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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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In this 2022 Annual Report of First Nations Development Institute, we celebrate Native values. We take the time to reflect on how those values – our cultures, our traditions, and our lifeways – continue to anchor us, as they have since time immemorial. At the same time, we lift up those values by elevating stories of our Native community partners and investing in their important work. We continue to listen and to amplify, underscoring their strengths and resilience, and reminding the world:

We are here. We are rooted in all we know and have always known, and we are moving forward.

Native Values, Native Voices

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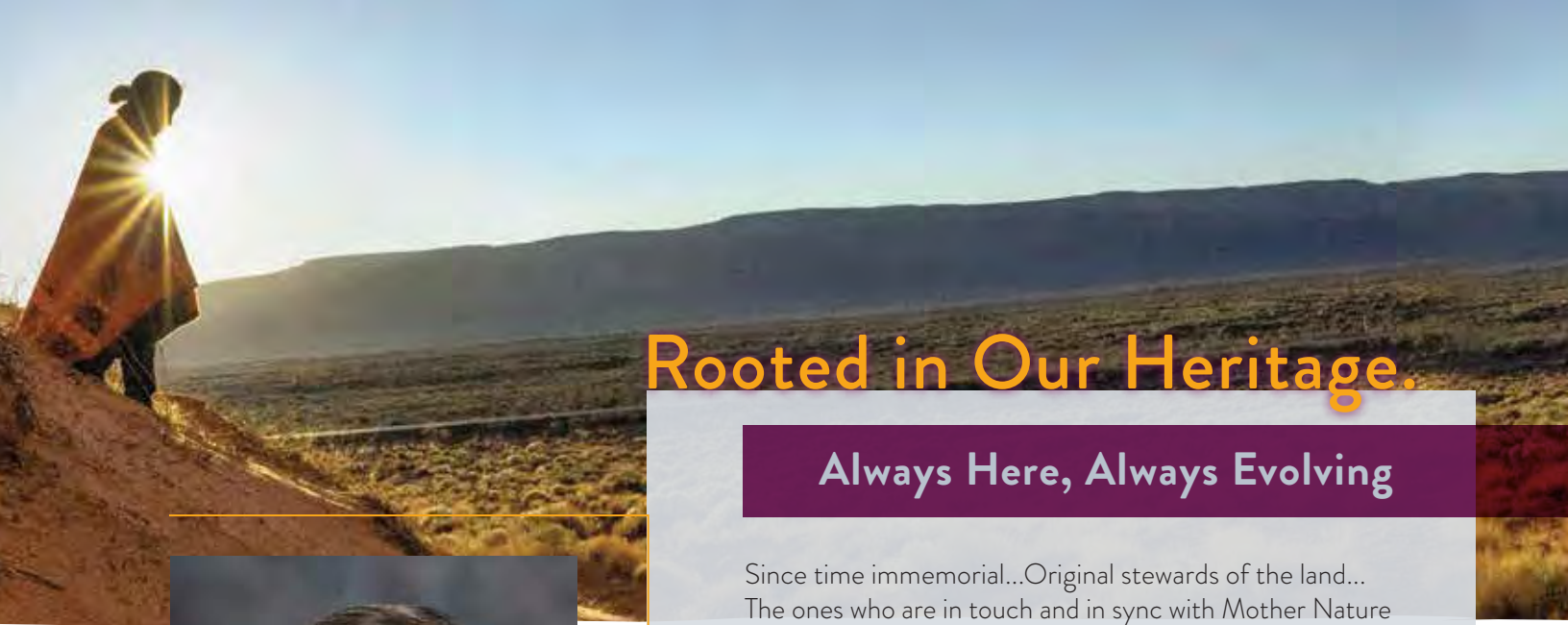
The artwork featured in this year's Annual Report was created by Christopher Sweet, a Ho-Chunk/White Earth Ojibwe artist and muralist who has been artistic since childhood.

In 2016, Sweet first showcased his art in a solo exhibition, and since that time, his art career continues to grow. Christopher recently opened Blue Bear Studio, a creative space and gallery for his art located in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The images in the report draw from Sweet's piece, "New Beginnings." The image is inspired by Indigenous ceremonial practices of cleansing, reflection, song, dance, and community, which have survived, adapted, and evolved, being passed down through the generations.

Christopher Sweet





Rooted in Our Heritage.

Always Here, Always Evolving



Benny Shendo, Jr.
Jemez Pueblo

Letter from the Chairman

Since time immemorial...Original stewards of the land... The ones who are in touch and in sync with Mother Nature and all living things. These are the widely held notions that come to mind when people consider Native Americans. While virtuous, the language still rings stereotypical and one dimensional. And it freezes Native Americans in a time and space – compartmentalized, romanticized, and ultimately trivialized. As a result, the truth about Native Americans is too often overlooked. We remain among the “others” – erased, invisible, and out of sight.

Still, our history cannot be denied. We have been here since time immemorial. We are the original stewards of the land. We are in touch with the land, water, air, and seas, and all things living and nonliving. With this richness in history come our values, how we give and how we receive, and how the cycle continues.

These values are celebrated in our rituals, foods, dances, and songs. They have sustained us throughout centuries in the face of genocide, assimilation, erasure, and prejudice. We are still here. We are not relics of the past or romantic notions from the movies. Our Native values have grounded us, giving us the fortitude to move strongly forward.

As we began to produce this year’s Annual Report, “Native Values. Native Voices,” we reflected on how our history and our values – collectively in Indian Country and at First Nations – have grounded us. Our community partners create solutions and drive their successes based on what solutions and success mean to them. Their approaches are unique, and they are anchored in generations of knowledge and experience. At First Nations, we hold true to our own origins: We were founded to serve Native communities, giving them the tools and resources that they need based on their histories and their values. We listen to their voices, and we work to ensure they’re heard.

At First Nations we rejoice in the solutions and successes we see every day. And with every outreach to the Native communities we serve, we take the opportunity to uplift the genius happening throughout Indian Country. In 2022, we continue getting resources, technical assistance, and support to Native communities to amplify their messages, making sure they are heard by policy makers, stakeholders, folks throughout Indian Country, and folks beyond it. Through a combined 191 hours of technical assistance and training and the awarding of over 410 grants, valued at more than \$12.5 million, this year we supported projects and initiatives across First Nations' multiple strategic areas.

Singing, Talking, Leading — Louder Than Ever

Highlights of the year include the continuation of the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship. Ten more knowledge holders and knowledge leaders were chosen for the 2022 cohort, advancing the work of Native artists, language specialists, historians, and more. We continued investing in programs and projects supporting Native arts, Native youth, and Native food systems and food sovereignty. We continued our COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, providing over \$1.6 million in turnkey support to Native communities as they worked to protect their elders and rebuild their infrastructures in the wake of the pandemic.

This year, we also strategized the launch of our Tribal Lands Conservation Fund, an approach not only in how we invest in Native-led solutions to climate change, but how we engage with people who care about the climate crisis, and want to support Indigenous practices and traditional ecological knowledge toward conservation and stewardship. Creating the TLC Fund amplifies our Native voices. It boldly reaches out in support of the projects and initiatives surrounding environmental justice and climate change mitigation. But it also bolsters our values, our history. We are saying at once: We are still here. We haven't been erased. And most importantly, for the good of everyone, Native and non-Native alike, the time to hear our voices and invest in Native-led solutions is more important than ever.

2022 brought the amplification of our voices in government and policy. With Secretary Haaland leading the U.S. Department of the Interior, several initiatives took hold to pursue justice for missing or murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, including the Missing and Murdered Unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services and the Not Invisible Act.

The department also formed the first-ever Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee to ensure tribal leaders have a direct voice to current and future department officials regarding programs and funding.

In further amplification of Native voices, the Biden Administration to date has made record investments in tribal nations and Native communities, including through the American Rescue Plan and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and has worked to improve and standardize tribal consultation, expand protections under the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, and advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service.

Native Values. Native Voices.

Indeed, the theme of Native values and Native voices creates an inspirational framework to share the progress and successes of our community partners and the wins happening this year throughout Indian Country. But it also serves as a reminder for all of us. It is true there are stereotypical notions of who we were and how people see us. But the takeaway is: We are here. We are always evolving. Our values anchor our cultures, our connections, and our integrity. And they are a call to all of us moving forward: Stay focused on who we are, and navigate to the future, loudly, with confidence.

Respectfully,



Benny Shendo, Jr. | Jemez Pueblo
Chairman, Board of Directors
First Nations Development Institute

Telling Our Story...A Story About Control

When I was growing up, my father and my brother often made light of me, mostly as a way to try to keep me humble, but especially in their opinions of my love of pop music – not rock, or not rock defined by them. But, as I often shared with them and anyone else who was willing to listen, I am okay being branded as a lover of pop music. This is because I know that, every once in a while, more often than you might expect, pop music leaves us with, if not words of wisdom, at least words to contemplate and to make us think just a bit.

One of those pop songs that did this for me was Janet Jackson’s “Control,” which begins as follows:



Michael Roberts
Tlingit

*This is a story about control
My control
Control of what I say
Control of what I do
And this time I'm gonna do it my way (my way)
I hope you enjoy this as much as I do
Are we ready?*

This is a song about who gets to tell the story and how the story is told, which is exactly what First Nations’ Reclaiming Native Truth project is all about and what is echoed in Chairman Shendo’s letter.

A few years back, First Nations was one of the thought partners, and the managing partner, in the **Reclaiming Truth Project: A Project to Dispel America’s Myths and Misconceptions**. It was a great experience for us, as First Nations is, was and continues to be a full-throated critic of “deficit frames” – these are narratives that are needs-driven or problem-focused, or that focus on what is missing when it comes to American Indians. These pervasive negative narratives about Indian people, mostly set by others, are dangerous in their ability to cement or otherwise reinforce Indian stereotypes. The bigger danger, however, is when we – as Indian people – begin or continue to deploy these deficit frames ourselves.

Chairman Shendo reminds us and everyone else that we are here. We are not relics of the past or romantic notions from a pop culture narrative. We have a voice and the right to use it. And we have control of what we say and what we do with that voice.

Letter from the President

Here’s where I meander a bit. But hang with me, because I really do have a point in all this. In 2011, Miles Mogulescu, in a blog post for the Huffington Post about President Obama’s re-election bid, talked about “the story your opponent is telling about you.” But equally as important is “the story you tell about yourself.”

From the Reclaiming Native Truth research, we learned, or at the very least confirmed, that the negative and inaccurate narratives we long suspected others believe and tell about us are, in fact, spread widely and purposefully. Some are even quite contradictory – that Native Americans live in abject poverty on reservations, or that Indians are struggling with alcohol and drugs. Yet they are also flush with casino money.

Even narratives held by members of the private foundation community with whom First Nations works closely – who are educated and socially minded folks – often are based on deficit frames. They tend to believe there is an overwhelming need in Indian communities that could never be adequately addressed with foundation funding, or that Native Americans have squandered government supports and, therefore, are undeserving of private philanthropy.

These are the stories that our opponents, the general public, and the social-equity funder and investor communities tell about us.

Those who claim to be Native allies (more in costume than commitment) aren't doing us much better. Organizations like St. Joseph's Indian School and others who raise money in the name of Indians have been found to write fundraising appeals authored by a made-up Indian student. In one instance, they quote a fictional Native spokesperson, saying "Like other kids here, the reservation isn't a safe place for me to be. Sometimes my dad drinks and hits me. Not long ago my mom left me at my Grandma's house...she chose drugs over me."

These folks raising money in the name of Indian kids – Indian Country's future – are doing so by saying that this is a group that is totally helpless, and only non-Indians can save them. This negative narrative seems to be very effective in getting individuals to write checks, but it does little for the self-esteem of these same Indian students, or Indian people as a whole. Why do these organizations like these get to control this narrative? More importantly, why do we continue to let them?

All too often in Indian Country, we have taken on this narrative of our oppressors, or – in the case of St. Joe's Indian School – the word of our exploiters.

First Nations has been a grant-maker in Indian Country since 1980, making more than \$65 million in grants to over 3,000 organizations during that time. Year after year we receive grant requests that begin their ask by citing the negative statistics of what they feel defines Indian Country. Requestors do this – and we do this too – because it has been demonstrated by the few foundations and federal agencies that fund Indian Country that this method, this use of negative narratives, is effective for fundraising.

But through our research surrounding Reclaiming Native Truth, we learned or confirmed that people in general react more favorably to non-deficit narrative styles, including "amplifying assets, using a tone of hope, and portraying Native Americans as likable and relatable."

When we sit back and think about it a bit, it's pretty easy to see the power of a positive position, whether it's in messaging, sales, sports, entertainment, music, and especially business. After I began my career at First Nations and before I returned to the organization in 2002, I spent a few years working in venture capital where we invested in startup companies. I can say unequivocally that we never had a company come ask us for money while trading on talk of how poor their management team was or how much of our money they were going to lose or misuse. Positive frames are effective. And as Native communities and individuals, our histories are effective. Our values are effective. The focus groups that participated in First Nations' Reclaiming Native Truth research recognized the enormous contributions that Native Americans have made to American culture and society.

Even though our research found some misguided stereotyping about folks' beliefs that Indians are America's best hope for environmental repair, that frame is not a negative one. We, as Indian people, need to take hold of that stereotype to convey our own strengths. We need to take control of what we say and take ownership of the story we tell about ourselves. The Reclaiming Native Truth research demonstrates that when we do, we can achieve spectacular results.

Restating what Chairman Shendo so elegantly shared: "We have been here since time immemorial...with this richness in history come our values, how we give and how we receive, and how the cycle continues."

This is a story about control. Our control.

Gunalchéesh (Thank You),



Michael E. Roberts | Tlingit

President & CEO

First Nations Development Institute



This Year

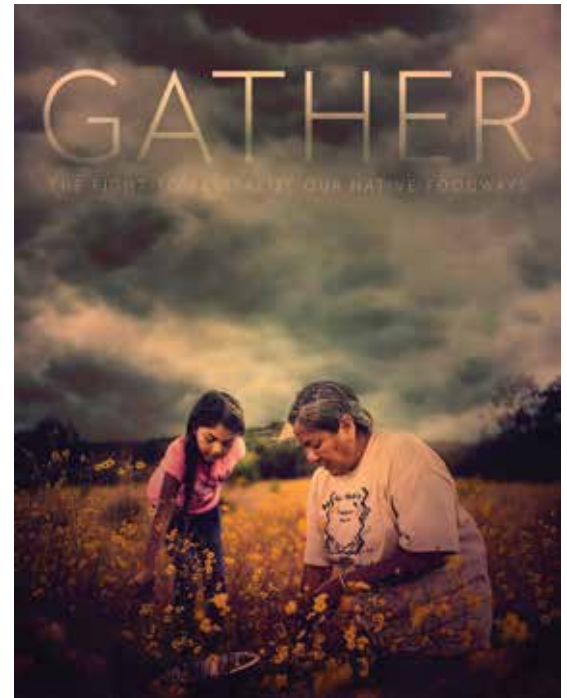
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In 2022, we are honored to commemorate some key achievements.

Gather Film Wins James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media Award

In 2022, First Nations' film *Gather* won the 2022 James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media Award in the category of Documentary/Docuseries Visual Media. The result of a two-year collaboration between First Nations and director Sanjay Rawal, the full-length film showcases First Nations' community partners and their efforts to rebuild healthy and sustainable foodways. The film explores the importance of Native food systems that were once deliberately destroyed and the heroic "post-apocalyptic" efforts underway to rebuild them. The award, which recognizes excellence in a food-related documentary production, was announced at a June 2022 ceremony in Chicago. The film was made available throughout the year in multiple public and private screenings, panels, and interviews, and on Netflix, iTunes, Amazon, and Vimeo.



Protecting the Indian Child Welfare Act

As part of our focus on Investing in Native Youth, this year we stood with our community partner, National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and all of Indian Country in upholding the safety, health, and spiritual strength of American Indian and Alaska Native children. We supported NICWA and by extension the Protect ICWA Campaign in the fight to protect the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which was challenged in front of the Supreme Court in the case of *Brackeen v. Haaland*. Throughout 2022, First Nations hosted a webinar and posted several blog and social media posts urging constituents to protect this gold standard in child welfare policy.



New Look, New Energy

Toward the end of 2022, First Nations issued a call for proposals to guide us in the development of an overall rebrand of our logo, colors, and messaging. After a comprehensive process of brainstorming, strategizing, and collaboration with the design firm Gumbo Media, we set the stage for our new look and feel, which took hold in the production of this report. The logo depicts a new bold sun in the shade of sunflower that reflects the vibrancy of the Native communities we serve. And our new colors of clay, ocean, sky, and mahogany are a nod to the Native resources, assets, and potential we have always invested in. We show this with the continued use of our eagle, flying with the sun, uplifting these Native communities, giving rise to voices, presence, and possibilities.

