



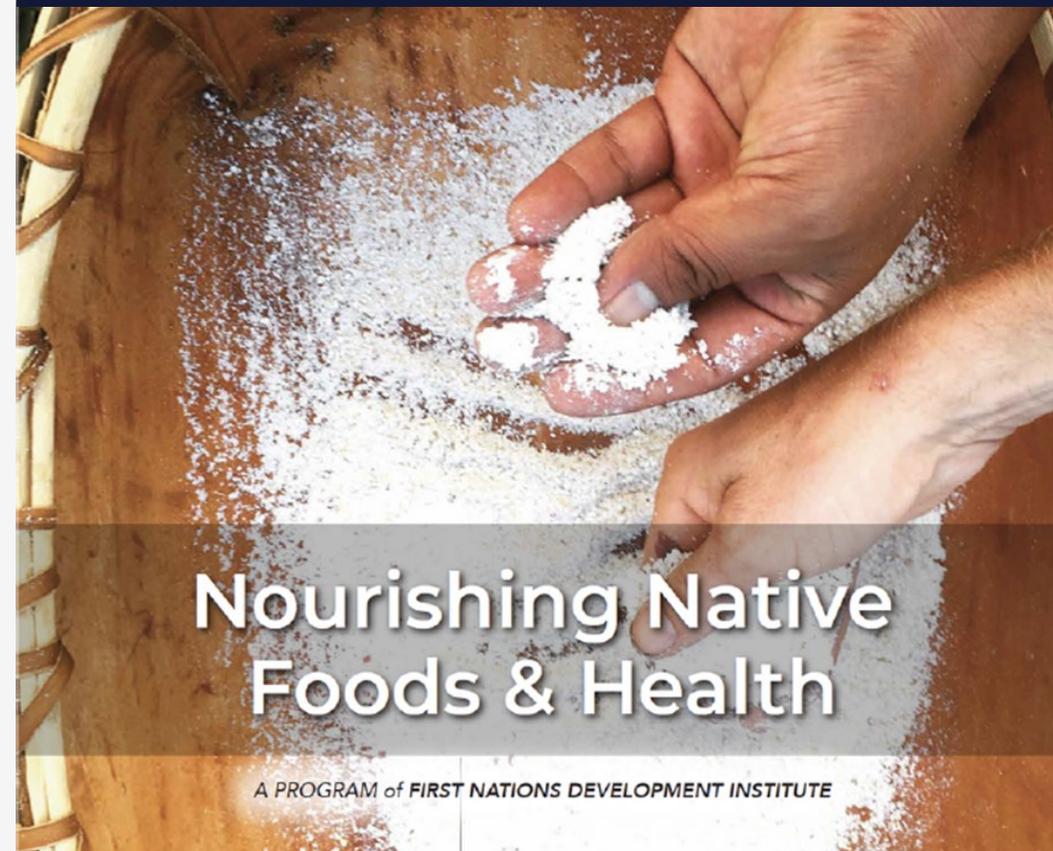
# FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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## OUR **GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

**We believe that when armed with appropriate resources, Native peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual and well-being of their communities.**

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## Nourishing Native Foods & Health

