bremer Fund**, First Nations was able to provide funding and technical assistance to two Native organizations creating sustainable tourism opportunities in Montana. First Nations provided \$30,000 grants to the Piikani Lodge Health Institute to support their efforts to create a Blackfeet Nation Conservation Area and related tour packages and the Nakoda Aaniiih Economic Development Corporation (NAEDC) to support local artisans and develop sustainable economic opportunities through tourism in the Fort Belknap community. Technical assistance support was also provided to NAEDC to transition their website to a new platform that includes an RV reservation page and an artist consignment page.

## Community Forest Program Tribal Outreach

Since 2020, First Nations has partnered with the **USDA Forest Service** to provide outreach and technical assistance to tribal entities interested in applying for funding through the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP) to purchase forested lands for community use. First Nations met with 23 tribes, tribal corporations, and Native-led nonprofits, and provided technical assistance to six of these groups, which led to the submission of one tribal CFP application. Outreach activities in 2021 included creating a one-page promotional document; a feature in First Nations' *Indian Giver* newsletter on two CFP grantees, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and two webinars to increase attention and interest among tribal entities to apply for CFP funding.

## Building Native American Capacity for Conservation of Grazing Lands

With funding from the **USDA-NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant Program**, the Building Native American Capacity for Conservation of Grazing Lands project was designed to develop resources that will build the capacity of Native producers to sustainably manage agricultural and natural resources through developing conservation plans, including a revision of the 2016 *Conservation Planning Guide for Native American Producers*. Outreach activities in 2021 included hosting the webinar, "Conservation Planning Guide for Native American Ranchers," which helped Native American ranchers develop conservation plans that will address natural resource concerns, as well as increase opportunities to participate in USDA programs.

In addition, two three-day conservation planning sessions were conducted in collaboration with Tolani Lake Livestock & Water Users Association in summer 2021. First Nations published and nationally disseminated, *Stewarding Native Lands: A Conservation Planning Guide for Native American Ranchers*, which includes an emphasis on monitoring and reflects the NRCS's *Conservation Planning Policy, National Handbook of Conservation Planning, Resource Concerns, and Conservation Practice Standards*.

## LEVERAGING RE-ACQUIRED NATIVE LANDS FOR COMMUNITY FORESTS

# Moving Forward

Having successfully re-acquired land, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians – with support from First Nations – has cultivated a Community Forest and an educational resource for teaching both tribal and non-tribal community members about the benefits of good forest stewardship and how the tribe has historically managed and sustained the landscape. Also, with support from First Nations, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians this year updated their Hall Mountain Forest Management Plan to encompass a newly re-acquired parcel in 2020. The plan will be used to help the tribe assess land conditions, evaluate uses, and improve forest management through controlled rivercane burning, enhancing habitat for significant species, controlling nonnative invasive species, and releasing oak seedlings.

### Advancing Agribusiness and Ecological Stewarding in the Southwest

With support from the **USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)**, First Nations was awarded a three-year (2021-2024) project to increase the eligibility for and participation in USDA programs of Native American Socially Disadvantage Farmers and Ranchers. First Nations continues to collaborate with the Tolani Lake Livestock & Water Users Association and the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Natural Resources to conduct conservation plan training, business plan training, and networking with Native producers within the Southwest region. The project responds to needs identified in First Nations' survey to Native producers, which verified that post COVID-19 pandemic, producers are seeking to advance their operations by increasing access to new markets, addressing soil health, developing business goals, and expanding their networks.

### Increasing Native Producer and Community Access to Quality Water Resources

With support from the **Hearst Foundation**, along with the **USDA-NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant Program**, First Nations partnered with two community-based Native entities in Arizona and New Mexico. First Nations provided financial support to White Mountain Apache Tribe Lands Operation Department to develop an ecological site description for the Canyon Day Range Unit and a Water Quality Assessment, as well as Pueblo of Jemez, Natural Resources Department, to assess and address issues in water infrastructures across the rangelands. The work will sustain healthy rangelands for grazing and foraging, provide adequate water for all animal species, and give tribal members the accessibility to utilize the natural resources.

## Preserving Eastern Band of Cherokee and Apache Lands

First Nations received generous support from **Patagonia** to provide funding and technical assistance to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina to update their forest management plan to cover their newly acquired 21.31 acres of lands, and Apache Stronghold, a Native grassroots organization, to support Apache elders in their effort to reach and engage the public in saving Oak Flat, a sacred site in Arizona. Technical support was provided to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to transition their website to a new platform.

## Native Farmer and Rancher Apprenticeship Network

In fall 2021, First Nations was awarded support through the **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program**. With it, we formed the Native Farmer and Rancher Apprenticeship Network to provide training and technical assistance, as well as networking opportunities, to two groups of Native American beginning farmers and ranchers in two regions (Great Plains and Southwest) to expand their business capacity and improve the management of their agricultural operations in an effort to strengthen the local and regional food supply chain in Indian Country.

*Tommy Cabe (right) speaks with Chief Sneed and former Mainspring Conservation Trust Executive Director, Sharon Taylor, as they look upward at Hall Mountain, located just behind Cowee Mound. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians purchased the area pictured with funding from the U.S. Forest Service's Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.*

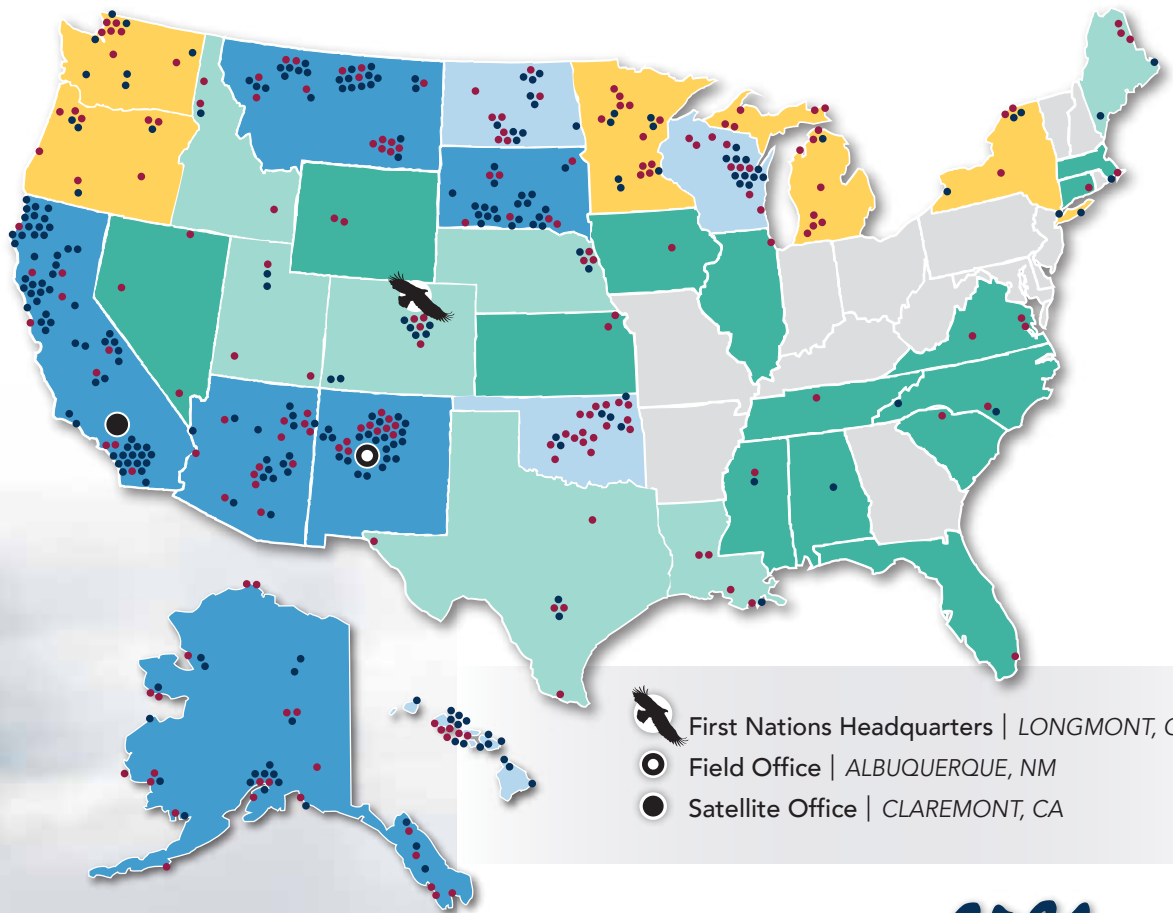





# GRANTS, GRANTMAKING & PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES



During 2021, First Nations provided 457 grants totaling more than \$5.8 million to Native tribes and organizations across the U.S. In addition, First Nations awarded \$2.6 million to 204 organizations through the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

This adds to our grantmaking history, during which we have successfully managed 2,611 grants totaling more than \$52 million to Native American projects and organizations in 44 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territory American Samoa.








