

**DINE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

Diné Food Sovereignty Project



**Navajo Food  
Sovereignty  
Library**

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# Who we are

Diné Community Development Corporation, Inc. (DCDC) has been certified by the Navajo Nation & IRS 501 (C)(3) and is a Navajo corporation, directed and managed by experienced, well-educated Navajos, Native Americans and minority individuals and guided by American Indian community values. The Corporation is dedicated to the building of sustainable, self-sufficient, independent sovereign Navajo Nation rural communities, through the efficient allocation, and the concentration and preservation of Native American resources.

DCDC’s goal is to develop and provide program services for commercial development; business development; cooperative development; agricultural development; education and training development; community development; youth development; housing development that will benefit underserved population within the Navajo Nation and other Native American communities.

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## Food Safety Trainings

### Navajo County Arizona



Food Safety training is a critical component of a preventive food safety approach. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has conducted studies that have shown establishments with a certified food manager have employees with a greater knowledge of food safety. For this reason the CDC recommends that establishments encourage certification of both managers and workers. Education can be obtained in the form of Food Protection Manager Certification, Food Handler Training, written job aids, or online resources.

Website: [www.navajocountyaz.gov](http://www.navajocountyaz.gov)

### EfoodHandlers



eFoodHandlers is a national, ANSI-accredited food safety training provider. Our interactive program includes videos and learning exercises to provide quality training options for every learning style.

Website: [www.azfoodhandlers.com](http://www.azfoodhandlers.com)

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## Organizations

### Beginning Farmers



Offers information on how to start a farm, planning a new farm, funding resources, and finding land to start your farm on. They cover all areas of farming from raising chickens and goats to mushroom production, and urban farms to business farming. Internships and employment opportunities posted regularly.

Website: [www.beginningfarmers.org/food-systems](http://www.beginningfarmers.org/food-systems)

### Tolani Lake Enterprises




Tolani Lake Enterprises (TLE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in 2000 that is working in the southwestern section of the Navajo Nation to strengthen food, water, and economic security. Helping Indigenous Communities Grow Our Own.

Contact Mr. Lyle Yazzie, Lead Gardener/Farm Technician:

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Website: [www.tolanilake.org](http://www.tolanilake.org)

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[www.DineCDC.org](http://www.DineCDC.org)



## Organizations

### Navajo Nation New Dawn Program



To provide comprehensive and culturally congruent information and education on nutrition, horticulture, fruits, and vegetables growth and distribute fruit trees and veg seeds to eligible clients/families. For additional information, click on link below:

<https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/Department/Division-of-Public-Health-Service/New-Dawn-Program>

### Community Outreach & Patient Empowerment



(COPE) is a partnership with the Navajo Nation Community Health Representative Outreach Program to improve the lives of those living with chronic diseases in Navajo. For additional information, click on link below:

<https://www.copeprogram.org/foodaccess>

### First Nations Development Institute



First Nations Development Institute has made waves throughout Indian Country through its support to local communities who are interested in improving food sovereignty. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org)



## Food Safety Trainings

### Alchemy



Your frontline employees are the eyes, ears, and hands of your food safety program. Alchemy's industry-specific food safety training solutions give your employees the knowledge and confidence needed to safeguard your products, customers, and reputation, go to:

[www.alchemysystems.com](http://www.alchemysystems.com)

### FDA



The FDA has finalized the foundational rules that will implement FSMA, including the Preventive Controls rules for Human and Animal Food, the Produce Safety rule, and the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) rule. There will be extensive outreach to industry to help ensure that everyone who seeks to comply with these rules, whether legally required to or not, understands the new requirements. The compliance dates vary, in part, according to the size of the business.