Rethinking Conservation with Knowledge that's Native

In 2022, First Nations also began laying the groundwork for a new way to engage supporters in Native-led approaches and solutions to the climate crisis. We sought a mechanism to share that every day, there are more and more reports of devastation to our oceans, forests, and deserts and that the urgency to find climate solutions cannot be downplayed. Through the Tribal Lands Conservation (TLC) Fund, First Nations supports tribes and Native communities that bring core competencies to the field of stewardship and conservation, along with an approach centered on culture and people that recognizes the rights of tribes to steward their own lands. With the framework in place, First Nations continued positioning the fund for a launch in 2023.



STRENGTHENING Tribal & Community Institutions

First Nations' Strengthening Tribal and Community Institutions program promotes the technological, community, and economic development of our partners, including Native-led nonprofits and grassroots community organizations as well as tribal programs and departments.

Through this program, First Nations also works to strengthen community institutional assets through grantmaking, training and technical assistance, and research and advocacy. These assets include physical assets such as tribally controlled programs and human assets such as those that maximize organizational capacity and sustainability. Assets also encompass Native knowledge systems and ancestral lifeways and the inherent perpetuation and intergenerational transfer of cultural and artistic knowledge through arts and cultural hubs.

KEY PROJECTS

Building Digital Technology Capacity in Native American Communities

With the generous support of the **Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation**, First Nations continued to strengthen the digital inclusion, digital exploration, and ultimately the digital skills of Native communities in an effort to address barriers to broadband access that tribal lands and rural areas experience.

In 2022, First Nations awarded two of three program grants under our Building Digital Technology Capacity in Native American Communities project to support tribal broadband boot camps at the Yurok Tribe and the Burns Paiute Tribe. First Nations leadership also participated in the Comcast NBCUniversal's Project Up Grantee Summit in Philadelphia to learn about their new strategic areas and opportunities for alignment with First Nations' programs and projects.

First Americans' Cultural Treasures (2021-2025)

First Nations supports Native-led organizations and tribal programs working to sustain traditional artistic practices and long-standing cultural vibrancy of their communities for the benefit of future generations. Through an innovative funder collaborative among the **Ford Foundation** and **Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies**, First Nations' First Americans' Cultural Treasures initiative is built on the recognition that cultural assets in Native communities connect the past to the present and the future, and ultimately preserve Native knowledge systems, identities, and lifeways.

In 2022, First Nations met one-on-one with First Americans' Cultural Treasures community partners to discuss organizational and program needs within the framework of this grant opportunity as well as feasible start dates and project goals for their upcoming grants. The initiative continues through 2025.

Native Arts Initiative (2020-2023 Project)

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

In 2022, these projects continued with the ongoing investment in community partners dedicated to the long-term sustainability of their programs and a dedication to keeping Native arts alive and thriving for future generations.

This year, we led a year-end campaign to raise both awareness and funds in support of Native arts outreach and proliferation across the country. All support received went toward advancing efforts of arts community partners, such as the **American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO)**, an organization that teaches not only valuable art skills and knowledge, but also a connection to cultural teachings, providing strength and a sense of belonging.

Another community partner highlighted in the campaign was Tananáwit, a nonprofit organization that supports Warm Springs artists and educates visitors of their retail shop about the value and history behind their items and just how much goes into them.

In raising awareness of Native arts we also shared the story of Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC), a place where stories of Pueblo people are told through Pueblo voices and perspectives. IPCC works to ensure the Pueblo culture of New Mexico is preserved, celebrated, and shared.

“One of the best things is working with the youth and providing opportunities for them to have these cultural experiences. Even during a pandemic, people need art and to experience creativity. Seeing the youth excited and engaged is so powerful.”

– Ivy Vainio (Grand Portage Ojibwe Direct Descendant), AICHO's Cultural Arts Coordinator





Native Language Immersion Initiative

The 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 NoVo Foundation, the 2022 Native language immersion grantees continued language work within their communities and convened several online sessions. During these sessions, community partners engaged in discussions to share program highlights and challenges in implementing language immersion efforts and offer insight into their needs and promising practices.

Community Partner Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation shares this photo from the "Child Honoring" event, which takes place at the end of each school year to honor and celebrate all the children and teachers in the program.

Native Language Leaders

Through generous support from **Wend II, Inc.**, First Nations engaged Native leaders working in the space of language education and revitalization. This project continued our work in building a movement to advance Native nations and organizations in actively stemming the loss of Indigenous languages and cultures through Native language immersion. As part of the Native Language Leaders project, Native language leaders convened over a three-month period to imagine and articulate a collective vision and actionable steps needed to create a future where Native languages are valued, supported at all levels, and are able to flourish with the active support of Tribal government, federal governments, and philanthropy.



As part of a vision toward "Nothing About Us Without Us," the Native Language Leaders explored the question of what gives life to a language movement. Answers included expanding our circle of relatives, increasing unrestricted and long-term funding, centering people closest to the work, being laser-focused on increasing the number of fluent speakers, getting support and advocacy from tribes, and rooting efforts on culture.

Amplifying Voices in Philanthropy

This year, First Nations continued research and outreach on how Native nonprofit leaders and philanthropy can create more positive, respectful, and Indigenous-centered relationships. Among the highlights of the year, First Nations' Raymond Foxworth, Ph.D., shared insights at the Center for Effective Philanthropy outlining the need for a radical transformation in how the philanthropic sector views the history of economic and political development in this country.

First Nations also worked in partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation to increase understanding of the relationship between Colorado foundations and Native American community-based and Native American-serving organizations. In a 2022 report, First Nations analyzed foundation giving by the top 20 philanthropic foundations in Colorado and provided recommendations for supporting Native-led change across Colorado.



Core Values of the NFCoP

creativity
innovation
knowledge-
sharing
humor
relationships
storytelling

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Native Fundraisers Community of Practice

An initiative that began in 2019, the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice (NFCoP) continues to cultivate a “Community of Practice” of emerging Native fundraisers, trainers, facilitators, and presenters who, through peer learning and sharing, enhance their grant writing and fundraising skills. Together, they focus on strengths-based storytelling and communications – and strengthening the long-term sustainability of Native nonprofits and tribal programs working in the space of community and economic development.

In November 2022, the program initiated its fourth cohort of 12 members with a three-day virtual training. At the event, participants met and connected with each other, and learned about the Community of Practice model, First Nations’ Reclaiming Native Truth research and strengths-based messaging guide, and philanthropic giving trends in Indian Country. The cohort reflected on this landscape and what it means for grant writing and fundraising efforts.

This year, the 2022 NFCoP cohort members added to the 61 nonprofit professionals who have participated in this dynamic project. By investing in their skills and opportunities, First Nations is working to strengthen Native institutions and nonprofits.

2022 NFCoP Cohort Participants



Amanda Castro
Tribal Affiliation
MUSEUM DIRECTOR
Malki Museum

Amanda Castro completed her B.A. in Public and Oral History and her M.A. in Social and Behavioral Science and Globalization at California State University San Bernardino. Amanda has been working as the Museum Director at Malki Museum, located on the Morongo Reservation in Banning, California, since 2017. In this position she is responsible for the museum, library, archive, and the publishing arm of the museum Malki Ballena Press.



Warlance Chee

Diné

DIRECTOR
Saad K'idilyé

Warlance Chee is from Lake Valley, New Mexico. He graduated from Lake Valley Navajo School and attended Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, New Mexico. Warlance graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in American Studies and a minor in Native American Studies. He received his M.A. in Diné Culture, Language and Leadership from Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, New Mexico. Warlance has been a Diné language and culture teacher for the past nine years and has taught at Cuba Independent Schools, Tóhajiilee' Community School and Native American Community Academy (NACA) in Albuquerque. Currently, Warlance is doing a two-year fellowship for NACA Inspired Schools Network.



Waylon Cook

Mohawk Nation

**SPECIAL PROJECTS
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Akwesasne
Freedom School

Waylon Cook is a Wolf clan member from the Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne. He has been a life-long learner of the Mohawk language and a medicinal plant enthusiast. Waylon has dedicated his career to culture and language revitalization efforts and continues to work toward reversing the effects of colonialism to the Mohawk culture and language.



Theresa Deal

Atű

**VICE PRESIDENT
& CO-FOUNDER**
Atű Forever:
Restoring Attua

Theresa Deal is a descendant of Atű (Attu, AK) and daughter of Marina Hodikoff, Prisoner #36, granddaughter of Chief Mike Hodikoff. She has lived in Vancouver, Washington, for most of her life, saying, "Although I am far removed from my culture, I am very aware of my heritage."



Sara Dowty

*Confederated Tribes
of Warm Springs*

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**
WSCAT

Sara Dowty has been a local artist for 24 years. She creates powwow regalia, beadwork, moccasins, and babyboards. She also weaves baskets, fixes historical artifacts, and crochets. She obtained her Associate's Degree and is currently working toward her Bachelor's Degree at Eastern Oregon University in IT management and cyber security. With her combined experience in administration and customer service, skills, and knowledge she plans to utilize her abilities to help enhance Tananāwit.



Mattea Grant

*Aaniih of the Ft.
Belknap Indian
Reservation*

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT**
Nakoda Aaniih
Economic Development
Corporation

Mattea Grant has been working for NAEDC for two years. She joined the team after completing her Masters of Public Health, Community Health and Preventative Sciences, from the University of Montana. Through her work, she strives to help her community through initiatives in entrepreneurship, tourism, language, food sovereignty, and youth leadership development



Kekai Robinson
*Native Hawaiian -
Kanaka Maoli*

**PO`OKULA, HEAD
OF SCHOOL**
Ke Kula `o Pi`ilani

Kekai R. Olsen Robinson is a k̄naka maoli native of Nā Wai `Ehā and the current Po`okula, or Head of School, at Ke Kula `o Pi`ilani, a nonprofit, independent, Hawaiian culture, language, and arts immersion elementary school in sacred `Iao Valley on the island of Maui, Hawai`i. She has been active in the Hawaiian community for over 30 years, working with a variety of community organizations dedicated to elevating and empowering Indigenous consciousness. She is a member of Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike `o Pi`ilani, Hanona, and Hui Wanana, organizations committed to the revitalization of traditional Hawaiian lifestyles and the restoration of native Hawaiian safe spaces. She is an accomplished practitioner of Hawaiian chant and a recording Hawaiian music artist.



Jessica Sargent
*Saint Regis
Mohawk Tribe*

**EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT**
Friends of the
Akwasasne Freedom
School, Inc.

Jessica Sargent, mother and Snipe clan member of the Akwasasne Mohawk Nation, has been involved with the Akwasasne Freedom School and other nonprofit work since her early teens. Jessica officially began working with the Friends of the Akwasasne Freedom School in 2015. As a non-fluent child of a first language speaker, she has seen firsthand how language loss affects a community and a person. She strives every day to uphold the work of the school, its teachers, and most importantly its students, one of whom is her daughter.



Brooke Simon
*Chippewas of the
Thames First Nation*

**OPERATIONS
COORDINATOR**
Midwest Indigenous
Immersion Network

Brooke Zhaangweshi Simon has a B.A., B.Ed. and recently completed her Certificate in Dual Language & Immersion (University of Minnesota), K-12 Reading Teacher Specialist and Master of Arts in Literacy Education (St. Mary's University of Minnesota). Her research includes developing an Ojibwe literacy framework for early literacy acquisition in immersion education as well as biliteracy education. She is a former Ojibwe immersion teacher at Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Institute.



Deb Stacona
*Confederated Tribes
of Warm Springs*

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**
Tananawit

Deb Stacona's background is in the resort and hospitality field, retail management, and development. While working in several of the departments at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, she found her passion for retail management. From working in sales at the Village Craft Shop, Debbie worked her way up to Assistant Gift Shop Manager, then manager at both of the resort's gift shops. In 1999, Deb accepted a job offer at The Museum at Warm Springs as the Gift Shop Manager. She continues to bring her experience and business relationships to her current position, understanding how important tribal artisans are to the Oregon Native Tourism industry.



Jaike Spotted Wolf
MHA Nation

**ORGANIZER/MAIN
FACILITATOR**
Thečhíhila

Jaike Spotted Wolf is a Lakot'a water protector fighting for the Great Lakes during and after the Line 3 battle in Fon du Lac Territory, currently in Waawiyaatanong gearing up for the Line 5 fight. Jaike is a Native American rights activist, decolonization champion, and presenter. Jaike is a founding member of Thečhíhila Collective, a no barrier mutual aid collective serving Native, Black, and marginalized persons all throughout Turtle Island. Jaike's organization has provided temporary housing with access to wrap-around services to those on remote and rural reservation spaces.



Tara Wolfe
*Zuni Pueblo and
Eastern Band of
Cherokee Indians*

**PROGRAM
MANAGER**
Zuni Youth
Enrichment Project

Tara Wolfe has a Master’s in community health and has served the Pueblo of Zuni as a health education coordinator for the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project. In her current role, she helps implement youth programs that improve the quality of life through art, learning about food sovereignty, and increasing cultural connectedness to the Zuni tribal members and elder mentors. She is determined to utilize her knowledge to help serve her community and bring health equity to Zuni through education and empowerment.



Native Values, Native Voices

Putting Knowledge Into Action



During the cohort year, Kekai R. Olsen Robinson focused on developing a grant application for the school’s Kahua Imua, Fortifying Family Foundations initiative. Through two-hour playdates held twice a month, this initiative seeks to prioritize Hawaiian culture and language in the home by using flashcards of Hawaiian vocabulary, online language activities, and resources of children’s language shows and journals.

Through the training blocks, Kekai received grant writing assistance and training, and feedback from peers to refine her application for the program. As a result, the school was awarded a \$10,000 grant through the NFCoP Grant Writing Lab.

“The knowledge of these fellows and the communities that support them are a cultural asset, and investing in the creativity, genius, and talent of these fellows is a way to reinforce and perpetuate those community assets – ensuring cultural health of Native communities for generations to come.”

– Michael Roberts, President and CEO, First Nations Development Institute

Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship

Formerly under the Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building program, the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship continues to support 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 Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship launched in 2019 with support from the Henry Luce Foundation. It is 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 evolved into a two-year fellowship program.

New Year, New Fellows

In 2022, a third cohort of fellowships was selected, from an initial round of 300 applicants. The 2022 fellows represent an extraordinary cross-section of Indigenous leaders who are culture bearers in their communities, and a welcome addition to the growing pool of Luce Indigenous Knowledge fellows past and present.

In spring 2022, fellows from all three cohorts – 2020, 2021, and 2022 – came together in a virtual networking event to strengthen relationships with each other and help prepare 2022 fellows for their first year of leadership through the program.

Also in 2022, the 2021 cohort continued their networking and capacity building. In one of many informal gatherings, 2021 Fellow Charles Kealoha Leslie hosted a virtual workshop on net-making for cohort members. The opportunity allowed participants to further network with each other, learn net-making skills, and share an appreciation for this rare and amazing artform that is restoring Native fishing culture in Hawaii.

Building Momentum for the Future

In late 2022, planning for the fourth cohort began. A team of 30 reviewers, including First Nations staff members, 2020 and 2021 fellows, Advisory Committee members, and other trusted partners, reviewed 273 applications for the 2023 Fellowship, and invited 100 applicants to submit full proposals. The new cohort will be announced in early 2023.





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Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government



Jessa Rae Growing Thunder
Fort Peck Assiniboine/Sioux



Mariah Gladstone
Blackfeet/Cherokee

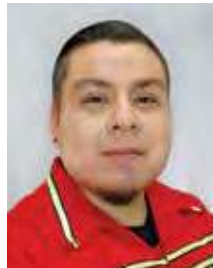


Jessica Denny
Cheesh'na Tribe

2022 Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellows



Coy Harwood
Blackfeet/Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate



hôbEthIE Ryan Hill
Yuchi



Lynda Teller Pete
Diné/Navajo



Tessie Naranjo
Santa Clara Pueblo



Melody Windsong Redbird-Post, Ph.D
Kiowa Tribe



Francis "Palani" Sinenci
Native Hawaiian

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Keeping Native Language Alive

Through the 2022 Luce Fellowship, hôbEthIE Ryan Hill is creating two separate series of Yuchi language videos – promotional and educational – to serve as learning tools. The videos will be uploaded to his YouTube channel and tailored to various levels of fluency – novice, intermediate, and advanced language learners of all ages.

“I feel it is my duty to carry the language on and be the bridge between what the elders taught me and other language-learners who did not have the privilege that I did to sit among these first-language speakers and hear the rhythm and beautiful sounds of the Yuchi words spoken.”

“As long as I am here in this world, I am going to do what I can for the Yuchi language.”



Following and Leading With Her “Heart-Work”

When Jessa Rae Growing Thunder (Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation) was 22 years old, she had a dream that would help guide her life. She saw a beautiful porcupine basking in the sun by a creek, showing off his glistening quills.

“He said he knew who I was, that I could do good work with his quills, and he was willing to give them to me – but I must do something in return,” says Growing Thunder, who, like her grandmother and mother, was gifted with an ability to learn beadwork and quillwork through dreams.

Traditionally, certain Oceti Sakowin (Sioux) women are visited through dreams and instructed how to create art with designs, symbols, and techniques. These women were leaders in their society because they upheld these traditional knowledges, says Growing Thunder. “You had to know the stories, the songs, the intentions. You had to be selected to walk this way of life. And when you were given this gift to create quillwork, you had to uphold yourself to a high standard of living your life.”