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## 2021 Grantee Community Partners

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Program Grants ●                     |  Up to \$50,000      |
| COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants ● |  \$50,001-\$150,000  |
|                                      |  \$150,001-\$300,000 |
|                                      |  \$300,001-\$450,000 |
|                                      |  Over \$450,000      |

RECIPIENT	CITY	STATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	Anchorage	AK	COVID-19 Response
Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association	Anchorage	AK	This project will increase the use of traditional foods at current congregate meal sites on Nikolski, St. George, and Atka by providing adequate funding for transportation, fuel, ammunition, and fishing supplies used by village hunters.
Arctic Slope Native Association, Ltd.	Barrow	AK	COVID-19 Response
Bering Sea Elders Group	Anchorage	AK	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	Dillingham	AK	COVID-19 Response
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	Juneau	AK	COVID-19 Response
Chevak Native Village	Chevak	AK	COVID-19 Response
Chilkat Indian Village	Haines	AK	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Chugach Regional Resources Commission	Anchorage	AK	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Chugachmiut, Inc.	Anchorage	AK	COVID-19 Response
Craig Tribal Association	Craig	AK	COVID-19 Response
Native Village of Emmonak	Emmonak	AK	This project in Emmonak will increase opportunities for youth to learn and practice traditional food-harvesting activities, including hunting, fishing, gathering, and sharing their harvest with community members in need. The project leverages efforts of the Yuuyaraq program to focus on cultural activities to increase strengths and protections.
First Alaskans Institute	Anchorage	AK	This project will enhance operations of FAI's Indigenous Leadership Continuum (ILC) initiative that operates with the knowledge that every Alaska Native person carries leadership responsibility to our people and community.
Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute of Alaska	Beaver	AK	This project will create two land-based bilingual storybooks in English and Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa. Two Beaver Village elders will work with Cruikshank School students to develop and translate two narratives about ecological issues affecting the Gwich'in community.
Hydaburg Cooperative Association	Hydaburg	AK	COVID-19 Response
Ilisagvik College	Barrow	AK	COVID-19 Response
Ivanof Bay Tribe	Anchorage	AK	This project will provide valuable data regarding Indigenous food security, which can be leveraged to advocate for the creation of programs to retain and enhance food sovereignty for Tribal citizens. It will also utilize existing human capital in relation to the preparation and preservation of traditional foods.
Kawerak, Inc.	Nome	AK	This project will increase food security for the Bering Strait region by creating a model for local food production and distribution that will leverage the resources of Pilgrim Hot Springs to improve the availability of locally grown food distributed within the region.
Kawerak, Inc.	Nome	AK	COVID-19 Response
Ketchikan Indian Community	Ketchikan	AK	COVID-19 Response
Knik Tribe	Wasilla	AK	This project will utilize and leverage existing and new resources to increase the production of vegetables and build the capacity of a growing Tribal agriculture program and food pantry. These efforts will create economic and educational opportunities for Tribal members while increasing food security for multiple Tribal communities.

RECIPIENT	CITY	STATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Maniilaq Association	Kotzebue	AK	COVID-19 Response
Native Conservancy	Cordova	AK	COVID-19 Response
Native Conservancy	Cordova	AK	The Elders Subsistence Food Program delivers freshly caught and frozen subsistence seafood to Native elders and their families in the Prince William Sound region at no cost every month. This project will increase the accessibility of traditional foods by providing wild seafood and game, and meals prepared from traditionally harvested foods.
Native Village of Emmonak	Emmonak	AK	This project in Emmonak will increase opportunities for youth to learn and practice traditional food harvesting activities, including hunting, fishing, gathering, and sharing their harvest with community members in need. The project leverages efforts of the Yuuyaraq program to focus on cultural activities to increase strengths and protections.
Native Village of Georgetown	Anchorage	AK	This grant will support NVG's efforts to organize an inter-generational in-person meeting in Georgetown in 2022 for members, especially youths and elders, to meet and connect with the place known as Georgetown.
Native Village of Hooper Bay	Hooper Bay	AK	COVID-19 Response
Native Village of Tazlina	Glennallen	AK	COVID-19 Response
Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government	Venetie	AK	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Norton Sound Health Corporation	Nome	AK	COVID-19 Response
One Positive Thing In Kiana	Kiana	AK	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project.
One Positive Thing In Kiana	Kiana	AK	Youth internship planning, development, and implementation
Organized Village of Kake (OVK)	Kake	AK	The ultimate purpose is to 1) create an event that celebrates the Keex' Kwaan Tlingit Way of Life, by 2) increasing youth participation and education in the harvest, processing, and preservation of their traditional foods, and 3) retaining community knowledge regarding foodways by continuing the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.
Organized Village of Kake (OVK)	Kake	AK	COVID-19 Response
Orutsararmiut Native Council	Bethel	AK	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Qagan Tayagungin Tribe	Sand Point	AK	COVID-19 Response
Salamatof Tribe	Kenai	AK	COVID-19 Response
Sealaska Heritage Institute	Juneau	AK	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Fairbanks	AK	COVID-19 Response
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Fairbanks	AK	This project will create resources to increase awareness of current food practices, challenges, and barriers, highlighting Tribal governance of the food system including traditional and healthy foods. These will be used to promote and protect food sovereignty in the TCC region.
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Fairbanks	AK	COVID-19 Response
United Tribes of Bristol Bay	Dillingham	AK	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Bethel	AK	COVID-19 Response
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Bethel	AK	COVID-19 Response
Ekvnv-Yefolecv	Weogufka	AL	This project seeks to utilize, retain and control traditional agricultural/ecological knowledge, transmitted uniquely in the Maskoke language, to leverage food sovereignty and bio-regional ecological regeneration.
Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture	Ajo	AZ	Business of Indian Agriculture testing
Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture	Ajo	AZ	COVID-19 Response

RECIPIENT	CITY	STATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Fort Apache	AZ	This project will increase Tribal resource managers' understanding of plant communities and dynamics, within the Canyon Day Range Unit, which is expected to improve ranching and natural resource management there. The ESDs will become a component in a comprehensive natural resources management plan scheduled for this range unit.
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Fort Apache	AZ	The project will develop and implement an apprenticeship for four Apache youth (ages 18-25) to grow into the next generations of farmers, gatherers, and food sovereignty advocates.
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Fort Apache	AZ	COVID-19 Response
White Mountain Apache Tribe - Water Resources, Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm	Fort Apache	AZ	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Yee Ha'ólníi Doo DBA Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund	Flagstaff	AZ	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
7G Foundation	Pauma Valley	CA	From harvest to plate, 7G will facilitate a program that utilizes Indigenous teachings and processes to harvest a buffalo, traditionally and technically field-dress the animal, transport, process, store, and eventually process the hide. This project will be in conjunction with the mission and vision of the 7G Midwest/Oneida Nation pilot utilizing traditional elements.
American Indian Council of Mariposa County	Mariposa	CA	This project will create a new program focused on Tribal outreach, health communication, and education. This project will increase our Miwumati Healing Center's capacity to provide PPE and information on behavior modification to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
Baskets Back Home	Bishop	CA	The ultimate purpose is to increase the work of repatriation, leveraging a really old concept for cultural sovereignty. We will utilize Indigenous knowledge and practice, learning from people who have been doing this work a long time.
Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Lakeport	CA	The Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians will utilize this program to enhance safe COVID-19 barriers during traditional ceremonies and practices. These activities will be used as an opportunity to do outreach, education, and have a conversation about COVID-19 health and safety with the Tribal community.
Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Lakeport	CA	Big Valley Pomo Elder Garden Project support
Bishop Paiute Tribe	Bishop	CA	This project will increase the Tribe's capacity to protect, enhance communication, and provide public awareness for the cultural program's staff, Tribal participants, and cultural center patrons as we continue to recover from COVID-19.
Bishop Paiute Tribe	Bishop	CA	This project will be a continuation of a multi-faceted effort to increase access to high-speed internet at the lowest possible cost to tribal members no matter their location on the reservation and its surrounding area.
Blue Lake Rancheria	Blue Lake	CA	Enhance communication, public awareness, and health education to increase the adoption of behavioral change that reduces the spread of COVID-19 in California and support targeted efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable and/or highly susceptible populations.
Blue Lake Rancheria	Blue Lake	CA	COVID-19 Response
California Consortium for Urban Indian Health	San Francisco	CA	COVID-19 Response
California Indian Museum & Cultural Center	Santa Rosa	CA	The project will deliver messaging and mental health supports to vulnerable community members by trusted Tribal Culture Bearers to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves from COVID-19.
California Indian Museum & Cultural Center	Santa Rosa	CA	The program supports Native youth with mentoring from Native elders, adults, and older peers to transfer knowledge and skills intergenerationally and keep youth connected to their cultures. The youth are introduced to and acquire diverse skills as Tribal Youth Ambassadors as they research, implement, and complete projects to serve their communities.