A PROGRAM of FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

# Nourishing Native Foods & Health

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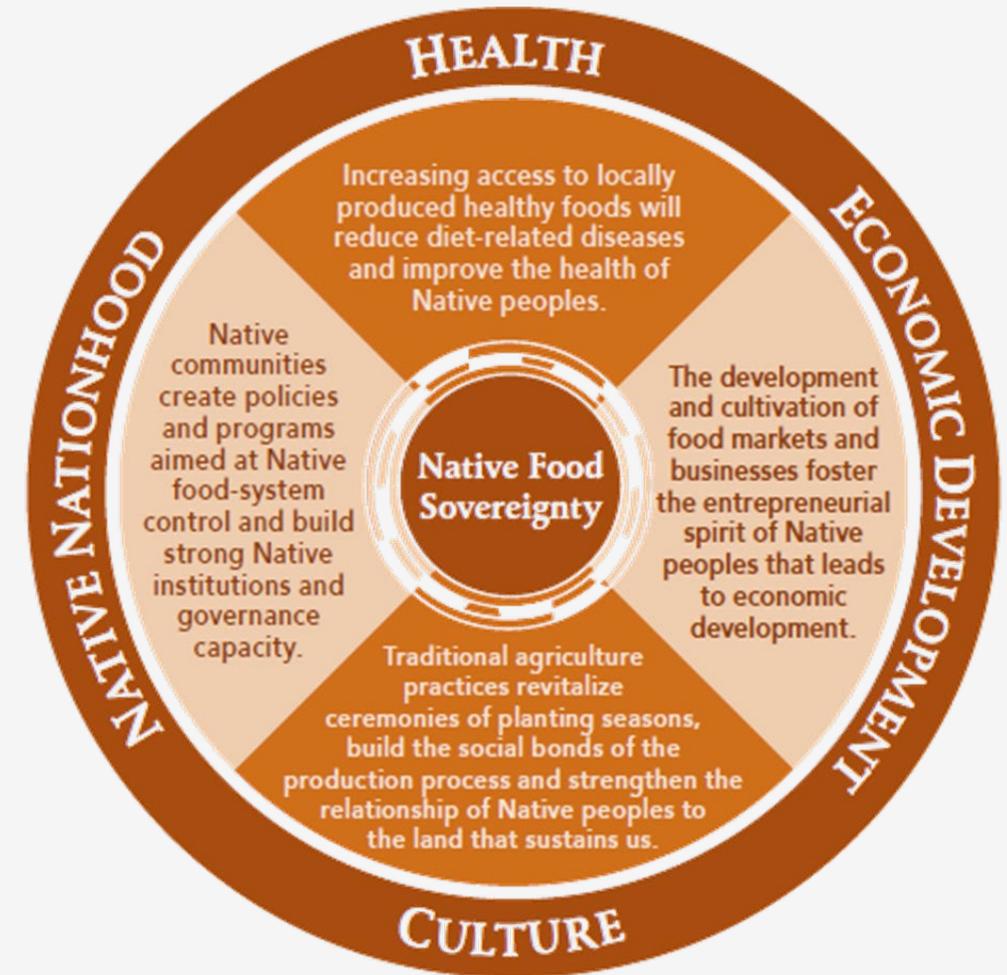
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# Nourishing Native Foods & Health

PROGRAM  
OVERVIEW

First Nations Development Institute recognizes that accessing healthy food is a challenge for many Native American children and families. Without access to healthy food, a nutritious diet and good health are out of reach. To increase access to healthy food, we support tribes and Native communities as they build sustainable food systems that improve health, strengthen food security and increase their control over Native agriculture and food systems. First Nations provides this assistance in the form of financial and technical support, including training materials, to projects that address agriculture and food sectors in Native communities.



PROGRAM  
GOALS  
2022

# Nourishing Native Foods & Health

- **Goal 1:** Support Native Communities' food system needs in response to Covid-19 by building food system capacity and establishing stronger control over the food chain.
- **Goal 2:** Invest in emerging organizations/programs that draw on cultural lifeways, traditional foods, and Indigenous knowledge.
- **Goal 3:** Create strong Native food economies that support the private (Native entrepreneurs), Native non-profit, and Tribal government sectors.



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# Current Projects

## Increase Food Access - \$1,700,000

1. American Express, Native Food Pantries - \$600,000
2. Boeing, Food Pantry Support - \$50,000
3. Chicago Region Food System Fund, Food Pantry - \$120,000
4. Walmart Foundation, Setting the Table, Food Pantry - \$800,000
5. General Motors, Setting the Table, Food Pantry - \$100,000
6. John Roulac, Protein Supply Chain - \$30,000

## Strengthen Native Food Systems - \$4,800,230

12. Anonymous Donor, Food System and Stewarding Native Lands - \$250,000
13. NoVo Foundation, Nourishing Native Foods - \$400,000
14. USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Native Farm to School - \$98,686
15. Waverly (Emerson), Native Environmental and Food Justice - \$2,000,000
16. PEW Charitable Trusts, Health Impact Project - \$50,000
17. USDA Agriculture Marketing Service - \$301,544
18. WK Kellogg, Breast feeding and First Foods - 1,700,000

## Develop Native Food Economies - \$1,463,040

7. Northwest Area Foundation, Native Communities and Economics - \$483,850
8. JoAnn K. Intili, Native Fiber Project - \$25,000
9. Mandela Partners, CA BIPOC Farmer & Land Steward Collective - \$25,000
10. Regenerative Agriculture Foundation, Native American Fiber Program - \$250,000
11. Windrose Fund of Common Counsel Foundation, Native American Fiber - \$129,500
12. Keepseagle, Native Farmers and Ranchers – \$549,690