Food industry training will be an important component of successful implementation. The Produce Safety Rule and the Preventive Controls rules all have training components, although they are not the same for each rule. There will be ample time for farmers and food producers to come into compliance. Compliance dates for the rules are staggered according to the size of the business. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)



## Food Safety Trainings

### National Environmental Health Association



NEHA carries online food safety training resources for the food safety professional at all levels of their career. The online courses are appropriate for both industry and regulatory professionals. NEHA strives to continuously add content that is based on the latest scientific knowledge and adult learning principles. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org)

### NSF International



NSFA International is a leader in the design and delivery of accredited training for the global food and beverage industry along the entire supply chain, go to:

[www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org)

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## Organizations

### Native Food Systems Initiative Center



Native Food Systems Initiative Center is a FNDI Initiative and is a wealth of information for learning about Native food sovereignty issues. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nativefoodsystems.org/about/sovereignty](http://www.nativefoodsystems.org/about/sovereignty)

### National Indian Council on Aging Inc. (NICOA)



National Indian Council on Aging Inc. (NICOA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1976. The mission of NICOA is to advocate for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native elders. - The Importance of Food Sovereignty, go to:

[www.nicoa.org/the-importance-of-food-sovereignty](http://www.nicoa.org/the-importance-of-food-sovereignty)


### Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance



We are an organization dedicated to restoring the food systems that support Indigenous self-determination, wellness, cultures, values, communities, economies, languages, and families while rebuilding relationships with the land, water, plants, and animals that sustain us. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nativefoodalliance.org](http://www.nativefoodalliance.org)

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[www.DineCDC.org](http://www.DineCDC.org)



## Organizations

### Indigenous Food Systems Network



Indigenous Food Systems Network is based in British Columbia, Canada. They compile and share resources related to food sovereignty. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.indigenousfoodsystems.org](http://www.indigenousfoodsystems.org)

### The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)



The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) is an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, South America, the Arctic, Caribbean and Pacific working for the sovereignty and self-determination of Indigenous Peoples and the recognition and protection of Indigenous rights, Treaties, traditional cultures and sacred lands. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.iitc.org](http://www.iitc.org)

### Intertribal Agricultural Council



Intertribal Agricultural Council has made it a mission to promote Indian Agriculture. The Intertribal Agriculture Council was founded in 1987 to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.indianag.org](http://www.indianag.org)

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## Food Safety Trainings

### Indian Health Service (IHS)



The Indian Health Service, Division of Environmental Health Services has developed the Online Food Handler Training to meet the training needs of those people who, because of time constraints, geographic location, or other reasons, prefer to receive food sanitation training in the convenience of an online course, go to:

[www.ihs.gov/foodhandler](http://www.ihs.gov/foodhandler)

### Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI)'s Native Food Safety



In September 2016, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) at the University of Arkansas was named as the Native American Tribal Center for Food Safety Outreach, Education, Training and Technical Assistance. IFAI is cooperating with a wide array of partners, including the Intertribal Agricultural Council, to bring a series of webinars and face-to-face certification trainings to tribal producers and food businesses to fulfill requirements of FSMA, go to:

[www.nativefoodsafety.org](http://www.nativefoodsafety.org)

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## Food Safety Trainings



### Winslow Indian Health Care Center

WINSLOW SERVICE AREA – Dilkon Chapter House & Leupp Chapter House  
Estimated time: About 2 hrs. for training & more time for testing, grading & processing blue cards & pink cards, etc. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.wihcc.com/navajo-division-of-health.html](http://www.wihcc.com/navajo-division-of-health.html)



### Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA)

The Department plays an important role in the safety of food. -There are inspectors in dozens of places everyday checking to safety practices to make sure the food supply is safe. Producers play a key role in protecting the food supply as well. The Department offers training to help new producers learn how to create food safety plans, incorporate them into daily practice and prepare for certification. For some types of certification, there is money available to help partially reimburse the cost of certification, go to:

[www.agriculture.az.gov/trainingassistance/food-safety](http://www.agriculture.az.gov/trainingassistance/food-safety)



## Organizations



### American Indian Foods

American Indian Foods (AIF) is a program of the Intertribal Agriculture Council that began in 1998 under contract with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. The partnership was developed as a platform for American Indian food businesses to showcase their products and share tribal cultures with the world. The website lists tribal organizations participating under “Producers.” It discusses the “Made by American Indians” trademark and provides a calendar for food shows. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.americanindianfoods.com](http://www.americanindianfoods.com)



### Nourish the Flathead

Nourish the Flathead is a valuable partner organization to FAST Blackfeet. They provide food donations to the Blackfeet Nation’s emergency food centers and are the fiscal sponsors of FAST Blackfeet’s work. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nourishtheflathead.org](http://www.nourishtheflathead.org)



### Dine Food Sovereignty Alliance

The purpose of the DFSA is to restore the traditional food system and foods on the Navajo Nation, in addition to researching and educating on the issues and gathering solutions for true food sovereignty.