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California Rural Indian Health Board Inc.	Roseville	CA	COVID-19 Response
Feather River Tribal Health, Inc.	Oroville	CA	COVID-19 Response
Fort Independence Indian Community	Independence	CA	COVID-19 Response
Fort Independence Indian Community	Independence	CA	This project set out to strengthen our Indigenous community by cultivating Indigenous stewardship, cultural knowledge through traditional crafts and communicating to our Tribal members on how to protect themselves from COVID-19 infections through developing culturally appropriate material to retain behavioral changes that reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Tribal households.
Greenville Rancheria	Red Bluff	CA	General support to assist with emergency response related to the Tribe's drought and wildfire response.
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake	Upper Lake	CA	Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake (HPUL) will create an access database for evaluating current levels of geospatial capacity, improving cultural data management and referrals management workflows, using field data collection and interview data collection techniques to retain Tribal data sovereignty, and building GIS capacity among staff members.
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Hoopa	CA	This project will enable the continued learning, documenting, teaching, and speaking of the Hupa Language during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Santa Ysabel	CA	Using permaculture, this project will increase local food-system growth and will leverage resources to revitalize and expand the existing Tribal garden to create a Tribal seed bank, develop a food-processing station, and distribute Tribal family growing kits to nourish the land and the people's bodies.
Indian Cultural Organization	Redding	CA	This project will enable our organization to protect our Run For Salmon 2021 participants, from youth to elders, from COVID-19, while using our platform along the 300-mile prayer run to promote COVID-19 safety information online and along the route.
Intertribal Friendship House	Oakland	CA	This project will increase our Inter-Tribal Native organization capacity to protect our Native cultural program's staff and Native participants through the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE).
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	Plymouth	CA	The proposed project will enable the Tribe to set up a COVID-19 vaccine appointment help center for Tribal members with limited computer knowledge, or no access to the internet.
Karuk Tribe	Happy Camp	CA	This project will support our vulnerable community to create COVID-safe activities, including outdoor dining, outdoor play spaces, and outdoor visitation through physical distancing.
Klamath Trinity Resource Conservation District	Hoopa	CA	Hupa people residing along the Trinity River have relied on salmon migration for subsistence since time immemorial. This Regeneration of Fishing project will increase the knowledge of fishing by making nets, setting nets, and processing fish or the next generation.
Klamath Trinity Resource Conservation District	Hoopa	CA	Through this project, the KTRCD looks to help revitalize livestock to support the local food system and economy.
Kno'Qoti Native Wellness	Clearlake Oaks	CA	This project will increase Elem Indian Colony members' understanding of the toxic condition of the soil on their traditional land, how to remediate these conditions in order to produce and gather healthy, culturally appropriate food, create food sovereignty, and increase food activism.
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians	Pauma Valley	CA	This project will improve the Tribe's ability to communicate and update Tribal members on COVID updates and emergency protocol with improved social media, community outreach, visual equipment, and construction design software.

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La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians	Pauma Valley	CA	The ultimate purpose is to add funds that will go toward the continued support of our afterschool program. With the center being opened and closed throughout the year, this school year is vital to getting our kids back on track. Our students and their families have demonstrated great resiliency and we know that the demand for academic assistance is critical.
La Posta Band of Mission Indians	Boulevard	CA	This grant will support costs associated with the expansion of the Tribe's community garden.
Maidu Summit Consortium	Chester	CA	This project will increase our capacity to protect our Tribal program staff and Tribal participants with land-based activities and in-office planning through personal protective equipment (PPE).
Maidu Summit Consortium	Chester	CA	These funds will support costs associated with wildfire and emergency response efforts related to the Dixie Fire.
Malki Museum, Inc.	Banning	CA	The ultimate purpose is to create continued awareness of appropriate COVID-19 precautions to reduce the spread of the virus to the Tribal community at Morongo and the public now that the museum is open again.
Mechoopda Indian Tribe	Chico	CA	Wildfire recovery efforts and forest restoration
Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation	Ramona	CA	Tekamuk Tribal Garden project
Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation	Ramona	CA	COVID-19 Response
Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation	Ramona	CA	This project will enable us to install a walk-in cooler purchased by the BDC, helping to fund necessary venting and electrical upgrades.
Native American Environmental Protection Coalition	Temecula	CA	General support for costs associated with NEAPC's drought and wildfire response strategies
Native American Land Conservancy	Banning	CA	Land access webinar support
Native American Pathways	Hoopa	CA	This project will continue to uplift Tribal traditions, food sovereignty, and gathering practices. It will also retain and increase access to culturally inclusive COVID-19 messaging developed to increase awareness and safety of our community members and reservation residents.
Native American Pathways	Hoopa	CA	General support to provide PPE for Tribal community members in Humboldt County
Northern California Tribal Court Coalition	Eureka	CA	This project will create a COVID-19 outreach campaign by leveraging existing materials and technology to create print and online media that inform and educate Tribal elders, the vulnerable, and the community about COVID-19 vaccines and safety.
Owens Valley Career Development Center	Bishop	CA	This project will provide culturally relevant materials to promote the fight against COVID-19. We will incorporate perspectives from the local community, including youth, elders, health care workers, and language speakers.
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	Temecula	CA	We will retain the speech and OT services for our students in a safe, productive environment for the overall wholistic health of our students and community.
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Ukiah	CA	We will increase healthy food distribution in our Native community utilizing a staff dietician and gardener to conduct educational gardening and cooking classes for Tribal citizens, youth, and community members.
Rainbow Fiber Co-Op	Marshall	CA	This project creates economic opportunity for Diné shepherds, increasing the value/marketability of their Navajo-Churro wool. The project brings Diné-grown Navajo-Churro wool products to the e-commerce space, currently dominated by non-Navajo producers.
Rincon Indian Education Center, Inc.	Valley Center	CA	This project will help and support our students and staff recovery and resiliency from the COVID-19 pandemic. It will utilize and leverage funds for culturally relevant workshops and supplies to support those workshops .
Round Valley Indian Health Center	Covelo	CA	Our Tribe will provide COVID-19 protection to our most vulnerable population(s): our elders and Tribal members with co-existing conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease.

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San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians	Valley Center	CA	This project will allow grieving families to say goodbye to their loved ones and keep the culture alive. It allows the Tribe to continue social distancing and prevent any outbreaks.
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians	Valley Center	CA	General support for costs associated with the Tribe's wildfire and emergency response efforts.
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	Santa Ynez	CA	This organization will create a culturally based, print and online outreach campaign that will continue to educate our vulnerable community members on how to protect themselves from COVID-19, while protecting our Tribal cultural program's staff and Tribal participants.
Save California Salmon	Orleans	CA	Save California Salmon plans to provide critical information about COVID-19 and related education and mental health crises to our communities, to create safe educational and cultural opportunities for families, and to provide support with PPE and other equipment to communities suffering from COVID-19.
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Willits	CA	The Tribe will provide resources and support to engage our Tribal youth and families through COVID-19 safety-adapted activities, culturally relevant outreach materials, and activities that promote physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness.
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Willits	CA	COVID-19 Response
Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center	North Fork	CA	We will support COVID-19 recovery through creation of culturally relevant, Tribal community-based public awareness, and safety programs.
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	San Jacinto	CA	This project will protect Tribal members and first responders through personal protective equipment (PPE).
Sogorea Te' Land Trust	Oakland	CA	We will create and distribute high-quality masks, sanitation supplies, COVID testing, and vaccine information to our network of urban Indigenous elders, families, and vulnerable community members throughout the East Bay to help protect them from COVID-19.
Southern California Indian Center	Fountain Valley	CA	COVID-19 Response
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Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Valley Center	CA	This 4 Res Project will provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to families in our Child Care Program. It will increase the effectiveness of health and safety protocols of the four reservations.
Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders	Santa Barbara	CA	Support for racial justice training
Sustainable Economies Law Center	Oakland	CA	This grant will support Minnow's work related to advising the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Coyote Band of Pomo Indians, and Round Valley Indian Tribes as they work toward the establishment of a land trust. It will also assist in monitoring State Assembly Bill 231 (Department of Transportation: transfer of property: Blues Beach property).
Sustainable Economies Law Center	Oakland	CA	Land access webinar support
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley	Lake Isabella	CA	The Tribe seeks to create and develop a Tribal-based community effort to increase awareness and build community capacity for members to better manage and make more informed decisions on COVID-19 issues.
Two Feathers Native American Family Services	McKinleyville	CA	This project will help increase community holistic wellness and food sovereignty participation through (re)connecting our local Native youth and families to traditional foodways. This directly cultivates sustainable and healthy local Native communities by revitalizing Native assets of food management, cultural lifeways, and intergenerational knowledge-sharing.
Wiyot Tribe	Loleta	CA	The Elder-In-Residence Program will provide opportunities for Wiyot youth to learn a cultural practice through workshops presented by an elder. The knowledge shared will revitalize, reclaim, or reintroduce a cultural practice.
Wukchumni Tribal Council	Visalia	CA	COVID-19 Response