Growing Thunder’s fellowship work involves promoting, preserving, and uplifting natural materials associated with traditional porcupine quillwork. Through the fellowship, Growing Thunder is producing an instructional booklet to distribute to tribal colleges and Oceti Sakowin communities with cultural arts programs.

“It is my hope to create a ripple effect in the promotion of traditional art forms.”

As for the debt that Growing Thunder owes to the porcupine in her dream, she now has clarity. “At first, I was instructed that I owed a physical gifting. But the stronger my relationship builds with quillwork, I recognize that it is a lifelong process of reciprocity, and I am constantly striving to repay the porcupine for the gifts he has given me.”

INVESTING in Native Youth

Native youth are the future of Native communities, and the healthy growth and overall well-being of the next generation determines the future of a community. With this knowledge, First Nations continues to invest in Native-led organizations that provide young people with inclusive environments that foster their identity, strength, and purpose built on robust cultural foundations safeguarded by familial and community support.

Advancing Native Youth Development in Indian Country

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

In 2022, First Nations continued to convene with Advancing Youth Development community partners to discuss the current health of their organizations and the connection between language development and well-being for youth, best practices in archiving stories and other valuable teachings, and ultimately how First Nations can support their work.

Native Youth and Culture Fund

Launched with support from the **Kalliopeia Foundation**, the Native Youth and Culture Fund focuses on youth and the incorporation of culture and tradition to address social issues in Native communities. One of First Nations' oldest continuous programs, the fund provides support to Native organizations and tribes seeking ways to preserve, strengthen, or renew Native culture and tradition among Native youth.

In June 2022, First Nations kicked off the Native Youth fundraising campaign to showcase the work of our Native Youth and Culture Fund community partners and create opportunities for further investment. Concluding on August 30, this direct mail and online campaign raised over \$160,000. First Nations matched up to \$150,000 with funding from the **Ford Foundation**, resulting in over \$310,000 being directed to Native youth projects and Native-led, Native youth-serving organizations for the 2022/2023 grant cycle.



Reclaiming Native Hawaiian Education for the Next Generation

On the island of Maui, Hawai'i, there exists a school like no other: Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, the only private, independent, and nonprofit Hawaiian language and culture immersion school in the world.

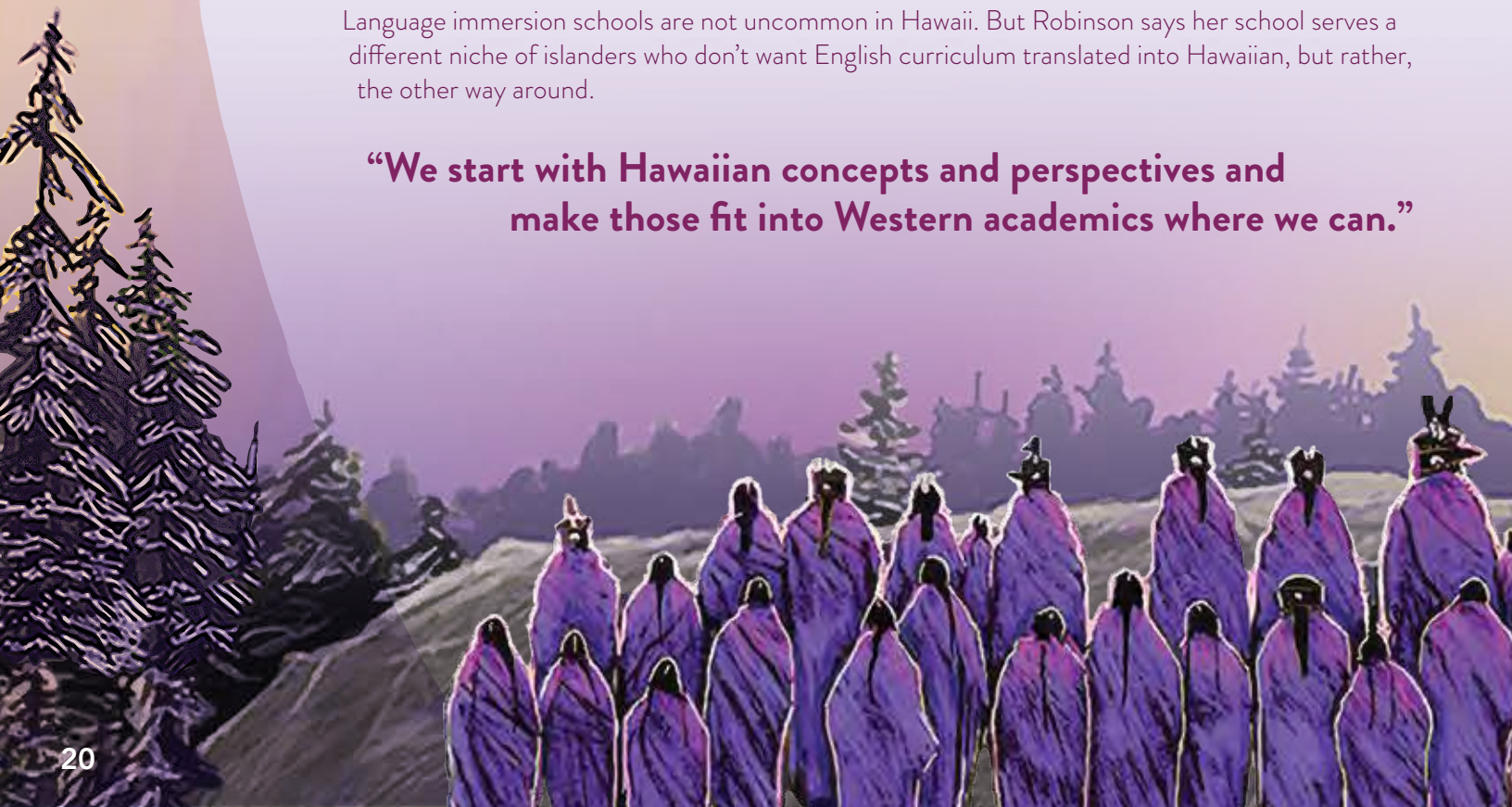
It is surrounded by the rising, lush-green cliffs of the 'Iao Valley, where Hawaiian kings are buried. Behind the school is a powerful river that flows through the entire island out to the sea. It is the perfect setting for a curriculum focused on the four themes of fresh water, heavens, land, and ocean.


“It is the most appropriate place for our children to be educated because it will empower them when they go out into the world to know that they belong to this majestic space, worthy of respect,” says Head of School (Po'okula) Kekai Robinson. (Robinson is also a member of First Nations' Community of Practice and is featured on page 15.)

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani was founded in 2016 by three couples in the Maui community looking for a private school for immersion learning that would be different from what public schools had offered on the island for 30 years. “A collective of activated parents decided to reclaim Native Hawaiian education for their children and teach them Hawaiian traditions that have succeeded in these lands for thousands of years,” explains Robinson.

Language immersion schools are not uncommon in Hawaii. But Robinson says her school serves a different niche of islanders who don't want English curriculum translated into Hawaiian, but rather, the other way around.

“We start with Hawaiian concepts and perspectives and make those fit into Western academics where we can.”





IMPACT HIGHLIGHT



In the last six years, Ke Kula ‘o Pi’ilani has grown from six students, grades K-1 – taking classes in a large tent – to 50 students, grades K-5, attending classes on a real campus for 35 hours a week fully immersed in Hawaiian language, culture, and values. Every day at Ke Kula ‘o Pi’ilani, students are immersed in Hawaiian language, culture, and traditional values by engaging in hands-on activities led by cultural practitioners.

The Ke Kula ‘o Pi’ilani school was one of six grantees to receive a 2022 grant from First Nations through the Native Language Immersion Initiative.

“It’s been incredible working with First Nations,” says Robinson, who credits the organization for giving them the confidence to move forward with their work. “For five years, I’ve been doing what I call my impossible tasks. We’ve been told what we are doing with this immersion school is ‘impossible.’ But First Nations believed we could do it and we did!”

She also appreciates the networking opportunities First Nations has helped facilitate with other Native organizations. “The most empowering thing about First Nations is that we have been able to meet other Indigenous, non-Hawaiian educators across America and work with them trying to do impossible things like us. And it doesn’t feel so impossible anymore.”

Going forward, using the Ke Kula ‘o Pi’ilani model, Robinson wants the Maui community to learn how to access space as sacred and important as the natural environment her students learn in. “I think the community is starting to see that we can heal from our cultural trauma. Hawaiians are strong people.

But we must first value what it is to be Hawaiian.”



Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship Program

With support from the **Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation** and the 11th Hour Project of **The Schmidt Family Foundation**, 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.

In 2022, First Nations awarded 29 Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 for the 2022-23 academic year to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in fields ranging from agricultural business, to plant science, to sustainable food systems. Nine students are working on graduate level degrees with the remainder working on undergraduate degrees.

Native Youth and Entrepreneurship Competition

First Nations, in partnership with the **National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED)**, again hosted a Native Youth Business Plan Competition held in conjunction with the Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2022). Through this opportunity, Native American youth interested in developing solutions for community issues were able to submit a business plan in a competition to receive technical assistance, training, mentorship, and start-up capital.

First Nations was honored to have assisted in sponsoring travel stipends and prize awards for participating teams. All finalists took advantage of RES 2022 workshops and business development sessions and received additional mentorship on their plans and presentations. A team of four judges then evaluated each presentation.

The 2022 first-place winners: Hoopa High School (Cultural Community Center) for the high school division and University of Montana (Innovative Indigenous Greens) for the college division.

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Uplifting Youth Through Language and Leadership

On the Pine Ridge Reservation, there was no concerted effort to center language and cultural norms within current educational systems. To improve the health, culture, and environment of the Pine Ridge community in a way that heals and strengthens identity, Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation developed a comprehensive, innovative and grassroots approach to collaborating with and empowering Lakota youth and families.

The corporation's Lakota Language & Education Initiative focuses on language proficiency and teaching culturally-appropriate life skills. And, through the Youth Leadership Development Initiative, the Thunder Valley team works to create activities that tend to the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of youth and ensure access to a wide range of opportunities.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Investing in California's Native Communities

*The California Tribal Fund
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Schmidt Family Foundation
Walter and Elise Haas Fund**

California Tribal Fund

First Nations' California Tribal Fund was created in 2020 to address both the unique circumstances of California Native communities and the lack of philanthropic support for California Native causes. Launch of the fund was 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.

In 2022, the Fund continued to support California Indigenous communities as they work to access and steward their ancestral lands through land reparations, land return opportunities, and application of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) practices.

Also this year, the Fund awarded 12 grants averaging \$35,000 each through the Access to Ancestral Lands grant opportunity designed to help strengthen California-based Indigenous stewardship and protection of ancestral lands. An additional 38 grants were also awarded supporting local control of food systems; wildfire and drought mitigation, response, and recovery; and youth and cultural programs.

Together, these grants provided nearly \$1 million in support, plus networking opportunities and technical assistance, to over 40 California-led nonprofits. In addition to grantmaking, the Fund increased organizational capacity and expansion of its statewide reach. California Fund staff members were part of several presentations to federal, state, and philanthropic partners and other interested parties. These presentations increased awareness of the complex relationship between access to ancestral land and California Indigenous communities, the socio-ecological environment, and the benefits of Indigenous natural resources management related to food systems.



In addition to increasing grantmaking, the California Tribal Fund in 2022 built organizational capacity by adding staff members. Pictured here are Program Officer Sabine Talaugon (Chumash); Associate Director Rebecca Tortes (Cahuilla, Luiseño, and Assiniboine Sioux); and Program Associate Anthony Mota (Pomo, Cahto, Kanaka Maoli).



Now that the conservancy has purchased the property, work has begun to restore it and update features, such as plumbing.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

Returning the People's Land to the Tongva Community

The act of returning ancestral lands to their original peoples is a small step in an important direction toward reconciliation and healing.

One of the most recent tribes to join others, such as the Lisjan Ohlone, Kashaya Pomo, and Wiyot Tribe to rematriate home in their ancestral territory, is the

Gabrieleno /Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians. Through its recently established, Tongva-led nonprofit, the Taraxat Paaxaavxa Conservancy received a donation of land and two homes in the city of Altadena, California.

Taraxat Paaxaavxa roughly translates to “the people’s land,” and the conservancy was formed to steward traditional Tongva lands in what is contemporarily called the Greater Los Angeles area. The acre of property sits at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains in Altadena, California. The grounds are highly lush with oak trees and shrubs and tucked into an affluent neighborhood at the base of Angeles National Forest.

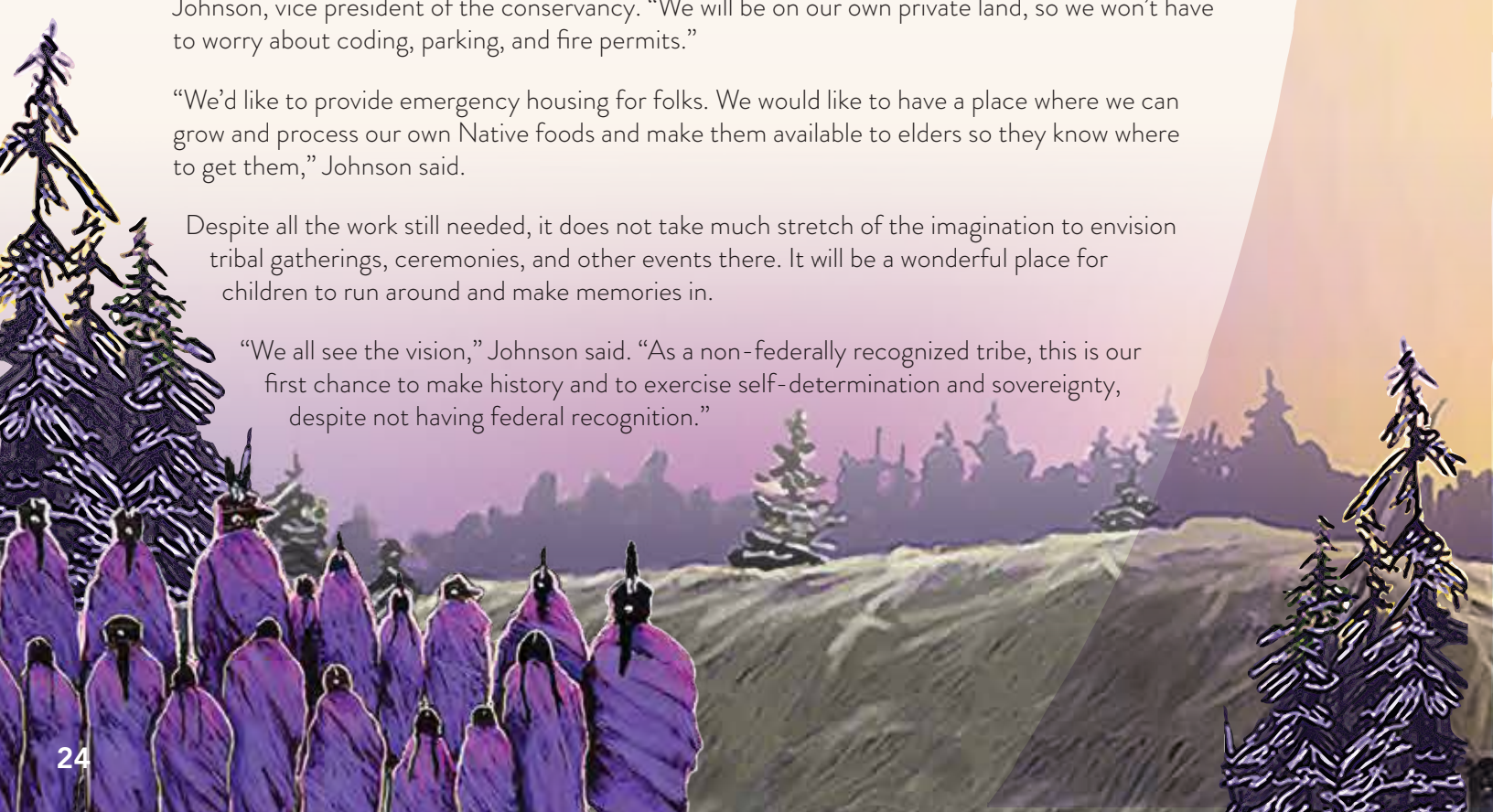
Once Taraxat Paaxaavxa Conservancy received the donated property, a lot more work was still required. With support from the California Tribal Fund, the conservancy received \$60,000 in grants over the course of the spring and summer 2021 to help with repairs on the housing’s aging structure, including old plumbing and electric work.

“We plan on having ceremony here after we go public and we clean up more,” said Kimberly Johnson, vice president of the conservancy. “We will be on our own private land, so we won’t have to worry about coding, parking, and fire permits.”

“We’d like to provide emergency housing for folks. We would like to have a place where we can grow and process our own Native foods and make them available to elders so they know where to get them,” Johnson said.

Despite all the work still needed, it does not take much stretch of the imagination to envision tribal gatherings, ceremonies, and other events there. It will be a wonderful place for children to run around and make memories in.