[www.facebook.com/dinefoodsovereigntyalliance](https://www.facebook.com/dinefoodsovereigntyalliance)



## Organizations

### US Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA)



The US Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA) works to end poverty, rebuild local food economies, and assert democratic control over the food system. We believe all people have the right to healthy, culturally appropriate food, produced in an ecologically sound manner. As a US-based alliance of food justice, anti-hunger, labor, environmental, faith-based, and food producer groups, we uphold the right to food as a basic human right and work to connect our local and national struggles to the international movement for food sovereignty. For additional information, please click on the link below:

<http://www.usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org>

### Navajo Ethno-Agriculture



Navajo Ethno-Agriculture is a Native American nonprofit formed out of our concern that upcoming generations are not exposed to food growth. Our tribal community educational farm is located in northwest New Mexico, along the San Juan River. For generations, we have preserved Navajo heritage crops and farming techniques. Over the past four years, we have designed a teaching environment to pass on this knowledge of our culture, history, and heritage foods. For additional information, please click on the link below:

[www.navajofarming.org](http://www.navajofarming.org)



## Grant Writing Tips



### CDC Grant Writing Resources for Tribes

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: This site provides information on CDC funding opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Organizations along with tips and resources for the grant writing process. For additional information, click on link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/consultation-support/funding/index.html>

### Free Tribal Grant Writing Training and Resources



Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP): This site offers Tribes a variety of downloadable resources and video lectures about the grant writing process, as well as train-the-trainer materials. Tribes may also contact AAIP for information on in-person workshops. For additional information, click on link below:

<https://www.aaip.org/media/news/m.blog/76/tribal-grant-writing-training>





## Financial Resources

### Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC)



Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC, is a wholly owned limited liability company of the Navajo Nation that was authorized by the Navajo Nation to purchase Navajo Mine in 2013. Navajo Mine is located on the Navajo Nation, south of Farmington, New Mexico. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.navajo-tec.com/about-ntec](http://www.navajo-tec.com/about-ntec)

### Freeport-McMoRan (FM): Native American Partnership Fund



The grant supports programs and projects that benefit the community as a whole, rather than individuals or small groups, in the areas of education and training, health and wellness, cultural preservation, economic development, and / or environmental protection / management. Applications must demonstrate program and project sustainability beyond the grant period, and supplemental matching funds are highly encouraged. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.freeportinmycommunity.com/](http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/)

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## Organizations

### Native Seeds Search



Native Seed/SEARCH preserves and proliferates indigenous seeds through their Native Access programs. Their Native American Seed Request program offers free seed packets to Native Americans living in or originating from the Greater Southwestern Region. The Bulk Seed Exchange allows growers to pay it forward by returning 1.5 times the seeds they receive to be put towards future Native American Seed Request packs. While Native Seed/SEARCH sells an assortment of popular seeds to the general public, its collection of indigenous seeds are only available to Native farmers and families. They hope these seeds will revitalize traditional foods and build food sovereignty. For additional information, please click on the link below:

[www.nativeseeds.org](http://www.nativeseeds.org)


### North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems



Founded by the chefs of The Sioux Chef, North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NāTIFS) is reimagining the North American food system as a generator of wealth and good health for Native communities. The organization seeks to reverse the effects of forced assimilation and colonization through food entrepreneurship and a reclamation of ancestral education. NāTIFS is establishing an Indigenous Food Lab in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a training center and restaurant for Native chefs and food. NāTIFS plans to eventually spread this model across North America. For additional information, please click on the link below:

[www.natifs.org](http://www.natifs.org)

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[www.DineCDC.org](http://www.DineCDC.org)



## Required Reading

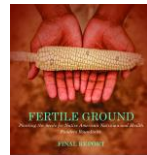
### “Feeding Ourselves: Food Access, Health Disparities, and the Pathways to Healthy Native American Communities.”