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Wukchumni Tribal Council	Visalia	CA	Our organization will create culturally based COVID-19 education materials, utilize Indigenous knowledge to teach about organic medicines, provide personal protective equipment (PPE), and train our vulnerable Tribal elders how to use technology to increase their ability to share knowledge and teachings with the community in a COVID-19-safe manner.
Yurok Tribe	Klamath	CA	The project will support Yurok Cultural Burn-Mapping for Food Sovereignty.
Yurok Tribe	Klamath	CA	This project will allow us to distribute fresh produce to the residents of the Yurok Indian Reservation (YIR) by better utilizing existing infrastructure and expanding our capacity to accept fruit, vegetable, and potentially egg and dairy donations from local producers.
Yurok Tribe	Klamath	CA	General support for emergency response related to the Tribe's drought and wildfire response
Yurok Tribe	Klamath	CA	These funds will support an intergenerational, traditional food education program between Yurok elders and elementary school youth within the Yurok Indian Reservation (YIR).
Denver Indian Center	Denver	CO	COVID-19 Response
Denver Indian Family Resource Center	Denver	CO	COVID-19 Response
Denver Indian Family Resource Center	Denver	CO	General operating support
Denver Indian Health and Family Services	Denver	CO	COVID-19 Response
Denver March Powwow, Inc.	Denver	CO	Support for Denver March Powwow and Indian Market
Oak Lake Writers Society	Thornton	CO	Funds will support the 28th Annual Oak Lake Writers' Society Tribal Writing Retreat
Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce	Denver	CO	RMICC Education Gala Sponsorship
Stronghold Society	Thornton	CO	Over the next three to five years, Stronghold aspires to sustain and grow its programming. To achieve this vision, Stronghold will spend the next year focused on developing our strategy, clarifying and documenting our program model, and stabilizing our operations and revenue model.
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Towaoc	CO	Donor-advised donation for Colorado Native community working on advancing food sovereignty
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Towaoc	CO	This project will fund youth photography classes focused on the ecology of, and changes on, the Ute Mountain Reservation. This project will culminate in a photo exhibit and production of a storybook developed by Ute youth and elders featuring photos from the youth photography class.
White Bison, Inc.	Colorado Springs	CO	COVID-19 Response
Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation	North Stonington	CT	COVID-19 Response
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians	Miami	FL	COVID-19 Response
Aina Momona	Kaunakakai	HI	COVID-19 Response
Council For Native Hawaiian Advancement	Kapolei	HI	COVID-19 Response
Hanalei River Heritage Foundation	Anahola	HI	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project
Hui Aloha Aina Momona	Kaneohe	HI	This project will help increase the availability of Indigenous foods available on Oahu by creating family and community gardens and breadfruit orchards. It will utilize existing partnerships with landowners to increase food grown and provide leverage for future requests of the state for public growing spaces.
Hui Aloha Aina Momona	Kaneohe	HI	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust grantee
Ka Ipu Makani Cultural Heritage Center	Kaunakakai	HI	Ka Ipu Makani Cultural Heritage Center's Huliamahe Loipunawai Farming Education and Training Project aims to increase the number of kalo farmers and locally produced kalo/poi on Molokai, while expanding restoration and stewardship efforts of traditional loipunawai food systems on the island.

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KAEHU	Wailuku	HI	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust grantee
Kahuli Leo Lea	Kaneohe	HI	Mele Hoopulapula will provide the Native Hawaiian population with a repository of knowledge on aina hoopulapula (homestead lands), established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921.
Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society	Honolulu	HI	COVID-19 Response
Ke Kula Nui 'O Waimānalo	Waimanalo	HI	AINA will provide food for the security and survival of our community, supplying traditional, medicinal, and readily available food stuffs to keep our people healthy, well-fed, and secure in our small, tight-knit community of Waimanalo.
Ke Kula Nui 'O Waimānalo	Waimanalo	HI	The Opio Leadership Academy will serve Waimanalo youth who desire to get back to their roots, enabling them to walk the path of their ancestors through hands-on activities relevant today but steeped in our traditional ways and necessary for future generations to know, understand, remember, and practice.
Lunalilo Home	Honolulu	HI	COVID-19 Response
Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike Building Program	Hana	HI	Malama I Na Hulu Kupuna will serve 75 Native Hawaiian youth in the rural district of Hana, East Maui, through training opportunities in building, farming, and our malama haloa program, reviving Hawaiian food systems all designed to support our kupuna (elders) aging in place.
O Maku'u Ke Kahua Community Center	PAHOA	HI	The Māla Ho'oulu 'Ike program's mission is to indulge and inspire the community of Hawaiian Homesteaders and others with agricultural opportunities to grow an educational mindset of a self-sustainable life for their 'ohana and the community. Workshops will be guided by enhancing practices with Hāloa, an ancestral food.
Sust' aina ble Molokai	Kaunakakai	HI	COVID-19 Response
Sust' aina ble Molokai	Kaunakakai	HI	This project will retain opportunities for Native Hawaiians to access fresh local foods and fresh local traditional foods through our island's 22 food pantries. It will leverage our Food Hub, Mobile Market, and Eggs-to-Market programs to provide access to food on an island with high food insecurity.
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association Inc.	Kamuela	HI	This project has focused on protecting Native Hawaiian producers and providing Native foods directly to our Native community. The origination of a CSA program is a new venture and Native Hawaiian producers are embracing the new form of marketing to survive and grow.
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association Inc.	Kamuela	HI	COVID-19 Response
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders'	Kamuela	HI	The Cultural & Education director of Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association will be featured on the runways of the Big Apple, NY Fashion Week, runway 7. He will showcase Hawaiian kapa arts, lauhala weavers, feather artisans, music-makers, chanters, and Hula of Hawaiian culture, arts and fashion.
World Indigenous Nations University Hawaii Pasifika (WINU HP)	Kula	HI	Project `AINA HEALS will create opportunities to increase the availability of traditional fruits and vegetables for 100 Hawaiian elders/seniors living on Hawaiian homestead lands in Kula, Maui. About 90% of foods in Hawaii are shipped in. Project `AINA HEALS will reverse that trend for the benefit of our elders.
World Indigenous Nations University	Kula	HI	Project PIKO will continue monitoring microplastics in paakai, as well as explore Indigenous solutions to food security by using our consumable paakai, and a school community garden and imu (underground oven) to learn about Native Hawaiian food systems.
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	Tama	IA	COVID-19 Response
Coeur D'Alene Tribe	Plummer	ID	COVID-19 Response
Nez Perce Tribe	Lapwai	ID	Nez Perce will expand broadband service over its existing infrastructure with its 2.5 GHz license providing service in areas previously underserved or unserved.