“We all see the vision,” Johnson said. “As a non-federally recognized tribe, this is our first chance to make history and to exercise self-determination and sovereignty, despite not having federal recognition.”



Kai Poma, a non-profit organized by Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, is in the process of facilitating the transfer of the Blues Beach property from the California Department of Transportation. This project will address the historical neglect of the 172-acre site and the critical significance of its cultural and natural resources.

Patricia Rabano and Tina Sutherland on Blues Beach



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Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements



In 2022, Redbud Resource Group hosted events to teach the public to go beyond land acknowledgments to honor, learn from, and partner with Tribal communities. Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements is a training and assessment program that prepares organizations, institutions, and the public to better collaborate with tribes, create more opportunities for Indigenous communities, and support the return of Indigenous land stewardship practices.

Increasing Native and non-Native partnerships has the potential to improve public health outcomes, expand economic opportunities, and expedite the return of Traditional Ecological Knowledge to our local ecosystems.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NOURISHING Native Foods and Health

First Nations' community partner Native Conservancy focuses on food sovereignty and cultural revitalization in Alaska.

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 reaffirm culture and Indigenous land stewardship practices and understandings. By providing financial and technical support, First Nations invests in tribal communities to nourish Native food systems, strengthen food sovereignty, ensure food security, and develop tribal food economies. Our shared vision for Indian Country is to have Native foods and access to Native foods flourish for generations.

Native Food Systems

KEY PROJECTS

Building Sioux Community Food Systems

With support through USDA Agriculture and Marketing Services, in 2022, First Nations implemented the Building Sioux Community Food Systems grant with Spirit Lake Nation and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Each tribe received a subgrant to build partnerships and community relationships with Native food producers, individual and institutional food representatives, and food market outlet owners. The community-driven work increased local food production to make fresh foods more available to tribal members and include traditional and value-added foods. The Mni Wiconi Health Circle played an integral role supporting the project.



Protecting Traditional Medicines

First Nations was supported by Dr. Bronner's Family Foundation to strengthen Indigenous communities' efforts to preserve traditional medicines and access, which are being threatened by increased commercialization, climate change, overharvesting, and cultural appropriation. These traditional practices prioritize kinship and Indigenous protocols.



Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice

Recognizing the need for deeper focus and intentionality from funders, **Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)** and First Nations developed the Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice. Guided by Melvin Consulting, a Hopi-owned and -led firm, the community gave participants an opportunity to foster more equitable practices by philanthropic institutions, resulting in increased access to resources by Native-led organizations and initiatives.

As part of the community’s activities throughout the year, land-based educator and program designer Brett Ramey (Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska) guided an Indigenous Knowledge Systems tour in Lawrence, Kansas, where participants interacted, learned, and built relationships with Native practitioners, organizations, and communities offering food systems insights and solutions.

“Funding Indigenous food systems is about supporting traditional knowledges, practices, and foods that are sources of health for the community. It’s all the things that they tried to take away.”

— Richard Elm-Hill (Oneida), Senior Program Officer

Through the Community of Practice, the following funding organizations deepened their commitment to investing in Indigenous communities: **The 11th Hour Project, American Farmland Trust, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, The Casey and Family Foundation, Dirt Capital Partners, Food and Farm Communications Fund, The Martha and Hunter Grubb Foundation, Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Tao Rising, Thread Fund, and USDA Food & Nutrition Service.**

The Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice was made possible with support from from **SAFSF, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Northwest Area Foundation.**

Tribal Food Systems Research Fellowship

With support from the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**, First Nations launched the Tribal Food Systems Research Fellowship project to build food sovereignty and community resilience among tribal communities by supporting research and publishing on food sovereignty issues. The Tribal Food Systems Research Fellowship funded 12 fellows at \$30,000 each for one year to conduct research on tribal food systems and publish their findings in a peer-reviewed journal.



The goal of the Tribal Food Systems Research Fellowship is to support and increase the amount of publishable research led by tribal food sovereignty practitioners and scholars, specifically in the fields of tribal food sovereignty, tribal food perspectives, tribal community food systems, tribal socio-cultural importance of food, and intergenerational relationships involving food.

Reclaiming Native Food Systems

Through the **Chicago Region Food System Fund**, First Nations supported five tribes and Native-led nonprofit organizations in Michigan and Wisconsin to promote food system resilience in response to COVID-19, including work to reinforce social and racial equity and support community-led food systems.

The five community partners relied on cultural teachings and traditional values to inform the design of their food projects.

The five community partners relied on cultural teachings and traditional values to inform the design of their food projects. These projects ranged from planning and equipping food processing kitchens and facilities and supporting Native elder food programs, to reviving traditional trade routes, and decolonizing the diets of youth. Collectively, the community partners embraced the challenge of increasing production of local traditional foods and identifying food avenues to reach Native communities in the Chicago area.

Forest County Potawatomi processes raspberry jelly from Bodwéwadmī Ktēgan to support food relief efforts to Native communities in the Chicago area.



Native Food Sovereignty

GATHER Food Sovereignty

Through support from **NoVo Foundation**, First Nations' GATHER Food Sovereignty Grants targeted emerging projects that focus on developing and exercising Tribal food sovereignty. First Nations awarded \$224,000 in grants averaging \$32,000 across seven states. Collectively, these Native communities implemented new or innovative ideas to build a more sustainable food system. They advanced their leadership abilities to serve their communities by communicating the importance of building Native food systems and addressing issues related to Native health, economies, cultures, natural resources, ecologies, and community building.



Food Justice for Indigenous Communities

With generous support from **Waverly Street Foundation**, First Nations worked to increase access to healthy foods and supported tribes and Native communities as they built sustainable food systems to improve health. Over the next two years, First Nations will deploy \$2 million to increase financial support of Tribal Food Sovereignty projects, defined and managed by tribal communities, while advocating for the advancement of Native food sovereignty.

Current nutritional standards are based on euro-centric diets and health standards usually codified by the federal government in federal nutritional programs. First Nations invests in work that redefines nutritional dietary standards so that Indigenous people and foods are considered in these standards. This year, we continued to support program models and research that will further understanding of the relationship between food charity funding and Indigenous food sovereignty concepts, demonstrating how Indigenous food sovereignty practitioners organize food charity work differently in tribal communities.

Investing in Native-led organizations, pilot projects, and grassroots initiatives supports the dedicated direction and autonomy of Native communities.



Part of supporting Native Food Sovereignty is engaging future generations. At Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, staff build youth-centered programming from their Indigenous logic model.

Breaking Barriers to Health with Zuni Pueblo

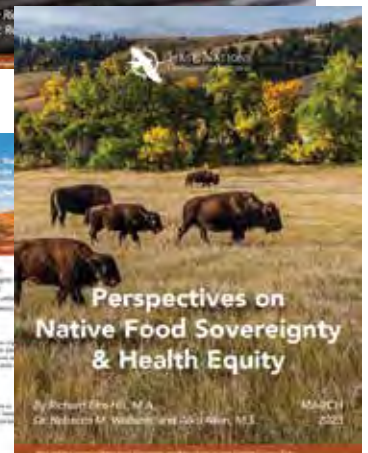
In 2022, the **PEW Charitable Trust** supported First Nations with a \$50,000 grant to scale and spread to a national audience health equity practices and policies related to community agriculture. To advance food sovereignty in remote Native communities, we highlighted the work of Health Impact Project grantee Zuni Youth Enrichment Project in Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico, as part of the Breaking Barriers to Better Health for All initiative. First Nations and Zuni Youth Enrichment Project hosted a virtual peer learning session, entitled Native Food Sovereignty and Security, to strengthen relationships and share resources on Indigenous youth projects with organizations actively engaged in education, community agriculture, and food sovereignty.

Distinguishing Between Native Food Sovereignty and Native Food Security in Indian Country

Native Food Sovereignty is distinct within the global Indigenous food sovereignty movement, and Native communities continue to be misunderstood when speaking about food security.

In 2022 First Nations began work on a three-part series that provides a glimpse into how four Native-led organizations that are advancing youth food and cultural education think about their approach to Native Food Sovereignty and Native Food Security. The series includes *Perspectives on Native Food Sovereignty & Health Equity*, *Native Food Security from Lack to Abundance*, and *Serving Native Youth: A Dialogue on Native Food Sovereignty and Native Food Security*.

The publications were made possible with contributions from Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, Ukwakhwa, Ndée Bikiyaa, and Meskwaki Food Sovereignty, along with support from the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** and **The Pew Charitable Trusts**.



Native Farm to School in the Mountains Plains Region

With support from **USDA Food & Nutrition Service** to help establish or expand Farm to School programs in Native communities and increase acquisition of locally produced foods, First Nations led a virtual Native Farm to School Program Planner training, along with six webinars amplifying Native perspectives on educating youth and Tribal community programming. We also provided direct technical assistance and coaching to five schools and one Native-led nonprofit in the USDA Mountain Plains Region to implement food sovereignty, with a focus on benefits to Native youth.

Breastfeeding and First Foods

Food preferences begin early, making the diet of both lactating parents and children important for their ongoing health and dietary habits. This year, First Nations' **Keepseagle Endowment** supported the Indigenous Breastfeeding, Birth Work, and First Foods project in establishing a grant opportunity to reinforce traditional food systems, support practitioners of traditional food systems, and communicate the value of traditional foods in tribal food systems. These grants provided 10 Native communities and programs with over \$300,000 in total support to focus on increasing access to first foods and incorporate culturally appropriate lactation practices into programming for Native parents, caretakers, and young children.

Native Food Security

Native Food Pantry Initiative

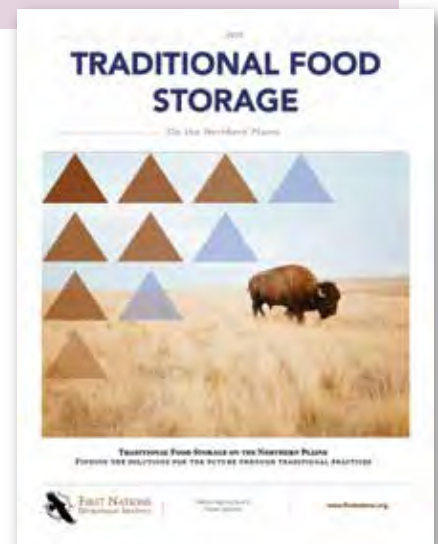
First Nations' Native Food Pantry Initiative aims to provide Native American communities, organizations, and programs with resources needed to support Native food security. In 2022, **American Express, Boeing, Walmart, and General Motors** contributed \$690,000 to support 34 community grants between \$10,000 and \$35,000. Through the initiative, Native communities continue to redefine what it means to support a food system with cultural values by extending their services to include cultural foodways and sourcing and distributing traditional foods.

KEY PROJECTS

Traditional Food Storage on the Northern Great Plains

COVID-19 exacerbated food system issues in Indian Country. In response to the pandemic and to strengthen Native food systems overall, in fall 2021, First Nations awarded 14 grants under the **Northern Great Plains Food Storage Grant Opportunity** to food pantries focused on serving Native communities to provide support for their food storage efforts.

This report summarizes key findings from qualitative interviews with First Nations' grantees, as well as a literature review summary on traditional food storage methods on Indigenous Peoples in North America.



Native Food Economies

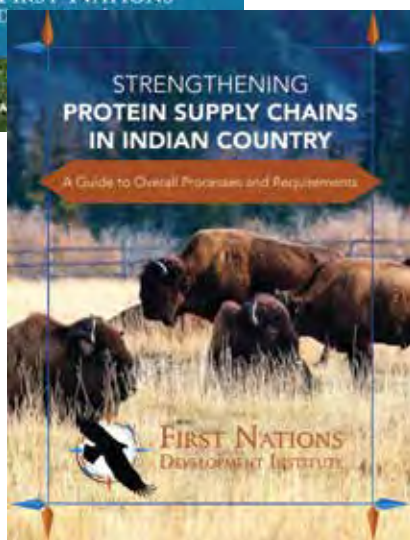
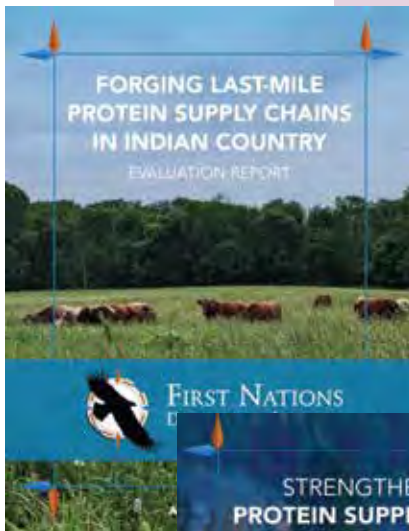
Changing Native Food Economies

Funding from the **Northwest Area Foundation** continued to support a learning cohort of five 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. Through generous support from **Agua Fund**, First Nations was able to award an additional Native non-profit a \$40,000 grant to join the 2022 round of grantees.

Protein Supply Chain in Indian Country

The **USDA Healthy Food Financing Initiative** provided \$200,000 to First Nations to support the Strengthening Zuni Tribal Community Food Supply Chain project that contributes to building more equitable food systems that support health and economic vibrancy. First Nations' partnered with Major Market in Zuni, New Mexico to purchase local and regional Indigenous foods, install a solar energy system, and support butcher and staff capacity building.

The **Johnston Family Foundation** contributed \$30,000 to support the Strengthening Protein Supply Chain with a comprehensive butcher certification training program. Led by Dr. Manny Encinias and accredited through Mesalands Community College, the butcher certification course culminated in a four-day in-person and hands-on training at Tsyunhehkwá farm in Oneida, Wisconsin, from June 20-23, 2022.



Protein Supply Chains in Indian Country

In late 2020, with support from First Nations' Keepseagle Endowment and funding from the Ronald W. Naito Foundation, First Nations partnered with six tribal grantees to strengthen their protein supply chains. These community partners sought to identify and capitalize on existing assets that could increase tribal ownership of protein supply chains and thus overall tribal food sovereignty.

As part of this pilot project, First Nations published and shared these resources to provide fundamental information on meat supply chains (including related policies, certifications and codes), share successful models in Native communities, and to describe how interested communities can develop their own butchering facilities.



As part of its work to strengthen Native food systems, YAKANAL is building three hornos, or outdoor ovens, that can be used to cook the agricultural harvest and share traditional cooking methods.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

A Journey to Reignite Native Agriculture in the Pueblos

Food is life. Food sustains the body and feeds the spirit.

With this knowledge as a framework, First Nations community partner YAKANAL, a New Mexico-based international program, is reconnecting Indigenous people to their land and traditional agriculture.

“The goal of restoring healthy Native foods allows the community to rely less on processed foods and can provide a sustainable source of income for Indigenous farmers,” explains Dr. Shelly Valdez, CEO of Native Pathways.

Valdez co-founded YAKANAL in 2011 with Dr. Isabel Hawkins, an astronomer and project director for the Exploratorium in San Francisco. The organization is involved in many projects, or “cultural exchanges,” with Indigenous communities in the Southwest, Mesoamerica, and South America to achieve its overarching goal: to strengthen Indigenous languages, food sovereignty, and cultural identity through shared, intergenerational learning.

“We are restoring Pueblo values into agriculture and paying close attention to the plants, our oldest and wisest teachers,” explains Valdez, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna tribe. “We are resisting a colonial food landscape in favor of green, fertile fields of Native foods, where bee pollinators are restoring a balanced ecosystem.”

YAKANAL was one of six Native organizations to receive a \$10,000 grant funded through First Nations’ Setting the Table for a Healthy Food System in Indian Country project, which supports work to build the organizational and program capacity of tribal food pantries and food banks, thus boosting control, cultural responsiveness, and infrastructure of community food systems.

YAKANAL is engaging the entire Pueblo of Laguna community, from youth to elders, to learn and participate in agricultural practices historically part of the fabric of their society by deploying five teams: the Agriculture Team, Bee Team, Mother Moon Team, Seed Bank Team, and Horno Project Team.

“That’s what YAKANAL is all about, to reignite the beauty of our traditional agricultural systems within our Pueblo community.”

The youngest beekeeper, Joaquin Toribio, is the grandson of an elder Bee Team member at YAKANAL.



Sharing Lessons from the Great Law of Peace

Through community efforts supported by First Nations, Ohe·láku and Ukwakhwa led a session on the Great Law of Peace at the Big Green DAO Summit in Denver, Colorado. The Great Law of Peace is a Haudenosaunee story that builds community and teaches leadership through a participatory decision-making process that extends itself to peaceful governance for unifying nations. Dr. Toni House and Dr. Rebecca Webster demonstrated how traditional corn foodways and cultural principles promote a balanced system respecting all people. By creating an experience rooted in cultural teaching we raised awareness to how community roles and consensus building can begin to create collective governance aimed toward building responsibility, balance, and peace.



Dr. House (left) and Dr. Webster (right) are pictured here with First Nations Program Officer, Brickman House (center).

Native Values, Native Voices

Fortifying the Protein Supply Chain in Indian Country



In 2022, the Oneida Nation farm Tsyunhehkwa received a mobile processing unit to help with butchering for Oneida Farms. After receiving the unit, Oneida hosted the final stages of butchering classes for employees and community members, allowing them to utilize the unit and gain training from experts in the field, while receiving certification for completing the course.