Produced in 2015 by Echo Hawk Consulting with funding from the American Heart Association and Voices for Healthy Kids, this document provides an inspiring overview of the urgency and importance of setting goals and making plans to move toward sovereign Native food systems. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@adv/documents/downloadable/ucm\\_475566.pdf](http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@adv/documents/downloadable/ucm_475566.pdf)

### “Fertile Ground: Planting the Seeds for Native American Nutrition and Health Funders Roundtable.”



2015. Get to know some of the big thinkers and funders in the food sovereignty movement. This document also provides a quick update on the current conversations happening in the movement. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.seedsofnativehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/12-3-15-Fertile-Ground-Final-Report-LR.pdf](http://www.seedsofnativehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/12-3-15-Fertile-Ground-Final-Report-LR.pdf)



## Financial Resources

### United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture



In FY 2020 and FY 2021, NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and (2) Planning Projects (PP). The purpose of the CFP is to support the development of projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining. CFPs are designed to create community-based food projects with objectives, activities and outcomes that are in alignment with Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP)'s primary goals. The purpose of a Planning Projects (PP) is to complete a plan toward the improvement of community food security in keeping with the primary goals of the CFPCGP. PPs are to focus on a defined community and describe in detail the activities and outcomes of the planning project. For information on the Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program, go to:

[www.nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program)



## Financial Resources

### Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI)'s Community Benefit Funds



On April 16, 1970, NAPI was developed by the Navajo Nation Council as an enterprise to operate Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP). Farming with Navajo Pride MISSION: Continue the legacy of Navajo farming, producing superior products, practicing stewardship and creating value for our people. VISION: Farming sustainably across generations to cultivate a healthy Nation. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.navajopride.com](http://www.navajopride.com)

### First Nations



Gather Food Sovereignty Grant supports work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced, and supported by community policies and systems. First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org)



## Required Reading

### CIVIL EATS: How the Navajo Nation is Reclaiming Food Sovereignty



By Andy Murphy FARMING, Food Access, Food: Justice, HEALTH, Indigenous Food ways, Local Food, Nutrition Posted on: October 17, 2018. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.civileats.com/2018/10/17/how-the-navajo-nation-is-reclaiming-food-sovereignty](http://www.civileats.com/2018/10/17/how-the-navajo-nation-is-reclaiming-food-sovereignty)

### For the Navajo Nation, a Fight for Better Food Gains New Urgency

The New York Times

For the Navajo Nation, a Fight for Better Food Gains New Urgency: As the pandemic has brought home the importance of the global movement for food sovereignty, members are planting and sharing. By Amelia Nierenberg – New York Times, August 3, 2020. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nytimes.com/2020/08/03/dining/navajo-nation-food-coronavirus.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/03/dining/navajo-nation-food-coronavirus.html)



## Required Reading

### What is Tribal Food Sovereignty?



Food Sovereignty by Janie Hipp, JD, LLM (Chickasaw), Chief Executive Officer, Food Sovereignty, and the Role of Extension: Partnerships that Work: What is Tribal Food Sovereignty? For additional information, click on link below:

[www.canr.msu.edu/foodsystems/uploads/files/Slides-for-Food-Sovereignty-and-the-Role-of-Extension-Webinar.pdf](http://www.canr.msu.edu/foodsystems/uploads/files/Slides-for-Food-Sovereignty-and-the-Role-of-Extension-Webinar.pdf)

### REGAINING OUR FUTURE: An Assessment of Risks and Opportunities for Native Communities in the 2018 Farm Bill



Written by Drs. Jane Hipp and Colbey Duren in June 2017. This document provides a comprehensive summary of the history around Indian Country's relationship to the U.S. federal government and the role the 2018 Farm Bill can play to help and hinder progress toward food sovereignty in Native communities. For additional information, click on link below:

[seedsofnativehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Farm-Bill-Report\\_WEB.pdf](http://seedsofnativehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Farm-Bill-Report_WEB.pdf)