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Nez Perce Tribe	Lapwai	ID	COVID-19 Response
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Fort Hall	ID	COVID-19 Response
American Indian Center of Chicago	Chicago	IL	COVID-19 Response
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	White Cloud	KS	COVID-19 Response
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Mayetta	KS	COVID-19 Response
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana	Charenton	LA	COVID-19 Response
Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana	Marksville	LA	COVID-19 Response
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United Houma Nation	Golden Meadow	LA	Yakani Ekelanna seeks to create an opportunity for UHN and its Tribal members to utilize existing Tribal lands as a source of sustainable traditional foods and medicinal herbs for community use, while increasing Tribal/individual food sovereignty and retaining traditional agricultural and herbalism practices.
United Houma Nation	Golden Meadow	LA	COVID-19 Response
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Mashpee	MA	COVID-19 Response
Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project	Mashpee	MA	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project
Aroostook Band of MicMacs	Presque Isle	ME	COVID-19 Response
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	Littleton	ME	COVID-19 Response
Passamaquoddy Tribal Council	Perry	ME	The purpose of this project is to increase local and traditional food sources and sustainability in Sipayik through planning, expansion, and continued management of food sovereignty programming and resources.
Penobscot Indian Nation	Indian Island	ME	This project will support a "Traditional Teachings" program that will essentially be a train-the-trainer in cultural practices. This is the best way to create a sustainable cultural program for the youth while growing cultural practices in the community.
Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club	Presque Isle	ME	COVID-19 Response
Bay Mills Indian Community	Brimley	MI	COVID-19 Response
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	Peshawbestown	MI	COVID-19 Response
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Baraga	MI	COVID-19 Response
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Watersmeet	MI	COVID-19 Response
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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Harbor Springs	MI	COVID-19 Response
Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan	Shelbyville	MI	COVID-19 Response
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	Fulton	MI	COVID-19 Response
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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	Dowagiac	MI	COVID-19 Response
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	Mount Pleasant	MI	COVID-19 Response
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	COVID-19 Response
Ziibimijwang Incorporated	Carp Lake	MI	COVID-19 Response

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Ziibimijwang Incorporated	Carp Lake	MI	This project will help increase the availability of traditional Indigenous foods and vegetables through the re-establishment of historic trade routes to Chicago. We will leverage existing market channels to increase traditional foods and vegetable availability.
Benson and Turner Food Inc.	Waubun	MN	The plan is to rebuild a sustainable local economy by using ready, local resources and markets to bring quality protein to local people, and sustainable jobs to an area of traditionally high unemployment. We will retain and enhance the local beef industry by developing a sustainable market for its products while providing a healthy protein source for our Tribal people and others in our area.
Camp Migizi	Cloquet	MN	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Camp Migizi	Cloquet	MN	Support for Camp Migizi to prepare for the winter season
Dakota Wicohan	Morton	MN	This project will support the Isnati Ca Dowanpi Ceremony ("Becoming a Woman" for young Dakota women), when at least 10 young women from the Upper and Lower Sioux communities of Minnesota will prepare for, and attend, this coming-of-age ceremony.
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Cloquet	MN	COVID-19 Response
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Cass Lake	MN	COVID-19 Response
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Lower Sioux Indian Community	Morton	MN	Increase quality and access of internet for community members at Lower Sioux
Mewinzha Ondaadiziike Wiigaming	Bemidji	MN	This project will expand the opportunities for youth to connect, learn, engage, and apply teachings and lessons from elders through the establishment of a youth and elder group in the Bemidji region.
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Onamia	MN	COVID-19 Response
Minneapolis American Indian Center	Minneapolis	MN	COVID-19 Response
Native American Community Clinic	Minneapolis	MN	COVID-19 Response
The Native Ways Federation Inc.	Saint Paul	MN	Capacity-building for Native Ways Federation
North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)	Minneapolis	MN	COVID-19 Response
Northwest Indian Community Development Center	Bemidji	MN	COVID-19 Response
Prairie Island Indian Community	Welch	MN	COVID-19 Response
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Red Lake	MN	COVID-19 Response
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	Ogema	MN	COVID-19 Response
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Choctaw	MS	The project will increase access to high-speed internet by making available to all Tribal homes of the MBCI high-speed broadband service at no monthly charge and expanding the capabilities of the Tribal healthcare and educational systems to provide dependable, remote services.
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Choctaw	MS	COVID-19 Response
All Nations Health Center	Missoula	MT	COVID-19 Response
Blackfeet Community College	Browning	MT	COVID-19 Response
Blackfeet Tribe	Browning	MT	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Blackfeet Tribe	Browning	MT	This project will support our summer youth camp where Blackfeet language, culture, and arts and crafts are taught.
Blackfeet Tribe	Browning	MT	COVID-19 Response
The Center Pole	Garryowen	MT	COVID-19 Response
Chief Dull Knife College	Lame Deer	MT	COVID-19 Response

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Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder	MT	This project will help retain the dying or lost art of hide-tanning and methods of traditional teachings, which include using the animal completely as part of food sovereignty.
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder	MT	The Tribe will increase the existing food pantries' ability to provide access to food for Tribal members in need. The project will also allow us to collect data to clearly identify rates of food insecurity, which will allow us to utilize the data as leverage for other funding opportunities.
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder	MT	The Tribe will increase language capacity on the Rocky Boy's Reservation by creating an enhancement to the MCCLR Language Trainee Program, which will focus on teacher training and resources and documentation, such as language instruction modules, recordings, transcribing, curriculum development, and hiring of one teacher trainer.
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder	MT	This grant will allow the Chippewa-Cree Sustainability Agriculture Commission (CCSAC) to construct a root cellar to store ample foods for community consumption. This root cellar will complement the CCSAC efforts with high-tunnel and commercial value-added products currently being produced.
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder	MT	COVID-19 Response
Crow Tribe of Montana	Crow Agency	MT	COVID-19 Response
FAST Blackfeet	Browning	MT	This project will increase access to foods that fit a traditional Blackfeet diet. The project leverages FAST Blackfeet's ability to educate community members on healthy and traditional eating through the Ó'yō'•p' (We Are Eating) Food Pantry and other programs. This contributes to long-term food insecurity prevention in the Blackfeet Nation.
FAST Blackfeet	Browning	MT	The plan is to increase food-storage capacity through freezers and a cooler, with an electrical upgrade to utilize the pantry more efficiently. Widening our receiving door will create a safe, efficient work environment, which will help volunteer retention and improve conditions for staff.
FAST Blackfeet	Browning	MT	This project continues food access for food-insecure Blackfeet Nation residents by sustaining a program of healthy food outreach. By retaining a network of local MT agriculture growers, the Tribe will leverage the availability and quality of food distribution, and ensure the best use of foods provided.
Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation	Harlem	MT	Our new youth leadership and development project will focus on creating more opportunities for Native youth. We will engage and educate Native youth and mentors on traditional ecological knowledge, Aaniiih and Nakoda languages, and traditional-based activities.
Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation	Harlem	MT	Tourism-related economic development
Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation	Harlem	MT	This project will create three conservation areas at Tribal bison fields and American Prairie Reserve's Antelope Creek campground and post wildfire rehabilitation areas in the Little Rocky Mountains for the reintroduction of Native grasses and medicinal plants to help control soil erosion, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habitats.
Fort Belknap Indian Community	Harlem	MT	COVID-19 Response
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Fort Peck Community College	Poplar	MT	This project will create unprecedented connections between tiers of the local food system to integrate purebred Fort Peck buffalo into local grocery stores at an affordable price. The project will leverage available data and personnel expertise to increase the presence of buffalo in the culture of the Fort Peck Reservation.
Fort Peck Community College	Poplar	MT	This project will preserve and sustain the Fort Peck Community College's traditional food program by adding a refrigerator, dehydrator, and traditional gathering equipment.
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes	Poplar	MT	COVID-19 Response
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana	Great Falls	MT	COVID-19 Response

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National Native American Hall of Fame	Great Falls	MT	Event sponsorship for the National Native American Hall of Fame 2021 Induction Ceremony held Nov. 16, 2021
Nkwusm	Arlee	MT	Donor-advised support for food and health and/or language immersion
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	Lame Deer	MT	General operating support for fire relief
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	Lame Deer	MT	COVID-19 Response
People's Food Sovereignty Program	Ronan	MT	COVID-19 Response
People's Food Sovereignty Program	Ronan	MT	This conservation program will identify potential chronic wasting disease and other diseases found in large game herds found on the Flathead Reservation. This program will use the mutual relationship between Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Hunters and reservation farms and ranches.
People's Food Sovereignty Program	Ronan	MT	This project will use traditional knowledge behind the preservation of food through dehydration and provide beneficial data to sustain and conserve financial resources and space. It will also provide healthier meal options for health and wellness, and prolong the shelf life of our program's food resources.
Peoples Partners for Community Development	Lame Deer	MT	It is the goal of People's Partner to create a small facility that is state-inspected so that it can also provide beef locally to the school system through the Farm-to-School program. The beef will be butchered onsite at the Northern Cheyenne Rancher Residence and brought back to the Warrior Meats Butcher Shop to finish the product. Warrior Grocery, which is a component of the Northern Cheyenne Food Source, will provide fresh produce and product to the Northern Cheyenne People.
Piikani Lodge Health Institute	Browning	MT	Tourism-related economic development
Red Paint Creek Cooperative Inc.	Dodson	MT	This project will help retain food pantry distributions in the next four months, as there will be an increase on affected families in the community. They can use our services every week on food distribution days.
Red Paint Creek Cooperative Inc.	Dodson	MT	The food pantry distribution project will help households use our distribution program and will help us get a better leverage on increasing food needs.
Rocky Boy Veterans Center	Box Elder	MT	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Yellow Bird Life Ways Center dba Yellow Bird	Lame Deer	MT	COVID-19 Response
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Cherokee	NC	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands
RedTailed Hawk Collective	Lumberton	NC	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands
Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, Inc.	Maxton	NC	COVID-19 Response
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Fort Totten	ND	COVID-19 Response
The Indigenous Association	Fargo	ND	The Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Contemporary Story Work Project seeks to connect urban American Indian youth with elder knowledge keepers to foster deeper understanding about how the local ecology serves as the foundation for developing and passing on Indigenous ways of walking through the world.
Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation	New Town	ND	COVID-19 Response
North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance	Bismarck	ND	NDNTA will create a new nonprofit tour operator, Native American Cultural Tours (NACT) to create economic opportunities within North Dakota's Indigenous communities that protect our culture and landscapes, including Native grasslands.
Sacred Pipe Resource Center	Mandan	ND	COVID-19 Response
Sitting Bull College	Fort Yates	ND	COVID-19 Response
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Spirit Lake Tribe	Fort Totten	ND	This project will create and retain locally grown and harvested sustainable production for fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs by leveraging and engaging in community food production. It will continue with the Farmers Market and use the Farm-to-Table committee to strengthen the sustainability of the projects.