Butcher certification training participants and teachers bring enthusiasm to fill the meat processing need and add to the Oneida Community Integrated Food System at Tsyunhéhkwa Farm.

ACHIEVING Native Financial Empowerment



First Nations works to empower Native Peoples to build strong economies and communities. This means providing education and resources so that they can implement their own approaches and solutions. In 2022, First Nations continued to work in partnership with Native American tribes and communities throughout the U.S. to help individuals and families understand the basics of financial management.

Financial Empowerment IMPACT

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FINANCIAL EDUCATION
CLASSES PROVIDED

Classes include workshops for Building Native Communities, Building Native Communities Train-the-Trainer, Spending Frenzy, Investing for the Future, Financial Skills for Families, and understanding Cryptocurrency.

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PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH FINANCIAL
EDUCATION TRAININGS
AND OUTREACH

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DR. PER CAP ARTICLES
PUBLISHED

Dr. Per Cap is a regular column designed to introduce and field questions from tribal citizens who receive per capita payments. In this column, “Dr. Per Cap” draws upon his experience to help individuals learn skills, tricks, and strategies to take control of their financial future.



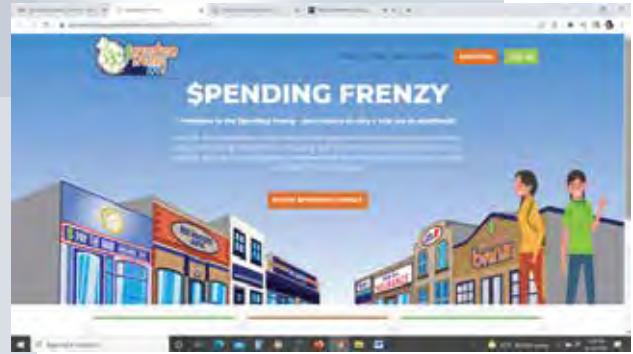
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SPENDING FRENZY
KITS SOLD

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SPENDING FRENZY APP
USER ACCOUNTS CREATED

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. The trainings are presented in person, are taught independently using the Spending Frenzy Kits or the Spending Frenzy app.



Native Values, Native Voices

Keeping Native Communities Protected



Financial scams are continually evolving, and many are targeted at Native communities. To help individuals identify threats and stay protected, First Nations partners with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation to provide hands-on financial trainings. In early 2022, we highlighted a recent in-person session at the Lakota Nations Education Conference. Scam Alert! was facilitated by First Nations' programs consultant, Shawn Spruce, to share tips and resources for combating fraud.



Alandria Bahe (left) and Marisa Garcia participate in “\$pending Frenzy” at Gallup Central High School in New Mexico.

\$pending Frenzy Returns Strong!

In 2022, after a more than two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, First Nations reintroduced the signature financial skills program, \$pending Frenzy, in schools and at in-person venues.

The first stop was Gallup, New Mexico, for a youth empowerment event at Central High School to remind students about the importance of financial planning.

Students convened in the school’s gymnasium to participate in this interactive financial skills simulation designed to introduce budgeting, consumer awareness, and independent living to teens and young adults.

Central High first presented \$pending Frenzy in coordination with a financial literacy class taught by math teacher, Arnold Blum.

“Financial education is a priority at Central High,” shared Blum. “We have many students who work part-time while balancing their studies. They can take the knowledge and information they acquire during \$pending Frenzy and put it to use immediately.”

\$pending Frenzy is a community-specific approach that provides a young person with an opportunity to have a trial run at managing a lump-sum payment before accessing real money. A forward-thinking strategy can help prepare someone for financial, social, and emotional challenges and pitfalls that might lie ahead.

“I thought it was fun and very educational,” stated Marisa Garcia, an 18-year-old Central High senior. “It showed us that things in life happen that can really hurt us financially, so we also need to plan smart.”

“It definitely taught us that we need to look at things we can afford instead of just buying whatever we want.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

STEWARDING Native Lands

First Nations' Stewarding Native Lands program is rooted in knowledge, reciprocity, rematriation, and sustainability.

Tribes and Native communities have stewarded their lands for thousands of years by cultivating, adapting, and transferring Indigenous knowledge. This expansive reservoir of knowledge and deep connection to the land is tied to the health and well-being of Native communities and ecosystems. In 2022, First Nations' Stewarding Native Lands program continued to invest in this knowledge and the community partners actively working to implement, share, and promote it.

This year, the team worked toward a comprehensive plan to support tribes and Native communities in their efforts to regain and restore their lands across four strategic initiatives: **Community Pathways, Ecological Stewardship, Environmental Justice and Sovereignty, and Climate.**

Community Pathways

This strategic focus area is designed to uphold traditions and amplify knowledge while improving opportunities, processes, and resources to be effective and sustainable.

KEY PROJECTS

Tribal Lands Conservation Fund

In 2022, First Nations began laying the groundwork for the Tribal Lands Conservation Fund (TLC Fund) in response to the issue that, while Native people have a voice in global conversations on climate change, conservation, and environmental justice, it is too often challenging for that voice to be heard. The TLC Fund is an opportunity to amplify Native voices and to invest in solutions that lie with the ingenuity of highly resilient peoples who understand the relationship humans have with Earth.

Moving forward in 2023, the TLC Fund will be a vehicle to engage more people in supporting tribes and Native-led organizations that are developing, leading, and advocating for climate justice and ecological stewardship approaches that will protect our lands, waters, and ecosystems for generations to come.



Native Lands General Support

Through this funding focus, First Nations is also building capacity and investing in the sustainability of Native-led organizations working in Native land stewardship. Thanks to generous contributions from foundations and individual donors, organizations like Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance, Tolani Lake Enterprises, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission, Crow Tribe of Montana, and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe are ensuring they can meet their current goals while creating long-term change for their communities and the environment.

Life After COVID-19: Montana Tribal Tourism Part II

With generous support from the **Otto Bremer Trust**, First Nations continues to provide funding support to two Native-led non-profit organizations in Montana. First Nations granted year two funds to allow Piikani Lodge Health Institute and the Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation to continue and expand their projects from year one. The two organizations are working to provide sustainable economic development opportunities in their communities through tourism.



Ecological Stewardship

This strategic focus area is designed to support efforts that sustainably manage, protect, and restore resources for our communities and future generations.

KEY PROJECTS

Native Farmer and Rancher Apprenticeship Network

The apprenticeship network supports Native beginning farmers and ranchers to build their business capacity and agricultural management of their operations to increase local production of and community access to food, conservation plan development, business plan development, marketing/branding, Native agricultural traditions, and natural resources management. The project is supported through the **USDA National Institute for Food & Agriculture, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program**.

Indigenous Partnership to Advance Native American Communities and Producers

This project, made possible with support from **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)**, is designed to advance the efforts of Native American farmers and ranchers to coordinate services and resources to advance conservation, policy, advocacy, outreach, and education.

Increasing Native Producer and Community Access to Quality Water Resources

The project is made possible by the **USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant** along with matching funds from the **Hearst Foundation**. The project supports two Native American community-based organizations to implement community-focused conservation planning and practices to protect this important resource. This project's innovative approach is the empowerment of Native producers – individually and collectively – and Native communities to create, implement, and sustain conservation strategies.

Advancing Agribusiness and Ecological Stewardship in the Southwest

Funded through the **USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)**, this project supports and assists Native producers in conservation planning contributing to the sustainable management of their rangelands, bolstering their soil and water conservation practices, and preserving natural and agricultural ecosystems in accordance with their tribal cultures and Indigenous management practices. The project also assists Native producers in business plan development to position their agricultural operations to gain access to credit and financial programs, enter new markets, and strengthen local food supply chains.

Advancing Native Ecological Stewardship

This project aims to help Native communities address land management issues resulting from climate change, create resources on community-driven conservation planning strategies, and develop strategies to advance climate adaptation planning. Made possible with support from **USDA NRCS Outreach and Partnership Division**, this work is advancing ecological stewardship efforts by providing educational resources and training and technical assistance.

Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains

This project helps tribes explore and inform ecological stewardship practices in the Great Plains by facilitating dialogue around strategies that catalyze tribally controlled ecological stewardship. Made possible with support from **Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies** and the **Chicago Community Foundation**, this work helps tribes achieve a balance between ecological stewardship and economic development.

Fortifying Our Forests

This project invests in Native-led organizations seeking to acquire or expand community forests to create or improve opportunities for land conservation, economic pursuits, and education. Made possible with support from the **USDA Forest Service**, this project allows tribal entities to receive technical assistance to apply for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program or Landscape Scale Restoration Program.



Environmental Sovereignty & Justice

This strategic focus is designed to support actions that protect communities, land, and natural resources from harmful practices, projects, and policies.

KEY PROJECTS

Environmental Justice for Indigenous Communities

This project supports two Native nonprofit organizations to protect sacred ancestral areas and oppose extractive mining efforts through funding support from **Patagonia**.

Protecting Bering Sea Marine Resources

This project supports Native nonprofit organizations in Bering Sea Native communities to address the depletion of marine resources that are needed to sustain their people. Through funding support from the **Broad Reach Fund at the Maine Community Foundation**, this special initiative brings justice to one of the most productive marine ecosystems in the world.

Supporting Indigenous-Led Environmental Justice

Ongoing support from the **Broad Reach Fund at the Maine Community Foundation** allows First Nations to support tribes and Native nonprofit organizations in combatting destructive natural resource extraction in their communities.

Tribal Conservation Toolbox

To date, western conservation practices, tools, and resources have predominately excluded tribes and other BIPOC communities, despite the environmental impacts facing these communities in an outsized way. Western conservation practices and tools have not been designed – from a legal or cultural perspective – to include tribes, and as a result directly excluded them. First Nations, in partnership with the **Native American Rights Fund**, is exploring new practices and tools that bring together a fusion of existing conservation statutes, public-lands law and, most importantly, federal Indian law, and combining this input with deeply held traditional tribal values and practices.

Climate

This strategic focus area is designed to address ongoing and anticipated impacts of climate change to preserve lands, species, and cultural lifeways.

KEY PROJECTS

Climate Change and Environmental Justice

With support from the **Bezos Earth Fund**, First Nations is catalyzing a critical mass of tribes and Native-led nonprofit organizations to conduct and operationalize climate change plans and amplify how traditional ecological knowledge helps lead the way to new models to address climate change. The project lends support under three critical initiatives: The Green Jobs initiative addresses workforce development issues across Indian Country and aims to support local education and training efforts in fields that will address the impacts of climate change. The Climate Resilience initiative focuses on supporting Tribes and Native nonprofits to develop and implement climate resilience plans that address disaster preparedness, mitigation or adaptation, nature-based solutions, and Indigenous knowledge. The Regional Dialogues initiative aims to convene Native Nation leaders, community advocates, Indigenous youth, and cultural practitioners to discuss regional climate concerns and share ideas about long-term community-driven solutions.

Reports featuring the work completed under the Climate Change and Environmental Justice project will be available in 2023.

Stewarding Native Lands Publications

In 2022, First Nations' Stewarding Native Lands program team produced multiple reports and publications, all made available through First Nations' Knowledge Center. Combined, there were more than 4,700 downloads of First Nations' resources from this online portal throughout the year.



Native Values, Native Voices

Advancing Climate

Hōlani Hāna, established in 2009, is a pu'uhonua (cultural refuge) in East Maui with a vision of elevating the well-being of families and communities through the perpetuation of Hawaiian values, practices, and landscape. With support from First Nations' Green Jobs in Indian Country project, Hōlani Hāna is increasing culturally rooted, revenue-generating opportunities and strengthening Indigenous Hawaiian architecture, construction, and masonry as viable industries on the leading edge of green building and community resiliency.

“Native ways recognize the sacred kinship between humanity and the earth, and understand that the well-being of each is reflected in the other.”

– Kauwila Hanchett, Executive Director, Hōlani Hāna Inc.



Aleut fishermen make a living catching halibut in the Bering Sea and feed about 400 Unangan (Aleut) on St. Paul Island.



While fur seals abound on St. Paul Island, the Unangan people were prohibited by the U.S. government in 1984 from basing their economy on the harvesting of fur seal pelts.

Supporting Justice in the Bering Sea Region

The Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (ACSPI) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 1,800 enrolled members from St. Paul Island, the largest of the five Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea and about 300 miles from the Alaska mainland.

This rural Indigenous community is historically and culturally tied to the ecosystem of the Bering Sea, home to large numbers of mammals, birds, shellfish, and at least 419 species of fish. Commercial fishing in the Bering Sea is federally managed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and jointly managed internationally by the International Pacific Halibut Commission, with Canada sharing in overall halibut quota.

ACSPI's small 30-boat halibut longline fishing operation out of St. Paul Island is being threatened by extraction of halibut as bycatch in larger-scale, industrial fishing vessels, a problem compounded by the bureaucracy of reduced quotas of halibut the fishery is allowed to catch. But with support from First Nations, ACSPI is aiming to level the fishing field and provide more equitable access for its fishermen to Bering Sea resources by bringing more Indigenous voices and Indigenous and traditional knowledge to the fishery management process.

In 2022, First Nations awarded \$50,000 each to seven Native organizations in Bering Sea communities — including ACSPI — through the Protecting Bering Sea Marine Resources project. The purpose of the funding is “to address the depletion of marine resources needed to sustain their communities and people.”

ACSPI is using its funds to indigenize the fishery management process by strengthening Indigenous voices around Bering Sea resource conservation. “We want Council members to see the value of enduring Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems,” says Dr. Lauren Divine, director of the tribe’s Ecosystem Conservation Office. “We want to create real ways to get that knowledge into a system that is western science-driven. Ones that lead to more cautious management, so decisions aren’t made solely based on numbers and dollar signs.”

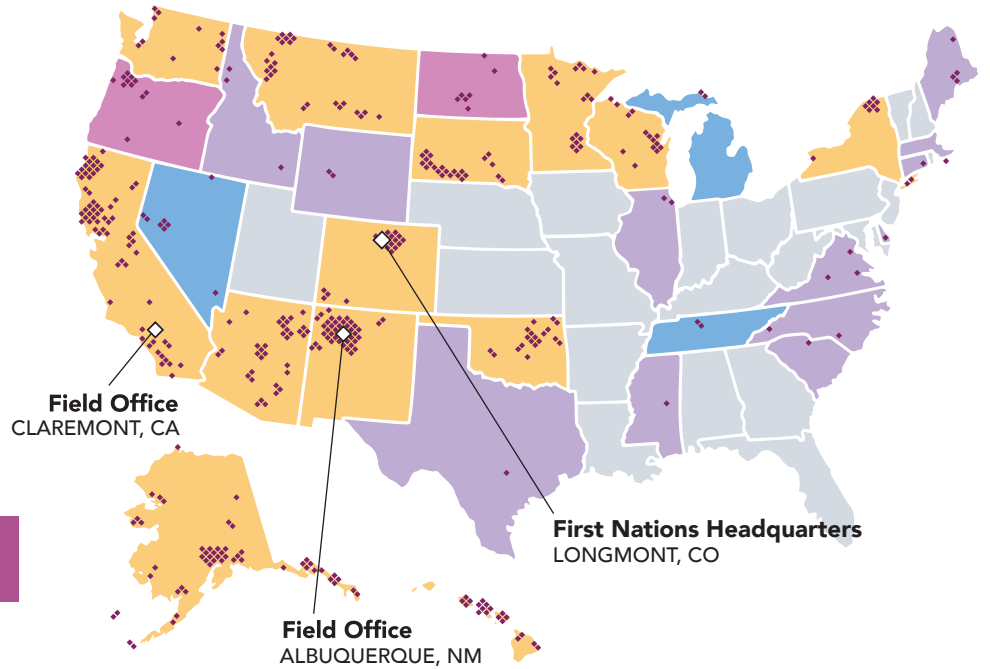
To accomplish this bold initiative, the tribe is strengthening an interdisciplinary coalition of Alaska Native traditional and Indigenous knowledge holders, natural and social scientists, and resource managers to develop an Indigenous conceptual model (ICM) through workshops, focus groups, and interviews.

A further goal is to literally get a seat at the table. “We have requested two tribal voting seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, where Alaska Native Tribes have always been disenfranchised, excluded, and minimized.” The council holds five 10-day meetings a year and ACSPI wants to see Indigenous participation in every working body under that council. “There are motions and actions at the council level that can really start to change the way decisions are made,” says Dr. Divine.

Bottom line, says Dr. Divine, everything the tribe does moving forward is about preserving for future generations the environment, marine life, and sea waters surrounding the island. “Simply put, we just want a healthy ecosystem. Seven generations from now, when we’re all ancestors, we want to ensure that our ecosystem is still being used, enjoyed, and managed in a healthy way by the community that is still to come.”

Grants, Grantmaking and Philanthropic Services

During 2022, First Nations provided 410 grants totaling more than \$12.5 million to Native tribes and organizations across the U.S. This adds to our grantmaking history, during which we have successfully managed 3,021 grants totaling more than \$64 million to Native American projects and organizations in 44 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territory American Samoa.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

- Up to \$100,00
- \$101,000 - \$200,00
- \$201,000 - \$300,00
- Over \$300,00





INVESTING in Native Values and Voices

2022 GRANTS

Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council
Nome, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserve Bering Sea marine resources.