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## Financial Resources

### FDPIR and Rural Development Resources



United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development: This program provides grant money to assist with economic development planning and/or the financing or expansion of rural businesses. For additional information, click on link below: [www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants)


### USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program



This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program)

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[www.DineCDC.org](http://www.DineCDC.org)



## Financial Resources



### Notah Begay III Foundation

Organizational mission is to reduce Native American childhood obesity and type-2 diabetes. Grant programs focus on healthy nutrition programs, healthy food access, and promoting physical activity. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nb3foundation.org](http://www.nb3foundation.org)



### Beginning Farmer: Funding Resources for Farmers (Loans and Grants)

Beginning Farmers: Funding Resources for Farmers (Loans and Grants) are often crucial to starting a new farm business. This page contains comprehensive information about finding financial help for starting your farm business. It is also important to be aware that farm business planning is usually an essential component for obtaining funding, for either loans or grants for farm enterprise. We encourage you to visit our Farm Business Planning Page to learn more about how to develop a business plan. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.beginningfarmers.org/funding-resources](http://www.beginningfarmers.org/funding-resources)



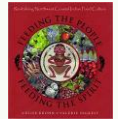
## Required Reading

### Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative



Putting Tribal Sovereignty in Food Sovereignty - Our mission is to enhance the health and wellness of tribal communities by advancing healthy food systems, diversified economic development, and cultural food traditions. We provide strategic legal analysis, policy research, and educational resources to empower Indian Country through food sovereignty, agriculture, and economic development. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.indigenousfoodandag.com](http://www.indigenousfoodandag.com)



### Feeding the people, Feeding the Spirit: Revitalizing Northwest Coastal Indian food culture

Feeding the people, Feeding the spirit: Revitalizing Northwest Coastal Indian food culture. Bellingham, WA: Northwest Indian College. Krohn, E., & Segrest, V. (2010). This wonderful book tells the archaeological and cultural stories of the way food was, what changed, and the revitalization of Northwest Coastal Indian food culture. Various programs are described. Foods are described, and the book ends with recipes. Purchases help support the NWIC Diabetes Prevention through Traditional Plants Program. To order copies of the book, contact Tami Chock at (360) 392-4252 or [tchock@nwic.edu](mailto:tchock@nwic.edu)



## Required Reading

### Dine Food Sovereignty by the Dinè Policy Institute



The Dinè Policy Institute (DPI) is a research organization housed in Dine College in the center of the Navajo Nation. Our purpose is to identify important social and political questions facing the Navajo people and provide public research and informed perspectives on these. Our research regularly focuses on Navajo politics, Navajo governmental reform, natural resource use and energy politics, development, and social movements. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.dinecollege.edu/about\\_dc/dine-policy-institute-dpi](http://www.dinecollege.edu/about_dc/dine-policy-institute-dpi)

### “Food Sovereignty Assessment Tool, 2nd Edition.”



Authored by the First Nations Development Institute, this document provides a step-by-step look at how to conduct a Food Sovereignty Assessment. The Food Sovereignty Assessment Tool (FSAT) assists Native communities in reclaiming their local food systems. It helps demystify the process of data collection about local food systems and provides tools and a framework for Native communities to measure and assess food access, land use and food policy in their communities. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.firstnations.org/publications/food-sovereignty-assessment-tool-2nd-edition](http://www.firstnations.org/publications/food-sovereignty-assessment-tool-2nd-edition)

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## Financial Resources

### CS Fund/Warch Mottlegacy

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CSF and WML currently have three program areas: Emerging Technologies, Food Sovereignty, and Rights and Governance, which build upon related grantmaking undertaken since the foundations were established. The foundations are committed to addressing issues not widely recognized or supported by civil society and the public, contending with root causes of problems, and seeking systemic solutions. For additional information, click on link below:

<http://csfund.org/>

### Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF)



The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) is the largest philanthropic organization solely devoted to serving the Native American agriculture community. NAAF is a twenty-year private charitable trust that will be in existence until September 2038. The mission of the NAAF is to provide grant funding in the following areas: • Business Assistance • Agriculture Education • Technical Support • Advocacy. For additional information, click on link below:

[www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org](http://www.nativeamericanagriculturefund.org)

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