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Spirit Lake Tribe	Fort Totten	ND	This project will increase access, variety, and availability for seeds by providing a network in the community to share a garden variety of seeds. It will educate the community on the ability to harvest, store, and share seeds at the Spirit Lake Seed Bank.
Standing Rock Community Development Corporation	Fort Yates	ND	A SRCDC kitchen remodel will help increase the use of this asset to develop and initiate the goals of the program.
Standing Rock Community Development Corporation	Fort Yates	ND	Goals of the program are to develop ways to educate and promote healthy eating by increasing the opportunity of Indigenous food knowledge.
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	Fort Yates	ND	COVID-19 Response
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	Fort Yates	ND	Collectively, Standing Rock will collaborate with Spirit Lake and First Nations to build organizational and programmatic capacity to enhance their abilities to reclaim control of their local food systems through building partnerships and community relationships.
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	Fort Yates	ND	The Tribal Aging and Community Services Agency provides nutrition services to the elders on the reservation. The program has developed the Traditional Foods Pathway Program to use the culturally appropriate foods available, and to retain and leverage the collective knowledge of our traditional foods held by our elders.
Tribal Nations Research Group	Belcourt	ND	This project will create the foundation needed to grow, stabilize, and encourage the development of the food and agriculture sector for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	Belcourt	ND	The Turtle Mountain Youth Ag Leadership is a program to inform, educate, involve, and empower youth to enter ag-related careers, building on and sustaining our efforts to build Food Sovereignty for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	Belcourt	ND	This project will increase the capacity of the TM Entrepreneurial Center and its Healthy Foods Healthy Families project to preserve and store produce grown in and around the high tunnel, while providing learning opportunities to support project objectives.
Turtle Mountain Food Pantry	Belcourt	ND	COVID-19 Response
United Tribes Technical College	Bismarck	ND	COVID-19 Response
Little Priest Tribal College	Winnebago	NE	COVID-19 Response
Nebraska Indian Community College	Macy	NE	COVID-19 Response
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Macy	NE	This project will support The Omaha Way program. Youth will be exposed to cultural activities, traditional Native American values, elder knowledge of cultural values and meanings, spiritual beliefs/practices, language, and history.
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Winnebago	NE	COVID-19 Response
Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System	Winnebago	NE	Native Connections will support Winnebago youth ages 14 to 24 in the prevention of suicide ideation, suicide, and substance abuse, while dealing with cultural trauma through exploring traditional cultural practices.
Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps	Acoma Pueblo	NM	This project will create safe, working, and accessible growing spaces for elders of Acoma Pueblo, and increase elder and family access to fresh foods.
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women	Albuquerque	NM	This project will create access to Indigenous seeds for Tribal communities in New Mexico, leverage existing relationships with Tribal youth councils, and increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables grown. This will increase knowledge-sharing of seed-drying and -saving to sustain traditional Tribal food systems.
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women	Albuquerque	NM	Honorarium donated
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project.
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	This project will leverage the ability to use language-learning resources and increase community access to learning the Keres language/ways of knowing. This project will also create an opportunity for Indigenous children to plan and participate in a food sovereignty conference where they will learn more about Native foods.

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Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	This will support the Keres Children's Learning Center's 2021 fundraising event "Get Your Coffee Ready Virtual Coffee Chat Series" that will showcase Indigenous professionals.
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	COVID-19 Response
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	This project will further expand our resources and materials for KCLC's newly developed yearlong map, which will focus on the four directions through our language and culture curriculum, using an intergenerational approach that supports our students' and families' language and culture.
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	Donor-advised support for food and health and/or language immersion
Keres Children's Learning Center	Cochiti Pueblo	NM	KCLC Giving Tuesday Match Campaign
Major Market Inc.	Zuni	NM	Our goal is to create better access to healthy foods by introducing organic and non-GMO products into our Native communities. Also, we will introduce and retain farm-to-table concepts including growing and raising vegetables, and using livestock from local farmers and ranchers.
National Indian Youth Leadership Project, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM	This project will support Project Pre-Venture, a positive youth development model geared to 4th- to 5th-grade American Indian children composed of experiential, outdoor activities organized around traditional food systems, service learning, and intergenerational connections.
New Mexico Community Foundation	Santa Fe	NM	COVID-19 Response
Pueblo of Acoma	Acoma	NM	COVID-19 Response
Pueblo of Jemez	Jemez Pueblo	NM	This project will create, retain, and enhance natural resources, especially water, for the benefit of the environment and the people of Jemez Pueblo. The project will also increase management, monitoring, and protecting the rangelands and resources important to Jemez Pueblo.
Pueblo of Laguna	Laguna	NM	COVID-19 Response
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Pueblo of Nambe	Santa Fe	NM	Donor-advised support for food and health and/or language immersion
Pueblo of Pojoaque	Santa Fe	NM	COVID-19 Response
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Pueblo Resurgents	Isleta	NM	This project leverages food-security data from a 2019 community health assessment to increase access to nutritionally dense food options for children by retaining the Radicle Food Distribution. It also increases control over local food economies by investing in local food producers and soil.
Santa Clara Pueblo	Espanola	NM	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Santa Fe Indigenous Center	Santa Fe	NM	This project addresses food insecurity among Native families in need. Retaining our bi-monthly, free-food distributions in the upcoming months will provide extra support. It also utilizes our existing relationship with the Native community to increase our awareness and knowledge of needs that community members are experiencing.
Tewa Women United	Santa Cruz	NM	This project will help increase the connection to traditional foods and seed sovereignty for women and Tribal families by providing skill-building and education on how to grow traditional foods. This will also leverage existing initiatives that work to center seed sovereignty and traditional foods.
Tewa Women United	Santa Cruz	NM	COVID-19 Response
Tiwa Lending Services	Isleta Pueblo	NM	Tiwa Lending Services (TLS) is seeking to expand and create homeownership opportunities off the reservation for Isleta Tribal members and other Native Americans within the surrounding counties and communities. TLS will continue to retain, cultivate, and increase our development services for Isleta Pueblo and Native American youth.