Alaska Native Birthworkers Community
Anchorage, AK

This project will create programming to promote sovereignty from first breath. The community is growing a culturally matched peer model of support to serve Native birthing families so that they feel supported and well cared for, and have the information they need to make confident choices around reproductive health, birthing, and parenthood.

Alaska Native Heritage Center, Inc.
Anchorage, AK

General Operating Support

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Anchorage, AK

Covid-19 Response

Aleut Community of St. Paul Island
St. Paul Island, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserve Bering Sea marine resources.

Aleut Community of St. Paul Island
St. Paul Island, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to addressing preservation of Bering Sea marine resources.

Anchorage Tribes Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska

Anchorage, AK
COVID-19 Response

Arctic Slope Native Association, Ltd.
Barrow, AK

COVID-19 Response

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Tribal Consortium
Anchorage, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserve Bering Sea marine resources.

Atux[^] Forever: Restoring Attuans' Freedom
Anchorage, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserving Bering Sea marine resources.

Bering Sea Elders Group
Anchorage, AK

Bering Sea Indigenous Training Academy

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
Dillingham, AK

COVID-19 Response

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Juneau, AK
General Operating Support

Chickaloon Native Village
Chickaloon, AK

COVID-19 Response

Chickaloon Native Village
Chickaloon, AK

General Operating Support

Chilkat Indian Village
Haines, AK

COVID-19 Response

Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Anchorage, AK

This project will utilize a hydroponic growing container to support food box programs, increasing access to healthy foods by tribal members. With a proper site and utilities, the container will help increase the availability of vegetables through hydroponics in a region with a short growing season.

Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Anchorage, AK

This project will create a nature-based coastal armoring resiliency implementation plan in the face of climate variability, which is causing more flooding events at the project location than mapped or predicted. The project will protect the State of Alaska's only mariculture technical center and tribally owned shellfish hatchery and provide resiliency.

Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Anchorage, AK

Professional development and capacity building through technical assistance and training.

Chugachmiut, Inc.
Anchorage, AK

COVID-19 Response

City of Hoonah
Hoonah, AK

COVID-19 Response

Copper River Native Association
Glennallen, AK

COVID-19 Response

Craig Tribal Association
Craig, AK

COVID-19 Response

Fairbanks Native Association
Fairbanks, AK

COVID-19 Response

Fairbanks Native Association
Fairbanks, AK

This project will leverage resources to provide academic and social emotional support, cultural activities, and family engagement programming for Alaska Native/Native American youth in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, of which, 2,536 youth are eligible to receive services through the association's Johnson O'Malley program.

First Alaskans Institute
Anchorage, AK

COVID-19 Response

First Alaskans Institute
Anchorage, AK

This project will create and implement a social media campaign.

Goldbelt Heritage Foundation
Juneau, AK

This project will increase secondary school students' Tlingit language fluency by bolstering emergent language teacher knowledge through a master-apprentice model, utilizing innovative technology to create three seasonal curriculum units. Leveraging the skills and knowledge of Tlingit Elders, this program will help revitalize Tlingit language in Southeast Alaska.

Goldbelt Heritage Foundation
Juneau, AK

The Woch Ée Tultóow project will increase the capacity of the foundation by supporting creation of curriculum and resources, which will utilize existing partners and educational settings to provide instruction to students ages preschool through fifth grade and monthly opportunities and resources for intergenerational language transmission.

Kake Tribal Heritage Foundation
Kake, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserving Bering Sea marine resources.

Kawerak, Incorporated
Nome, AK

This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserving Bering Sea marine resources.

Kawerak, Incorporated
Nome, AK

This project will increase capacity within the Environmental and Pilgrim Hot Springs Programs by creating a new sustainability coordinator position. This employee will work to expand green job development and clean energy initiatives, and plan energy education workshops to benefit the people of the region.

Ketchikan Indian Community
Ketchikan, AK
COVID-19 Response

Maniilaq Association
Kotzebue, AK
COVID-19 Response

Native Conservancy
Cordova, AK
The Nature Conservancy will create necessary infrastructure and capacity to empower Native people to enter the kelp mariculture space by expanding its Community Kelp Seed Nursery, which has already created 20 to 25 jobs in Prince William Sound Alaska. As the project scales, blue-green jobs will be increased twofold from this work.

Native Village of Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lagoon, AK
COVID-19 Response

Native Village of Eklutna
Chugiak, AK
COVID-19 Response

Native Village of Port Heiden
Port Heiden, AK
COVID-19 Response

Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government
Venetie, AK
The Native Village of Venetie will utilize their right as a sovereign nation to file a lawsuit claiming that an environmental assessment was not performed correctly and that none of the concerns and input of local tribal communities were considered. This is in an effort to protect the calving grounds of the porcupine caribou herd located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge being threatened by oil and gas leases that were approved after the Record of Decision was released in August 2020.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
Nome, AK
COVID-19 Response

One Positive Thing In Kiana
Kiana, AK
This project will create and implement a social media campaign.

One Positive Thing In Kiana
Kiana, AK
This project will retain maintenance of the building that houses cultural and leadership activities for the One Positive Thing in Kiana (OPT-In Kiana) youth-led youth empowerment group that serves Inupiaq youth between the ages of five and 17 who live above the Arctic Circle in Northwest Alaska.

Organized Village of Kake (OVK)
Kake, AK
This project will leverage existing funding in the organization's Natural Resources department and increase the impact of its ongoing programs by expanding the clam garden pilot program to create jobs that support disaster preparedness, initially through education, training, monitoring, and strategic planning.

Organized Village of Kake (OVK)
Kake, AK
Professional development and capacity building through technical assistance and training.

Organized Village of Kake (OVK)
Kake, AK
Professional development and capacity building through technical assistance and training.

Organized Village of Kwethluk
Kwethluk, AK
COVID-19 Response

Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska
Unalaska, AK
This project will create conversation and community engagement to explore issues, challenges, and solutions to preserve Bering Sea marine resources.

Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska
Unalaska, AK
COVID-19 Response

Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Sitka, AK
COVID-19 Response

Southcentral Foundation
Anchorage, AK
COVID-19 Response

United Tribes of Bristol Bay
Dillingham, AK
This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

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Dillingham, AK
This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
Yakutat, AK
COVID-19 Response

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Bethel, AK
COVID-19 Response

Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
Tucson, AZ
COVID-19 Response

Apache Stronghold
San Carlos, AZ
This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

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San Carlos, AZ
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Colorado River Indian Tribes
Parker, AZ
The Colorado River Indian Tribes will leverage preferential hiring opportunities at the organization's natural resource departments to provide graduates of tribal and Latinx youth training program for entry-level green and conservation jobs that are common to the Lower Colorado River and frequently filled by people from outside the community.

Colorado River Indian Tribes
Parker, AZ
COVID-19 Response

Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment
Winslow AZ
Diné CARE will hire a videographer to create short videos on helium extraction and history on Navajo Nation and associated oil/gas and environmental impacts. The organization will also interview a researcher as part of a podcast series to share information on these issues. Additionally, Diné CARE will host a webinar and in-person trainings on how to fill out complaint forms to oversight organizations. These will be for the general public. The online training and the in-person training will bring together other organizations working in this area.

Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment
Winslow, AZ
Through this project Diné CARE will provide community education opportunities on helium extraction on Navajo Nation in the form of videos, podcasts, a webinar and an in-person trainings.

Digital Connect Initiative of the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.
Chandler, AZ
General Operating Support

Gila River Indian Community
Sacaton, AZ
COVID-19 Response

Havasupai Tribe
Supai, AZ
COVID-19 Response

The Hopi Foundation
Kykotsmovi, AZ
COVID-19 Response

The Hopi School, Inc.
Kykotsmovi, AZ
This project will create and implement a social media campaign.

The Hopi School, Inc.
Kykotsmovi, AZ
General Operating Support

The Hopi School, Inc.
Kykotsmovi, AZ
General Operating Support

Hopi Three Mesas, Inc.
Second Mesa, AZ
This project will create a mitigation plan for Hopi by increasing the knowledge of 10 Hopi youth who will become stewards of addressing climate change, and by increasing knowledge surrounding minimizing climate change. This plan will incorporate Hopi values, philosophies, and language.

Hualapai Tribe
Peach Springs, AZ
The project will retain a language immersion program in which fluent Hualapai language consultants will conduct language immersion programming in the four headstart classrooms five hours a day for the regular school year, not including summer, continuing with efforts made over the last three years.

International Indian Treaty Council
Tucson, AZ

This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

International Indian Treaty Council
Tucson, AZ

This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

ITEP: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
Flagstaff, AZ

This project will catalyze existing conservation and land stewardship efforts in Native communities by providing training and technical assistance in the areas of natural resource planning, wildlife assessment, and development of climate adaptation plans.

Miss Navajo Council Incorporated
Window Rock, AZ

General Operating Support

Native Americans for Community Action, Inc.
Flagstaff, AZ

COVID-19 Response

Native Health (Central) (Native American Community Health Center)
Phoenix, AZ

COVID-19 Response

Native Public Media
Flagstaff, AZ

Conference sponsorship for 2022 Native Broadcast Summit.

Native Public Media
Flagstaff, AZ

This project will increase the resiliency of tribal nations through the development of public disaster and climate resiliency plans by Native broadcasters coordinating with first responders, tribal entities, and community members to prevent, prepare, mitigate, respond, and recover.

Navajo Breastfeeding Coalition
Window Rock, AZ

The purpose of this project is to retain the Navajo cultural teachings about lactation and educate the Navajo people on how human milk is a vital part of survival, and create a program that educates Navajo parents on how to garden and make homemade organic baby food.

Navajo Nation
Window Rock, AZ

COVID-19 Response

San Carlos Apache Tribe
San Carlos, AZ

COVID-19 Response

Seeds of Harmony, Inc.
Round Rock, AZ

This project will create a movement to increase civic action to plant rain-to-retain water solutions in watersheds and utilize the communities' talents to mitigate impacts of drought and climate change, including leveraging the tribes' Climate Adaptation Plan to reconnect to the land.

Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association
Winslow, AZ

The primary objective is to provide quality livestock water to our ranchers which will produce high quality beef and to maintain healthy livestock animals and to utilize conservation practices that will sustain our grazing lands for generations to come.

Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association
Winslow, AZ

This project will increase the organization's ability to increase administrative capacity building with strategic planning, purchase needed accounting software, hire an accounting consultant, and attend trainings and conferences related to livestock improvement and practices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Tsehootsoo Medical Center
Fort Defiance, AZ

COVID-19 Response

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Whiteriver, AZ

This project will enhance working relationships among land operations staff to better understand the effectiveness of working as a group with a shared goal to protect the land, people, and one another.

White Mountain Apache Tribe - Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm
Fort Apache, AZ

Donor advised support for Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm

Yavapai-Apache Nation
Camp Verde, AZ

COVID-19 Response

Yee Ha'ólñii Doo d/b/a Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund
Flagstaff, AZ

COVID-19 Response

Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival
Fresno, CA

This project will support the 2022 Breath of Life Archival Institute's cultural linguists' honoraria.

American Indian Council of Mariposa County
Mariposa, CA

General Operating Support

Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
Coachella, CA

Temalpakh Farms will grow and harvest three seasons' worth of organic produce.

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
Loleta, CA

This project will increase organizational capacity within the natural resources department and create job opportunities through the launch of a pilot environmental health program. Staff will create a recycling/solid waste program; implement education, training, and public awareness outreach events; and enhance regulatory compliance and disaster preparedness.

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
Loleta, CA

This project will increase access to healthy foods and traditional plants through support of the tribe's current garden project.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Lakeport, CA

This project will increase the tribe's departmental capacity to complete the goal of reclaiming ancestral lands located at the Clear Lake State Park. By reclaiming this land, the tribe will be allowed land access for gathering and increase cultural awareness and acknowledgement.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Lakeport, CA

This project will create a fuel reduction training for tribal community members and fire-defensible space around tribal homes.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Lakeport, CA

This project will revitalize cultural stewardship, traditional uses, and ancestral crafts associated with tule reeds growing along the tribe's shoreline. The project will actively engage tribal members in increasing tule populations and re-familiarizing themselves with how to speak about, utilize, and weave tule into regalia, baskets, toys, and many other crafts.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Lakeport, CA

This project will create a Pomo language video to document the language and increase education efforts.

California Consortium for Urban Indian Health
San Francisco, CA

COVID-19 Response

California Indian Basketweavers Association
Woodland, CA

This project will leverage support for California Native youth's access to cultural practices during the 2022 Annual Basketweavers Gathering.

California Indian Museum & Cultural Center
Santa Rosa, CA

This project will leverage the center's efforts to purchase and/or obtain donated oak woodlands to be utilized and controlled by Native community members for traditional food way activities by training staff and Native youth to form and develop a new non-profit land trust.

Civil Eats
Cotati, CA

Support will create a year-long, part-time contracted position for a Native journalist to focus on in-depth reporting on issues of Indigenous food sovereignty, food security, and Native food and cultural traditions across North America. This will increase the stories shared via Civil Eats.

Colusa Indian Community Council -- Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
Colusa, CA

General Operating Support

Dinetah Drama Festival
Arcata, CA

General Operating Support

Dry Creek Pomo Traditional Dancers
Geyserville, CA
General Operating Support

Dry Creek Pomo Traditional Dancers
Geyserville, CA

This project will retain the cultural skills and values of the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community Council. The tribe has developed a community service department centralized around empowering its youth. Education programs include an early learning center for children under age 5, an after-school tutoring program and mental health services program for grade-age students, a mentorship and aide program for students seeking a higher education, and a summer program to ensure tribal children of all ages have a safe and structured environment year-round.

Firestarters

Santa Rosa, CA

Firestarters is a movement dedicated to retain ancestral homelands by relearning land-based healing. In the years ahead, Firestarters believes California must decolonize land stewardship policies and practices to preserve the environmental health of all people and future generations.

Friends of Puvunga, Inc.
Long Beach, CA

This project will retain important tribal elements through the goal of preserving traditional values and beliefs as well as providing unique opportunities for tribal members to build and pass on traditional skills together.

Kai Poma
Willits, CA

This project will be to perform an assessment, which will inform the management of Blues Beach.

Kai Poma
Willits, CA

This project will utilize cultural workshops to invigorate desires within the community to continue traditional teachings for the current generation and generations to come. Five of the workshops will require skills that need to be transferred directly from adult tribal members. Basket weaving, beading, sewing, food preparations, and language workshops will require a hands-on approach and experienced assistance.

Karuk Tribe
Happy Camp, CA

This project will leverage funding to support emergency wildfire response costs associated with the McKinney Fire. Funds can be used for housing vouchers/housing assistance for tribal members displaced due to fire, assistance with emergency needs for losses created by fires, and staffing to support fire victims or any other self-identified needs.

Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria
Santa Rosa, CA

This support will be used to create a coastal reserve project and facilitate participation in the Tribal Marine Stewardship Network.

Kee Cha-E-Nar Corporation
Klamath, CA

This project will leverage funding to support McKinney Wildfire Relief.

Kee Cha-E-Nar Corporation
Klamath, CA

This project will increase the number of cultural workshops available to all tribal members with a heavy focus on reaching youth.

Kno'Qoti Native Wellness
Clearlake Oaks, CA
COVID-19 Response

Konkau Corporation Association
Oroville, CA

This project will increase internal capacity to support applying for USDA Forest Service Community Forest Program or Landscape Scale Restoration Program grant opportunities.

La Posta Band of Mission Indians
Boulevard, CA

This project will increase the size of the community garden and add health foods classes for tribal youth, adults, and elders.

Malki Museum, Inc.
Banning, CA

This project will provide training for basketry and cultural items preservation for the museum's board and staff.

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
Ramona, CA

This project will create and implement a climate/ fire resiliency plan focused on identifying climate-related hazards, developing mitigation strategies, and implementing the plan through increased staff capacity. The climate resiliency plan will leverage FEMA Resources for Climate Resilience as well as traditional tribal practices to serve the Native community.

Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation
Ramona, CA

The project will enable short-term consultation with an indigenous plant expert and a qualified professional arborist to advise on the technical issues associated with three key Landscape Restoration areas: restoration of indigenous plants; management of wildfire risk; and removal and replacement of dead trees on the Golden Eagle and Terebessy properties.

Native American Land Conservancy
Banning, CA

This project will create a framework to enable strong and sustainable growth of our organization and increase our information for proper management of our current land holdings.

Native American Pathways
Hoopa, CA

General Operating Support

North Fork Mono Tribe
Clovis, CA

This project will support traditional ecological knowledge practices, including cultural burn activities that will foster continued connection to the tribe's ancestral land.

North Fork Mono Tribe
Clovis, CA

General Operating Support

Northern California Tribal Court Coalition
Eureka, CA

This project will leverage 2021 survey data, which found that all respondents desired greater access to ancestral lands and traditional resources. It will also increase Native control of ancestral lands through

community education on land trusts and utilize the coalition's technical knowledge to collect and distribute regulatory information about food, medicine, and material resources.