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Traditional Native American Farmers Association	Santa Fe	NM	COVID-19 Response
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Trilogy Beef Community LLC	Moriarty	NM	The project will extend an opportunity for Tribal ranchers to receive premiums (above market value) for their cattle and contribute to their communities' food security as active contributors to an established local food network.
Wings of America	Santa Fe	NM	COVID-19 Response
Yakanal	New Laguna	NM	This project will engage Indigenous youth and elders in cultural exchanges and preservation programs of local impact. Program design fosters youth-mentoring and spending time with elders to deepen their understanding of their Indigenous cultures – a wonderful example of multigenerational learning and transfer of knowledge from a placed-based perspective.
Zuni Youth Enrichment Project	Zuni	NM	Critical Role Foundation features Native Youth and Culture Fund in campaign to promote and feature grantee project.
Zuni Youth Enrichment Project	Zuni	NM	First Nations Development Institute worked with ZYEP on developing their individual donor program, and as part of this TTA they received a mini-grant to match their individual donor drive.
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	Fallon	NV	COVID-19 Response
Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Reservation	Owyhee	NV	COVID-19 Response
United Natives	Las Vegas	NV	COVID-19 Response
Asheshate:ka'te Grief Services	Hogansburg	NY	COVID-19 Response
Grinding Stone Collective	Glendale	NY	This project will create opportunities for urban Indigenous people to access traditional foods through our Inter-Tribal Food Pantry & Co-op. By increasing the availability of traditional produce and meats in urban spaces to combat food insecurity and injustice, we leverage our existing partnerships with food producers to increase food availability.
Onkwe, Inc.	Bombay	NY	This project will provide traditional one-on-one teachings to one student per year on all aspects of Onkwe mission, which is gardening, cultivation, preservation, foraging medicines and foods, language and ceremonies; and making maple syrup, traditional clothing, jewelry, instruments, and medicines, as well as the overall Mohawk traditional way of life.
Onondaga Nation	Nedrow	NY	COVID-19 Response
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	Akwesasne	NY	Our purpose is to increase affordable fresh produce accessibility for community members by increasing vegetable production from 1 acre to 3 acres with a new irrigation system.
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	Akwesasne	NY	COVID-19 Response
Seneca Nation of Indians	Irving	NY	The Agriculture Department will create an advertising campaign to increase the number of regional schools and restaurants as customers for products from the Seneca Nation's farm, Gakwi:yo:h Farms. The farm will leverage its reputation for high-quality fruits, vegetables, and meat to increase its customer base.
Shinnecock Indian Nation	Southampton	NY	This Project will increase the number of Shinnecock citizens who can safely harvest traditional foods on the territory through workshops, educational materials, and technical support of consultants. The increased knowledge and implementation of safety protocols will create a community of Tribal citizens that can confidently access its traditional food systems.
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Shawnee	OK	COVID-19 Response
Association of American Indian Physicians	Oklahoma City	OK	COVID-19 Response

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Cherokee Nation	Tahlequah	OK	COVID-19 Response
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	Concho	OK	COVID-19 Response
The Chickasaw Nation	Ada	OK	COVID-19 Response
Comanche Nation	Lawton	OK	COVID-19 Response
Delaware Tribe of Indians	Bartlesville	OK	COVID-19 Response
Euchee (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc.	Sapulpa	OK	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project.
Kiowa Gourd Clan	Carnegie	OK	Emergency response grant for food-security efforts
Kiowa Gourd Clan	Carnegie	OK	General support for food-security efforts
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Carnegie	OK	COVID-19 Response
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Okmulgee	OK	COVID-19 Response
The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic	Oklahoma City	OK	COVID-19 Response
Osage Nation	Pawhuska	OK	COVID-19 Response
Otoe-Missouria Tribe	Red Rock	OK	COVID-19 Response
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	Pawnee	OK	COVID-19 Response
Pawnee Seed Preservation Society	Pawnee	OK	This project will help the Pawnee Tribal community cultivate ancestral aspects of Pawnee corn and incorporate cultural areas of teamwork; increase ancestral food production relevant to the Pawnee; increase new gardens in community homes and community garden(s); and promote a healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise.
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Miami	OK	COVID-19 Response
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	Quapaw	OK	This project will create a food hub to increase access to fresh and local foods by utilizing the market channels opened by the farmers market in light of state policy changes. It also leverages data collected via a food sovereignty assessment to create a strategic plan for the agriculture department.
Shawnee Tribe	Miami	OK	COVID-19 Response
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board	Oklahoma City	OK	COVID-19 Response
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	Tahlequah	OK	This community project will create food sustainability and distribution, add leveraging to increase traditional/cultural food availability, add to current seed bank for conservation, and provide building capacity to better manage, educate, control, and conserve resources so our Tribal elders and youth can have access to traditional/culturally fresh foods.
Burns Paiute Tribe	Burns	OR	COVID-19 Response
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission	Portland	OR	COVID-19 Response
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	Coos Bay	OR	COVID-19 Response
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Grand Ronde	OR	COVID-19 Response
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Pendleton	OR	This proposed fixed-based wireless system will allow the CTUIR to create (i.e. develop), control, own, and operate a broadband fiber-optic and wireless network system, which can provide affordable and reliable broadband services (i.e. internet) to reservation households where currently there is limited or unaffordable internet services.
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Pendleton	OR	COVID-19 Response
Klamath Tribes	Chiloquin	OR	COVID-19 Response

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Maqaqs Paddle Club	Klamath Falls	OR	Paddling Tribal Waters will serve youth from the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, and the Nez Perce Tribe. Youth will travel to three paddling clinics across three states.
National Indian Child Welfare Association	Portland	OR	Conference sponsorship for NICWA's 40th annual Protecting Our Children Conference
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board	Portland	OR	COVID-19 Response
Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.	Portland	OR	The Wisdom Agricultural Business Incubator (WABI) program was created to develop, educate, support, and assist Native Americans to start their own micro-enterprise businesses over a two-internship time frame. The agricultural and horticultural training seeks to re-connect Native Americans to the land and our sacred first foods.
Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center	Pendleton	OR	COVID-19 Response
Catawba Indian Nation	Rock Hill	SC	COVID-19 Response
Brave Heart Society	Lake Andes	SD	Continuing opportunities to develop regenerative, sustainable practices respectful of Mother Earth.
Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance	Lower Brule	SD	This project will increase outreach and engagement to expand G4G's coalition of Tribes and Tribal citizens, improving collaboration and fostering co-design of grassland-focused conservation activities. In subsequent phases, the conservation activities will create new, and leverage existing, sustainable economic opportunities and conservation projects that directly conserve intact grasslands.
Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance	Lower Brule	SD	This project will create a new financial management system for G4G to manage grants and upcoming payrolls. It will also increase Tribal members' participation in G4G's regional conservation planning, leading to greater buy-in toward cooperative conservation across Native nations in the region.
Can Wigmunke, The Rainbow Tree	Martin	SD	The purpose of the Phežúta Garden Project is to create an accessible space for community members to gather and learn about traditional medicines. By planting within Tribal communities, elders, youth, and teachers will have increased access to traditional medicines, thus retaining traditional Lakota ecological knowledge and increasing Native grassland preservation.
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Eagle Butte	SD	COVID-19 Response
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation	Eagle Butte	SD	The CRST Buffalo Authority Corporations, CRST Access to Native Meats Project, will provide access to local, Native producer-sourced beef and buffalo meat products through the opening of a meat market storefront in Eagle Butte, South Dakota.
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation	Eagle Butte	SD	This project aims to provide access to local Native producer-sourced beef and buffalo meat products through opening a meat market storefront in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. The project will involve securing a location for the storefront, purchasing equipment, advertising, market research and development.
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	Fort Thompson	SD	The ultimate purpose of Hunkpati Processors is to create a food supply chain using meat/protein products for our Tribal membership, especially the elders and needy. Members will have access to locally raised, high-quality beef and buffalo meat processed by Tribal members.
Four Bands Community Fund, Inc.	Eagle Butte	SD	COVID-19 Response
Knife Chief Buffalo Nation Society	Porcupine	SD	The project will provide educational opportunities and cultural healing camps for 40 children ages 12-17 and families based on the teachings of the Buffalo Nation.
Lakota Youth Development	Herrick	SD	Blooming Honey Lodge will increase the capacity for this social enterprise to expand into a self-sustaining arm of their parent organization, Lakota Youth Development, while stewarding Sicangu Lakota lands through beekeeping.
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Lower Brule	SD	Our projects will create new grasslands where croplands currently exist and retain existing habitat that could be destroyed. It will create connectivity between existing Native grasslands and retain connectivity of the unique habitat.

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Makoce Agriculture Development	Porcupine	SD	This project will create a space for community members to utilize for harvesting, processing, and storage of cultural and traditional foods. It will create a pathway toward retaining cultural, traditional, and modern food practices for developing a local food system.
Native American Community Board	Lake Andes	SD	COVID-19 Response
Native American Community Board	Lake Andes	SD	This project will reduce Yankton Sioux food insecurity and increase food sovereignty by leveraging existing services (food pantry, monthly drive-up food boxes, children's backpack food, and elders' food delivery). A newly created element will help 30 elders to have container vegetable gardens to grow tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, peppers, herbs, etc.
Oglala Sioux Tribe	Pine Ridge	SD	COVID-19 Response
Oyate Networking Project/Oyate Teca Project	Kyle	SD	This funding opportunity will take our food system to the next level. We have successfully completed five years of training and implementing gardening. We are now at a level where we would like to grow year-round and have proper storing for vegetables.
Rosebud Economic Development Corporation	Mission	SD	The Wolakota Buffalo Range utilizes Indigenous knowledge to regenerate the grassland ecosystem and economy of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate. Wolakota is set to become the largest Native-owned and -managed herd and the project ensures that 28,000 acres will remain under Native control, while creating positive economic, ecological, and cultural outcomes.
Sicangu Community Development Corporation	Mission	SD	COVID-19 Response
Sicangu Community Development Corporation	Mission	SD	This project will increase the capacity of Sicangu CDC to utilize local and Tribally produced food products by creating new cold-storage infrastructure, and leveraging existing health and immersion education and food sovereignty programs to increase Tribal control over local food supply chains.
Sisseton Wahpeton College	Agency Village	SD	COVID-19 Response
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate	Agency Village	SD	There has been a call for medicinal plants to help our Tribe to protect, prevent, mitigate, and combat COVID sickness, but there was not enough available. This project will create, originate, maintain, and cultivate at least four medicine garden areas.
Tanka Fund	Kyle	SD	Our ultimate purpose is to create a set of successful regenerative buffalo-grazing models that scientifically document the beneficial impact upon soil health and Native grasslands, leading to further research and a legitimate seat at the table for Native peoples within the regenerative agriculture movement.
Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation	Porcupine	SD	The requested grant funds will purchase two coolers and one commercial freezer for the Food Sovereignty Initiative to enhance education and sustainability outreach efforts. The coolers will be used for eggs from the poultry program, as well as vegetables from the model farm program. The freezer will store bison meat.
Walks on the Day	Lake Andes	SD	This project will create a food pantry, re-purposing space within the community center. This will leverage existing Tribal assets to increase food availability, especially to the children and those impacted by floods and COVID-19.
Lakota Waldorf Society	Kyle	SD	Donor-advised support for food and health and/or language immersion
Wotakuye Mutual Aid Society	Rapid City	SD	Our purpose is to create community care through Indigenous mutual aid networks in Oceti Sakowin territory to increase and retain our efforts to aid Tribal members in COVID-19 quarantine and isolation with cooked meals, traditional medicines and foods, and supplies.
Yankton Sioux Tribe	Wagner	SD	COVID-19 Response
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.	Nashville	TN	COVID-19 Response
American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions	San Antonio	TX	COVID-19 Response
Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas	Floresville	TX	The Carrizo Comecrudo will hold four to six workshops throughout the 12-month grant period to bring Tribal members together to focus on connecting elders to the youth to teach traditional lifeways and customs.

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Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas	Floresville	TX	This project will increase Tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.
Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas	McAllen	TX	COVID-19 Response
Society of Native Nations	San Antonio	TX	COVID-19 Response
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas	Dallas	TX	COVID-19 Response
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	El Paso	TX	COVID-19 Response
Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nations	Ogden	UT	This project will create the Tribe's Bear River Cultural Center, an educational kiosk to explain the Tribe's past and present use of food resources, increase awareness of the Tribe's natural animal farms, and restore natural habitat and food sources on this Tribal land.
Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nations	Ogden	UT	COVID-19 Response
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah	Cedar City	UT	COVID-19 Response
Utah Navajo Health System Incorporated	Montezuma Creek	UT	COVID-19 Response
Chickahominy Indian Tribe	Providence Forge	VA	COVID-19 Response
Monacan Indian Nation, Inc.	Madison Heights	VA	COVID-19 Response
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe	King William	VA	COVID-19 Response
Children of the Setting Sun Productions	Bellingham	WA	Critical Role Foundation features the Native Youth and Culture Fund in a campaign to promote and feature grantee project.
Children of the Setting Sun Productions	Bellingham	WA	This program will support an intergenerational research project examining and strengthening traditional Indigenous knowledge around the survival of salmon through a series of podcasts relating to youth, identity, and the environment.
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Longview	WA	May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grantee
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Sequim	WA	The Tribe will develop a program that exercises Tribal food sovereignty and aids in the development of a Tribal food code that will provide financial sustainability to the Traditional Foods and Culture Programs. We will also create greater access to traditional foods, bolster Tribal food security, and increase Tribal pride in our cultural cuisine.
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Usk	WA	This project will create a friendly and accessible environment where the public can learn about the benefits of good forest stewardship. Oftentimes it is difficult for the untrained eye to discern a healthy forest from a sick forest. This interpretive signage will help us tell that story.
Lummi Indian Business Council	Bellingham	WA	COVID-19 Response
Nooksack Indian Tribe	Deming	WA	COVID-19 Response
Northwest Indian College	Bellingham	WA	COVID-19 Response
Peacekeeper Society	Harrah	WA	The project will increase food distribution services to economically disadvantaged and food-insecure families and leverage the grant award with current funding to build our logistics capacity and distribution network on the Yakama Reservation, in Yakima County and for Pacific Northwest Tribal communities.
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	Snoqualmie	WA	COVID-19 Response
Spokane Tribe	Wellpinit	WA	COVID-19 Response
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	LaConner	WA	COVID-19 Response
Ttawaxt Birth Justice Center	Selah	WA	This project will increase holistic healing in Indigenous communities through pre- and post-natal yoga practice; and retain the Tribal language and teachings for future generations, keeping alive a vital aspect of our culture and identity.
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	Sedro-Woolley	WA	COVID-19 Response
Brothertown Indian Nation	Fond du Lac	WI	COVID-19 Response
College of Menominee Nation	Keshena	WI	COVID-19 Response

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Forest County Potawatomi Community	Crandon	WI	This project will increase the Tribe's capacity to conduct value-added activities surrounding food produced at the Bodwéwadmī Ktēgan by leveraging FCPC's commercial kitchen equipment, thereby strengthening the Tribe's food system, as well as members' access to traditional, healthy, locally produced food.
Gerald L Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc.	Milwaukee	WI	COVID-19 Response
I-Collective Inc	Appleton	WI	Support for Giving Tuesday, a fundraising event to raise funds for "A Gathering Basket," an Indigenous community journal, cookbook, and webinar series.
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Hayward	WI	COVID-19 Response
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa College	Hayward	WI	COVID-19 Response
Menikānaehkem, Inc.	Gresham	WI	Our project will create intergenerational mentor teams to support community members by sharing and reviving Indigenous growing and gathering knowledge.
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Keshena	WI	The purpose is to support the Tribal, urban, and peri-urban First Nation communities in the Chicago region in reclaiming community control of food systems for their economic, social, and cultural benefit by increased capacity for harvesting, processing, storing, and transporting finished wild rice to the Chicago American Indian Center.
Oneida Nation	Oneida	WI	Our ultimate purpose is to determine if it would be feasible for the Oneida Nation to develop and successfully operate a meat processing business on the Oneida Nation reservation.
Oneida Nation	Oneida	WI	Our goal is to create a business/design plan for a cannery processing facility. We will use these plans to be efficient and effective in operational plans and expectations with financials, demand, and community need, and adjust accordingly to ensure that we are supporting growth of our Nation's food sovereignty efforts.
Oneida Nation	Oneida	WI	This project will increase the availability of traditional foods, fresh foods, and meals for Oneida Tribal members requiring nutritional support, as well as increase the income for traditional farmers and participant food knowledge.
Sokaogon Chippewa Community	Crandon	WI	COVID-19 Response
Stockbridge Munsee Community	Bowler	WI	This project will expand a one-acre community garden to create a diverse five-acre growing space that incorporates traditional foods, fruits, and vegetables to increase access to fresh, locally grown, and culturally relevant foods within the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
Stockbridge Munsee Community	Bowler	WI	COVID-19 Response
Ukwakhwa Inc.	De Pere	WI	This project will address infrastructure needs for Oneida community members through the creation of a certified kitchen. Community members will have more access to Indigenous foods and workshops to build their skills and confidence to process their own foods. Processed Oneida foods will then be shared with Chicago Region partners.
Wisconsin Native Loan Fund	Lac Du Flambeau	WI	COVID-19 Response
Woodland Boys & Girls Club	Neopit	WI	The funds will be used to increase traditional knowledge of youth through an generational exchange of Menominee Culture. Youth will increase their use of Menominee language and increase their vocabulary. Traditional teachings on arts and crafts, singing, dancing, and storytelling will ensure the next generation knows what this generation knows and more.
Woodland Indian Art, Inc.	Oneida	WI	COVID-19 Response
Woodland Indian Art, Inc.	Oneida	WI	This project will increase the number of work hours of our part-time staff to create additional programs, services, and fundraising opportunities to enhance the overall mission. It will also maintain the organization's current and future programs, thereby allowing us to leverage additional resources generated by their efforts to better support our artists.
Eastern Shoshone Tribe	Fort Washakie	WY	COVID-19 Response
Northern Arapaho Tribe	Fort Washakie	WY	COVID-19 Response

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