Pala Band of Mission Indians
Pala, CA

The pishwélsh project aims to enhance the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of Native youth by engaging their participation in traditional cultural, spiritual, and educational activities under the guidance of tribal community members and elders. These opportunities include learning about traditional harvesting practices, uses of sacred tobacco, archeological expeditions, and the practice of Pa'enexily or Cupeño language through storytelling. These activities will reconnect youth with traditional principles and values that can help them better negotiate today's challenges.

Potter Valley Tribe, Mendocino County, CA
Ukiah, CA

The objective of the land program is to build the land base and protect cultural and natural resources of available land within the tribe's aboriginal territory by leveraging assets to create a community forest. This would help fulfill three of the 12 priorities of the tribe's 2021 Tribal Environmental Plan.

Redbud Resource Group
Santa Rosa, CA

General Operating Support

Robinson Rancheria
Nice, CA

General Operating Support

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Valley Center, CA

General Operating Support

Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
Anza, CA

General Operating Support

Save California Salmon
Orleans, CA

General Operating Support

Sierra Mono Museum & Cultural Center
North Fork, CA

General Operating Support

Sogorea Te' Land Trust
Oakland, CA

General Operating Support

Susanville Indian Rancheria
Susanville, CA

General Operating Support

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Susanville, CA

General Operating Support

Sustainable Economies Law Center
Oakland, CA

General Operating Support

Sustainable Economies Law Center
Oakland, CA

General Operating Support

Tataviam Land Conservancy
San Fernando, CA

General Operating Support

The 5th Direction
Sacramento, CA

General Operating Support

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Three Sisters Gardens

West Sacramento, CA

This program will create work opportunities for Native youth by teaching them how to grow, harvest, and distribute organic vegetables.

Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy

Claremont, CA

This project will retain the Tongva land and culture and be expansive enough to be able to respond to the changing and developing needs of the community.

Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy

Claremont, CA

General Operating Support

Tubatulabals of Kern Valley

Weldon, CA

General Operating Support

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Tuolumne, CA

The project will create a learning environment for language immersion for youth using the most valuable resource: elders. The project will also help the tribe retain an audio/visual archive of lessons taught through the program to be used for future lessons.

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Tuolumne, CA

This project will create an opportunity for the community to engage elders and youth in maintaining the Indigenous control over land, water, and traditional ecological knowledge. This will create a positive and inspirational result for the next generation of land management leaders to become the best stewards of land.

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Tuolumne, CA

This project will provide for technical assistance and training to support the tribe's cultural program in continuing to survey their cultural sites and develop policies and procedures for cultural site protection.

Two Feathers Native American Family Services

McKinleyville, CA

This project will retain wildfire prevention efforts in addition to post-fire recovery assistance for Native American families in Humboldt County.

YTT Northern Chumash Nonprofit

San Luis Obispo, CA

This project will leverage technical assistance to assist the community with a cultural resource project.

Yurok Tribe

Klamath, CA

The Yurok First Foods Planning Project will utilize existing program partnerships to create the framework to increase traditional food access as first foods and allow for leveraging of funding for full program implementation.

Yurok Tribe

Klamath, CA

COVID-19 Response

Yurok Tribe

Klamath, CA

This project will utilize historical and current land, environmental, and Yurok people-centered data together to demonstrate change over time to inform land restoration and access within Yurok ancestral lands.

Yurok Tribe

Klamath, CA

This project will increase digital technology capacity.

Yurok Language Program

Klamath, CA

General Operating Support

Denver Indian Center

Denver, CO

Sponsorship of the annual Elders' Christmas Luncheon

Kwiyagat Community Academy

Towaoc, CO

General Operating Support

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

This project will catalyze existing conservation and land stewardship efforts in Native communities by providing training and technical assistance in the areas of natural resource planning, wildlife assessment, and development of climate adaptation plans.

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

Event Sponsorship for 39th Annual National Conference

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

This project will create a series of discussion opportunities for tribal fish and wildlife professionals to increase their understanding of confronting and combating climate change through workshops utilized at the society's regional conferences and national conferences.

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

Sponsorship for Southwest Regional Conference

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

Sponsorship for Pacific Regional Conference

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Northglenn, CO

This support will leverage existing projects and ultimately increase ability to support Alaska Tribes through travel scholarships and reimbursements to attend trainings, workshops, and courses focusing on tribal climate adaptation and resilience. It will also allow the society to more fully utilize its presence in Alaska.

Native American Rights Fund

Boulder, CO

Sponsorship of 50th anniversary gala

Red Cloud Renewable

Fort Collins, CO

The new mobile solar training lab and upskilling

workshops will leverage past successes and expand and increase the marketable skills of present and future students. The new lab will provide future training for many tribes while also serving as a central workstation at job sites.

Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce

Denver, CO

Sponsorship of Education Gala

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Ignacio, CO

COVID-19 Response

Spirit of the Sun, Inc.

Denver, CO

By utilizing contacts with Indigenous farmers and meat producers and leveraging this project with the Regenerative Agriculture Youth Certificate program, the organization will increase availability of healthy and traditional foods in Colorado, providing for Indigenous families and elders while teaching youth about traditional foodways.

Ute Mountain Ute Environmental Programs Department

Towaoc, CO

The FEED Towaoc project will create an operations team to drive programming of a Food and Economic Incubator Hub. As an initiative centered around a community food system, the operations team will utilize and strengthen multi-generational relationships, create local business partnerships, drive workforce development, increase food sovereignty, and improve health outcomes.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Towaoc, CO

COVID-19 Response

The Women's Foundation of Colorado, Inc.

Denver, CO

Sponsorship of the 2022 Annual Women's Foundation of Colorado Luncheon.

Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation

North Stonington, CT

COVID-19 Response

The Nanticoke Indian Association

Millsboro, DE

COVID-19 Response

Aha Kane Foundation for the Advancement of Native Hawaiian Males

Honolulu, HI

General Operating Support

Āina Momona

Kaunakakai, HI

This project will create a body of data regarding how justice and injustice impact the Native Hawaiian community. It will also identify disparities between how the Native Hawaiian community and non-native community perceive justice, identify intersections between justice and wellness, and develop guidance for regulators and legislators on how to best approach justice needs for Native Hawaiians.

Āina Momona

Kaunakakai, HI

This project will create needed opportunities to build the community's capacity to mitigate climate-related disasters such as erosion and drought, while increasing the food-producing potential of key subsistence resources that are currently in decline due to the climate crisis.

Aina Momona

Kaunakakai, HI

Professional development and capacity building through technical assistance and training.

Council For Native Hawaiian Advancement

Kapolei, HI

COVID-19 Response

Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc.

Honolulu, HI

COVID-19 Response

Holani Hana Inc.

Hana, HI

The project will increase culturally rooted revenue-generating opportunities and green job creation for Native communities in Hawaii by strengthening Indigenous Hawaiian architecture, construction, and masonry as viable industries at the leading edge of green building and community resiliency.

Huliauapa`a

Hakalau, HI

General Operating Support

Infinite Reach

Mililani, HI

This project will create an innovative and climate-resilient gene bank of traditional Native Hawaiian foods that will help to retain Native stewardship over traditional foods, archive and elevate traditional recipes and dishes, and connect food producer-practitioners with resources to sustain a Native Hawaiian food ecosystem.

KAEHU

Wailuku, HI

General Operating Support

Ke Kula `O Pi`ilani

Wailuku, HI

This project utilizes techniques to more effectively teach a greater number of students and alleviate personnel shortages by restructuring the existing team of teachers to empower them to focus on specific subjects while being united under a common curriculum that unifies the school's learning.

Ke Kula `O Pi`ilani

Wailuku, HI

General Operating Support

Na Aikane O Maui Inc.

Lahaina, HI

General Operating Support

Ohana Makamae

Hana, HI

COVID-19 Response

Paupena Community Development

Kula, HI

The project will retain, utilize, and leverage Project MAHI`AI, which highlights Native farmers, increases produce purchases and access, and delivers boxes of farm products and plant starts to Native Hawaiian families.

Paupena Community Development

Kula, HI

Technical assistance

Sust`aina ble Molokai

Kaunakakai, HI

This project will complete creation of the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resiliency Plan and the

Molokai Community Energy Resiliency Adaptation Plan, which will lead to implementation, particularly with resources from the Justice 40 initiative.

Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association Inc.

Kamuela, HI

General Operating Support

Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association Inc.

Kamuela, HI

This project will increase the sense of place and duty for the Waimea Hawaiian peoples by retracing the steps the monarchs made as they built an independent nation among nations to better the lives of the people.

Coeur D'Alene Tribe

Plummer, ID

COVID-19 Response

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Fort Hall, ID

COVID-19 Response

University of Idaho Extension Program Nez

Perce Reservation

Lapwai, ID

General Operating Support

American Indian Center of Chicago

Chicago, IL

The American Indian Center of Chicago will create the Food is Medicine program, which will increase access to Indigenous foods and cultivate improved knowledge of food sovereignty and Indigenous food practices for elders, families, and youth in Chicago's intertribal urban Native community.

Trickster Cultural Center

Schaumburg, IL

COVID-19 Response

Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project

Mashpee, MA

General Operating Support

The Northeast Native Network of Kinship & Healing

Vineyard Haven, MA

COVID-19 Response

Four Directions Development Corporation

Orono, ME

COVID-19 Response

Penobscot Nation

Indian Island, ME

COVID-19 Response

Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club

Presque Isle, ME

COVID-19 Response

Wabanaki Health & Wellness

Bangor, ME

COVID-19 Response

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

Sault St. Marie, MI

COVID-19 Response

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Watersmeet, MI

This project will increase community garden sizes and food source diversity thus promoting community independence in production of organic and no-till-grown food. Using Native

knowledge, heirloom seeds, and appropriate modern tools, the tribe is determined to produce nutritionally dense foods on tribal land.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

COVID-19 Response

American Indian Community Housing Organization

Duluth, MN

COVID-19 Response

American Indian Community Housing Organization

Duluth, MN

End of Year Native Arts Campaign

American Indian Family Center

Saint Paul, MN

The American Indian Family Center's First food and Breastfeeding initiative will increase awareness and access to breastfeeding support, traditional and healthy food, and traditional teachings and cultural significance of the breastfeeding journey for American Indian families.

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Nett Lake, MN

This project will retain tribal knowledge and increase traditional foods, including breastfeeding as the ultimate first traditional food. Further, this project will help utilize and expand the very limited fresh foods available at the tribal convenience store by creating partnership with the Nett Lake farmers market.

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Nett Lake, MN

COVID-19 Response

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Nett Lake, MN

COVID-19 Response

Bois Forte Food Sovereignty & Sustainable Agriculture Group

Tower, MN

This project leverages community food research underway for a 25-year plan identifying target activities to increase healthy and traditional foods available at tribally managed food access venues and private homes. To utilize human capital, the project offers reciprocal engagement opportunities: community tiller service, farmers market support, and promotions.

Dream of Wild Health

Minneapolis, MN

COVID-19 Response

Endazhi-Nitaawiging

Red Lake, MN

General Operating Support

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Cloquet, MN

This project will create a full-time position for a licensed Ojibwe-speaking teacher in "Grandma's House" to increase educational success, use space and age groups more effectively, expand the number of families and days of participation, augment development of curriculum, and obtain licensing to leverage educational and financial resources.

Leech Lake Financial Services

Cass Lake, MN

COVID-19 Response

Mewinzha Ondaadiziike Wiigaming Bemidji, MN

This project will increase access, participation, and utilization of Anishinaabe-led and -centered supportive pregnancy care and birthing practices through the integration of Anishinaabe birth workers.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Minneapolis, MN
COVID-19 Response

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition St. Paul, MN
General Operating Support

Native Ways Federation Inc. Saint Paul, MN
This project will support increased capacity building.

Nitamising Gimashkikinaan Maple Grove, MN
This project will increase traditional knowledge about lactation, improve health of parents and their babies (i.e., mental, spiritual, physical, emotional), and leverage current resources for birthing and nursing parents.

Open Arms Native Missions Saint Paul, MN
COVID-19 Response

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Red Lake, MN
This project will create a self-sustaining Buffalo Ranch and Hemp/Produce farm master plan and timeline for 2022-2024. It will also invest in equipment and supplies.

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Choctaw, MS
COVID-19 Response

All Nations Health Center Missoula, MT
COVID-19 Response

ANC Childcare and Education Center, dba Life's Language Lodge Hays, MT
This project will create new material from raw language data that has sat dormant for 50 to 100 years. This project will utilize a process that will help Aaniiih and Nakoda People retain their traditional stories in their own voices.

Arlee Community Development Corporation Arlee, MT
This support increases capacity to improve community health by building on traditional tribal food systems and offering gathering, preparing, and preserving opportunities to tribal families that may not have those experiences. The funds leverage existing investments and budgets and engage extended families, to move toward sustainability and mutual self-help.

Arlee Community Development Corporation Arlee, MT
COVID-19 Response

Blackfeet Community College Browning, MT
Blackfeet Community College Workforce Development will leverage a renewable energy and tribal college professionals partnership to develop a two-week solar training program.

Blackfeet Tribe-Tribal Historic Preservation Office Browning, MT
This project will utilize descendent families' stories regarding the 1896 Agreement to unite families and the Blackfeet community, while supporting the Land Back Bill currently in Congress.

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Chippewa Cree Tribe Box Elder, MT
This project will help create and secure food chains through buffalo and re-introduce hide tanning as a cultural relevance to the Chippewa-Cree People.

Chippewa Cree Tribe Box Elder, MT
This project will allow the Chippewa-Cree Tribe to create global solutions by producing hemp single-use products such as fork, spoons, and knives. These sample products will be made of Hemp pellets, making them environmentally friendly.

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Pablo, MT
COVID-19 Response

Crow Language Consortium Hardin, MT
General Operating Support

Crow Tribe of Montana Crow Agency, MT
COVID-19 Response

Day Eagle Hope Project Harlem, 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 about healthy and traditional eating through the O'yó'p (We Are Eating) Food Pantry and other programs. This contributes to long-term food security in the Blackfeet Nation.

FAST Blackfeet Browning, MT
COVID-19 Response

Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation Harlem, MT
This program will create tribal tourism initiatives.

Fort Belknap Indian Community Harlem, MT
COVID-19 Response

Indigenous Caucus of the Western Mining Action Network Billings, MT
This project funding will be used to support the development of EJ/Mining Youth and Elder Leadership Mentorship Program.

Intertribal Agriculture Council Billings, MT
Sponsorship for Southwest Regional Summit

Nkwusm Arlee, MT
COVID-19 Response

Nkwusm Arlee, MT
General Operating Support

Nkwusm Arlee, MT
General Operating Support

Northern Cheyenne Tribe Lame Deer, MT
COVID-19 Response

People's Food Sovereignty Program Ronan, MT
This program will ensure the protection, conservation, and access of traditional cultural resources of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. By utilizing traditional ecological knowledge and providing regular distributions, the program is revitalizing traditional food systems, tribal values, and cultures of the Flathead Reservation.

Piikani Lodge Health Institute Browning, MT
This project will continue creation of the Piikani On-the-Land Recreation and Tourism Program.

Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation Crow Agency, MT
This project will support a public sector leadership program, in which future leaders will utilize knowledge to create an economy that is environmentally friendly and sustainable based on understanding of the impact of the energy transition on the local economy.

Rocky Mountain TLC Billings, MT
COVID-19 Response

Women of Bears Ears/RESET Bozeman, MT
This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, NC
COVID-19 Response

Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, Inc. Maxton, NC
COVID-19 Response

Mni Wiconi Health Clinic
Mandan, ND
General Operating Support

North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance
Bismarck, ND
This project will leverage funding for a 2022 Board Retreat.

North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance
Bismarck, ND
This project will share the history of environmental injustices that continue to negatively impact the Indigenous communities of North Dakota and jeopardize healthy ecosystems and heritage in an effort to protect grasslands.

Sitting Bull College
Fort Yates, ND
The Lakota Woglakapi Project will utilize an education experience through full language and cultural immersion. The shared vision moves toward Dakota/Lakota language normalization in our communities, true sovereignty and self-determination, and a relevant education that empowers the future of our Nation. This is done through a year-round, community-led, multi-generation learning experience.

Spirit Lake Tribe
Fort Totten, ND
COVID-19 Response

Turtle Mountain Food Pantry
Belcourt, ND
This project will create a foundation for growth by increasing reach through the expansion of internal resources, including the purchase of a vehicle. This will allow the organization to leverage key partnerships and help control the current need due to the pandemic.

United Tribes Technical College
Bismarck, ND
This project will leverage funding to support the 2022 Tribal Leaders Food Summit.

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
Albuquerque, NM
COVID-19 Response

Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women
Albuquerque, NM
General Operating Support

Dooda (No) Helium Extraction Organization
Newcomb, NM
This grant will support Board of Directors members in organizing and attending events and meetings.

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Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Inc. (IPCC)
Albuquerque, NM
Participation in First Nations' end-of-year Native Arts Campaign

Indigenous Women Rising
Albuquerque, NM
This project will leverage funding for midwives and doulas serving Native families covering

associated costs for families (e.g., food, transportation, supplements). It was also refer families to community resources to increase access to out-of-hospital birth services for Native families.

Keres Children's Learning Center
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
Event sponsorship and registration fees for KCLC Golf Classic to raise awareness. The Keres Children's Learning Center will utilize and increase its primary (ages 3 to 6), elementary (ages 6 to 9), and adolescent erdkinder (ages 12 to 18) classrooms' capacity by developing teachers' skills to be more consistent in their use of best language immersion and Montessori practices to better nurture and revitalize the Keres language, culture, and traditions.

Keres Children's Learning Center
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
Event Sponsorship of annual Native Language Symposium

Keres Children's Learning Center
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
Participation in First Nations' end-of-year Native Arts Campaign

Keres Children's Learning Center
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
General Operating Support

Major Market, Inc.
Zuni, NM
This project will provide technical and financial assistance to Major Market to help the store address supply chain issues, inflation, and long-term sustainability with the purchase of local, regional, and Indigenous food inventory. It will also provide for contracting and installing a solar energy system, technical assistance for butchering staff; and personnel and administrative costs associated with project management.

Native Women Lead
Albuquerque, NM
Sponsorship for Native Women's Business Retreat

Pueblo Action Alliance
Albuquerque, NM
This program will leverage funding to support Pueblo Action Alliance's environmental justice efforts.

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Pueblo de Cochiti
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
General Operating Support

Pueblo de Cochiti
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
This project will leverage funding for cultural space restoration.

Pueblo de Cochiti
Cochiti Pueblo, NM
This project will create a New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission proposal for Pueblo de Cochiti to develop, own, and operate a large-scale solar facility.

Pueblo of Acoma
Acoma, NM
COVID-19 Response

Pueblo of Jemez
Jemez Pueblo, NM
This project will continue the creation, retention, and enhancement of natural resources for the benefit of the environment and people of Jemez Pueblo. The project will also allow tribal producers to become familiar with USDA programs that will enable them to grow and manage efficiently and effectively.

Pueblo of Jemez
Jemez Pueblo, NM
This project will allow the Pueblo to continue making range enhancements for water availability to livestock and wildlife. Drought on the range is less forgiving and water is drying up from dirt tanks at a fast rate. It is important to have reliable systems in place for proper animal husbandry.

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Pueblo of Jemez
Jemez Pueblo, NM
COVID-19 Response

Pueblo of Laguna
Laguna, NM
COVID-19 Response

Pueblo of Pojoaque
Santa Fe, NM
COVID-19 Response

Pueblo of Pojoaque
Santa Fe, NM
General Operating Support

Pueblo of Zuni
Zuni, NM
COVID-19 Response

Red Willow Center
Taos, NM
This project will create a local healthy food system by encouraging community members and market vendors to utilize local foods and traditional recipes and knowledge to increase healthier lifestyles. This will encourage community members to purchase fresh food from the market, become farmers market vendors, or start their own gardens.

Saad K'idilyé
Albuquerque, NM
This project will create access to traditional foods and educational opportunities related to nutrition and use of traditional foods as part of the holistic Diné education of participating families. It will also increase knowledge and use of Diné traditional foods and plants to improve health and wellness.

Saad K'idilyé
Albuquerque, NM
General Operating Support

Santa Fe Indigenous Center
Santa Fe, NM
COVID-19 Response

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Santa Fe Indigenous Center *Santa Fe, NM*

This project will retain the center's free, bi-monthly, drive-through food distributions to address food insecurity among Native Americans within Santa Fe County. The center intends to utilize the food distributions to collect more data and identify other needs that the center can assist with or direct to its network for more support services.

Santa Fe Indigenous Center *Santa Fe, NM* Technical Assistance

Sovereignty 360 *Cedar Crest, NM*

This project will create grounded models of Indigenous peacemaking processes and guidelines. This will increase the capacity of each tribe to adapt their current justice systems and practices to reflect the unique and authentic knowledge, traditions, customs, and core values embedded within their respective tribes.

Taos Pueblo *Taos, NM* COVID-19 Response

Tiwa Lending Services *Isleta Pueblo, NM* COVID-19 Response

Toohnii Binaneest'ą́? Al'taas'ėi Alliance, Inc. *Shiprock, NM* COVID-19 Response

Yakanal *New Laguna, NM* General Operating Support

Zuni Youth Enrichment Project *Zuni, NM* General Operating Support

Moapa Band of Paiutes *Moapa, NV* COVID-19 Response

People of Red Mountain *Reno, NV* This project will increase tribal environmental asset control on or near Native lands.

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Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Reservation *Owyhee, NV* COVID-19 Response

Walker River Paiute Tribe *Schurz, NV* The Walker River Paiute Tribe created the Food Sovereignty Program to retain cultural assets, leverage tribal partnerships, protect traditional nutritional practices, increase food security, and build infrastructure to exercise tribal control of food systems.

Walker River Paiute Tribe *Schurz, NV* General Operating Support

Walker River Paiute Tribe *Schurz, NV* COVID-19 Response

Walker River Paiute Tribe *Schurz, NV* COVID-19 Response

A'nowa:ra Owira Doulas Akwesasne, NY Support will be used to create a project that increases community members' knowledge of and experience with traditional foods, thus expanding promotion of Indigenous food systems. It will also provide support to expectant and lactating families by providing access to Indigenous foods and a lactation counselor.

Friends of the Akwesasne Freedom School, Inc. *Roosevelt, NY* COVID-19 Response

Friends of the Akwesasne Freedom School, Inc. *Roosevelt, NY* General Operating Support

Grinding Stone Collective *Glendale, NY* Technical assistance

Onkwe Inc. *Bombay, NY* General Operating Support

Onkwehon:we Midwives Collective *Akwesasne, NY* This project will create an avenue for postpartum mothers and newborns to retain ancestral food sources and leverage postpartum nutrition to better control health outcomes and increase breastfeeding rates by utilizing traditional foods to help nourish postpartum mothers and babies.

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe *Akwesasne, NY* COVID-19 Response

Seneca Nation of Indians *Irving, NY* COVID-19 Response

Tsiakwawennatonhe's *Akwesasne, NY* General Operating Support

Cherokee Nation *Tahlequah, OK* COVID-19 Response

Cherokee Nation *Tahlequah, OK* The project will create one curriculum developer position to develop language arts curricula and workbooks for the 7th and 8th grades and formally document the curriculum development process.

Chickasaw Nation *Ada, OK* COVID-19 Response

Euclidean (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc. *Sapulpa, OK* This project will create new speakers and retain the natural transmission of the Yuchi language

in homes by focusing on family-based immersion.

Euclidean (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc. *Sapulpa, OK* Capital Campaign

Euclidean (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc. *Sapulpa, OK* This project will utilize four interrelated objectives to create new mother-tongue speakers of Yuchi by reconnecting to the land using nature-based education.

Euclidean (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc. *Sapulpa, OK* General Operating Support

Euclidean (Yuchi) Language Project, Inc. *Sapulpa, OK* General Operating Support

Kiowa Gourd Clan *Carnegie, OK* General Operating Support

Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma *Carnegie, OK* COVID-19 Response

Learning Center at the Euclidean Butterfly Farm, Inc. *Leonard, OK*

This project will help increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for tribal members by creating small-scale hydroponic demonstration sites to provide food and training. It will leverage existing infrastructure by partnering with entities that serve key cohorts of the Muscogee Nation: children, youth, Elders, language preservation, and chartered communities.

Modoc Nation *Miami, OK*

This project will create a shared understanding of the lands the Modoc Nation now owns to allow them to retain, utilize, and control their natural resources and leverage other activities and support to eliminate neighbors' ability to take advantage of these lands without benefit to the tribe.

Modoc Nation *Miami, OK*

Grant funds will be utilized to support the tribe as it develops water infrastructure systems and resources for the Modoc Nation Ranches in response to current drought and wildfire conditions in Siskiyou County.

The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic *Oklahoma City, OK* COVID-19 Response

Osage Nation *Pawhuska, OK* General Operating Support

Pawnee Seed Preservation Society *Pawnee, OK* This project will sustain the organization's food sovereignty efforts.

Pawnee Seed Preservation Society *Pawnee, OK* COVID-19 Response

SONS of Mvskoke *Mounds, OK* General Operating Support

Southern Plains Tribal Health Board

Oklahoma City, OK
COVID-19 Response

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Portland, OR

This project will leverage existing opportunities to create meaningful conversations between tribes and government, nonprofit, and industry stakeholders to increase the inclusion of tribal perspectives in discussions around climate resilience, the just transition toward clean energy, and the Justice40 Initiative.

Burns Paiute Tribe

Burns, OR

This program will create digital technology capacity.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon

Siletz, OR

COVID-19 Response

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Warm Springs, OR

COVID-19 Response

Klamath Tribes

Chiloquin, OR

COVID-19 Response

National Indian Child Welfare Association

Portland, OR

General Operating Support

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Native American Youth & Family Center

Portland, OR

COVID-19 Response

Tananawit

Warm Springs, OR

End of Year Native Arts Campaign

Catawba Indian Nation

Rock Hill, SC

This project will create a breastfeeding and first foods program for the Catawba Nation that understands and responds to obstacles to providing breastmilk and nutritious traditional foods, increases access to nutritious traditional foods to pregnant/ lactating mothers and infants, and increases breastfeeding through promotional campaigns and lactation support.

Brave Heart Society

Lake Andes, SD

Brave Heart Society will create a tribal co-management plan through a multi-phased project that will research and assess the extent of water damage and contamination and inform a flood management plan for Bde Ihanke Lake.

Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance

Lower Brule, SD

This project will utilize the alliance's advisors' expertise to co-create a regional pilot project proposal focused on building climate resiliency and implementing the alliance's goals, while increasing overall understanding of needs and opportunities available to tribes through the Justice40 Initiative.

Camp Laugh A Lot

Custer, SD

COVID-19 Response

Camp Laugh A Lot

Custer, SD

General Operating Support

Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board

Rapid City, SD

COVID-19 Response

Kul Wicasa Wopasi

Lower Brule, SD

This project will create plans, demonstrations, and prototypes of community-centered climate resilient food systems on the Kul Wicasa Oyate Tribal Nation. It will leverage the knowledge and ambition of local youth to collaboratively lead the planning, design, and system development work, in partnership with local ecological knowledge bearers.

Lakota Funds

Kyle, SD

COVID-19 Response

Lakota Wellness Society

Parmelee, SD

This project will utilize land to create a community garden to increase access to fresh vegetables by Indigenous families at no cost. The fresh produce harvested from the garden will leverage inventory for a community food pantry. Other produce will also be distributed or sold at the Sicangu Harvest Market.

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Environmental Protection Office

Lower Brule, SD

This project will increase knowledge surrounding the Lower Brule Grasslands Carbon Offset Project.

Maggie Buffalo Organizing

Rapid City, SD

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Makece 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, providing a pathway toward retaining cultural, traditional, and modern food practices and developing a local food system.

Native American Community Board

Lake Andes, SD

General Operating Support

Oceti Sakowin Community Academy

Rapid City, SD

General Operating Support

Oglala Sioux Tribe

Pine Ridge, SD

COVID-19 Response

Sicangu Community Development Corporation

Mission, SD

This project will increase access to culturally relevant, locally grown bison meat and fresh produce for 500 food-insecure families in Rosebud by leveraging the Wolakota Bison Range and the tribally supported agriculture program.

Sicangu Community Development Corporation

Mission, SD

The ultimate purpose of this project is to create a deeper, richer Lakota language immersion school that will uplift and empower the next generations of Sicangu Lakota.

Sinte Gleska University

Mission, SD

General Operating Support

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

Porcupine, SD

The project will increase the scope of the existing Thunder Valley Montessori program to include a new cohort of students and caregivers, leverage existing resources in curriculum development, and expand community awareness of the immersion program across the reservation.

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

Porcupine, SD

This project will increase organizational capacity of the Food Sovereignty Initiative to create job opportunities by creating a composting program, which will initially focus on training, certifications, and site construction.

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

Porcupine, SD

General Operating Support

Wampli Ska Society

Rapid City, SD

General Operating Support

Wotakuye Mutual Aid Society

Rapid City, SD

This project will create new ways to utilize and retain knowledge of Oceti Sakowin birthing practices by increasing the number of Lakota and Dakota women who will educate others on the sacred nature of birth and children and the importance of nutritious food and breastfeeding.

Wotakuye Mutual Aid Society

Rapid City, SD

General Operating Support

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Nashville, TN

COVID-19 Response

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Nashville, TN

This project will create a taskforce that will hold regional dialogue on the topics of workforce development and climate resiliency in the Green Jobs sector during the tribes' Impact Week Annual Meeting held in Washington D.C. This will increase knowledge of the attending tribal Nations in these fields.

Texas Tribal Buffalo Project
Waelder, TX

This project will increase access to food and education surrounding traditional foodways of Indigenous communities in South Central Texas.

Chickahominy Indian Tribe
Providence Forge, VA

This program leverages organizational strengths in program management, child care and development, and environmental programming to increase awareness, capacity, and support for breastfeeding and nutrition based on first foods in the community.

Monacan Indian Nation, Inc.
Madison Heights, VA
COVID-19 Response

Running Strong for American Indian Youth
Alexandria, VA
General Operating Support

Center for Indigenous Midwifery
Olympia, WA

This project will create a specific resource on traditional foods for pregnant and parenting families. By weaving together interviews from traditional knowledge keepers, insights on perinatal nutrition, and accessible modern recipes, the organization hopes to encourage families as they grow and tend to the next generation.

Hearts Gathered
Omak, WA
General Operating Support

Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Cusick, WA

This project will increase the tribe's ability to process and distribute meat within the community while creating opportunities for tribal members to receive training and education in a skilled trade.

Lhaq'temish Foundation
Bellingham, WA
COVID-19 Response

Lhaq'temish Foundation
Bellingham, WA
COVID-19 Response

Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment
Pullman, WA
General Operating Support

Nisqually Indian Tribe
Olympia, WA
COVID-19 Response

Salish School of Spokane
Spokane, WA

This project will create 13 new adult speakers of *ńsəl̓xčín* (Colville Salish) who have strong existing relationships with the children and families served by Salish School of Spokane. These new speakers will be mentors, advocates, and role models for inter-generational use and transmission of the critically endangered language, *ńsəl̓xčín*.

Salish School of Spokane
Spokane, WA

This project will retain and expand a program to train 30 adult speakers of *ńsəl̓xčín* (Colville Salish) who have strong relationships with the children and families served by the Salish School of Spokane. These new speakers will be teachers mentors, advocates, and role-models for inter-generational use and transmission of the critically endangered language, *ńsəl̓xčín*.

Salish School of Spokane
Spokane, WA

The 2022-23 *sł'xatkw ńsəl̓xčín snmaʔmáya ʔtn/* Salish Immersion School program will create Salish immersion preschool, childcare, and K-6 education for 33 Native youth from the Spokane Metro Area. The program will be based on traditional Salish culture, and will provide Salish immersion instruction in literacy, math, science, physical education, health, music, and art. Participating students will spend approximately 20% of their school days on the land engaged in ceremonies, cultural practice, scientific fieldwork, or harvesting and gathering.

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
LaConner, WA
COVID-19 Response

Ttawaxt Birth Justice Center
Selah, WA

This project will increase access to traditional foods and medicines through gathering and processing. The project will provide learning opportunities with elders and those who have knowledge of medicines and foods to increase knowledge of ancestral land, foods, and medicines.

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Odanah, WI
COVID-19 Response

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
Lac Du Flambeau, WI

The purpose of this program is to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration rates in tribal communities in Wisconsin. The well-documented benefits of breastfeeding, for both mother and baby, will improve health in tribal communities for future generations. This program strives to strengthen community support and education through training and outreach.

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
Lac Du Flambeau, WI

This program will create educational materials, sessions, and support groups for Wisconsin tribes supporting Indigenous birthing practices.

Ho-Chunk Nation
Black River Falls, WI
COVID-19 Response

Little Eagle Arts Foundation
Wisconsin Dells, WI
COVID-19 Response

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Keshena, WI
COVID-19 Response

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COVID-19 Response

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Keshena, WI
General Operating Support

Ohe.laku Among the Cornstalks
De Pere, WI

This project will create infrastructure for Ohe.laku Co-op's families to transform a cache of raw corn into corn mush flour, a value-added product, increasing access to traditional food and barter opportunities in the region.

Oneida Nation
Oneida, WI

This program will increase Oneida Nation's protein processing capacity.

Oneida Nation Language House
Oneida, WI
General Operating Support

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Bayfield, WI
COVID-19 Response

Stockbridge Munsee Community
Bowler, WI
COVID-19 Response

Woodland Indian Art, Inc.
Oneida, WI
COVID-19 Response

Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Fort Washakie, WY
COVID-19 Response

Northern Arapaho Tribe
Ft. Washakie, WY
COVID-19 Response





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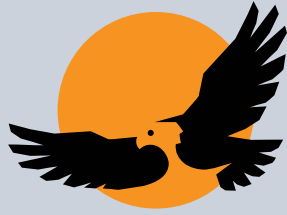
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