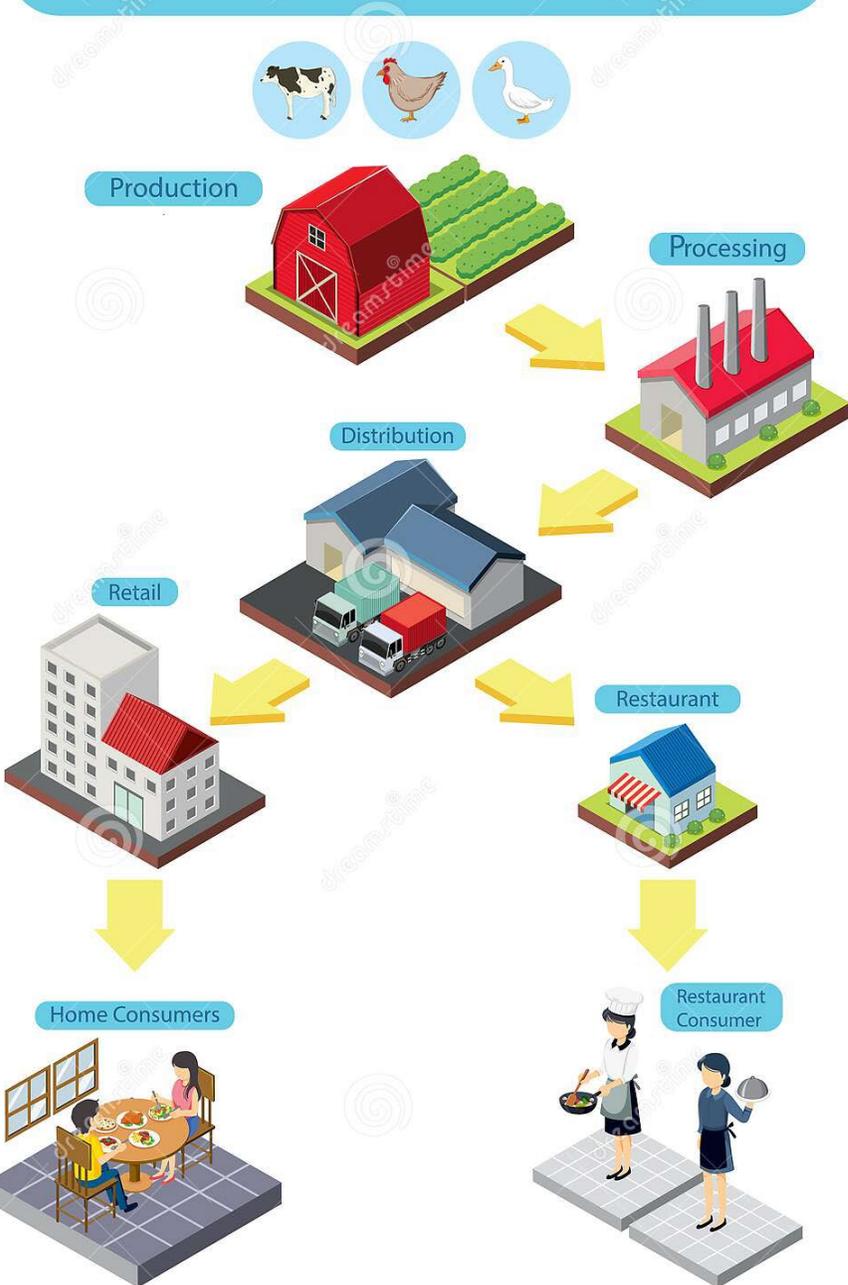
## General Program Support - \$115,000

19. Jacquemin Family Foundation, Program Support - \$10,000
20. Nell Newman Foundation, Nourishing Native Foods Match - \$5,000
21. Newman's Own Foundation, General NAFSI Support - \$75,000
22. Whitehead Foundation, Nourishing Native Food and Health - \$25,000

**TOTAL NAFSI BUDGET: \$8,078,270**

We can only fund 30% of the requests that come in.

# The Food Production Chain



## Current Food System Understandings

- Mainstream Understandings underlie approaches and interventions
- Applied nationally
- Home consumer deficiencies requires upstream intervention

# NAFSI Questions

We asked grantees: (Over the course of 4 years and 122 grantees from all different regions within our network)

- What is a healthy community? --→ Healthy Food System
- What is a healthy Tribal Food System?

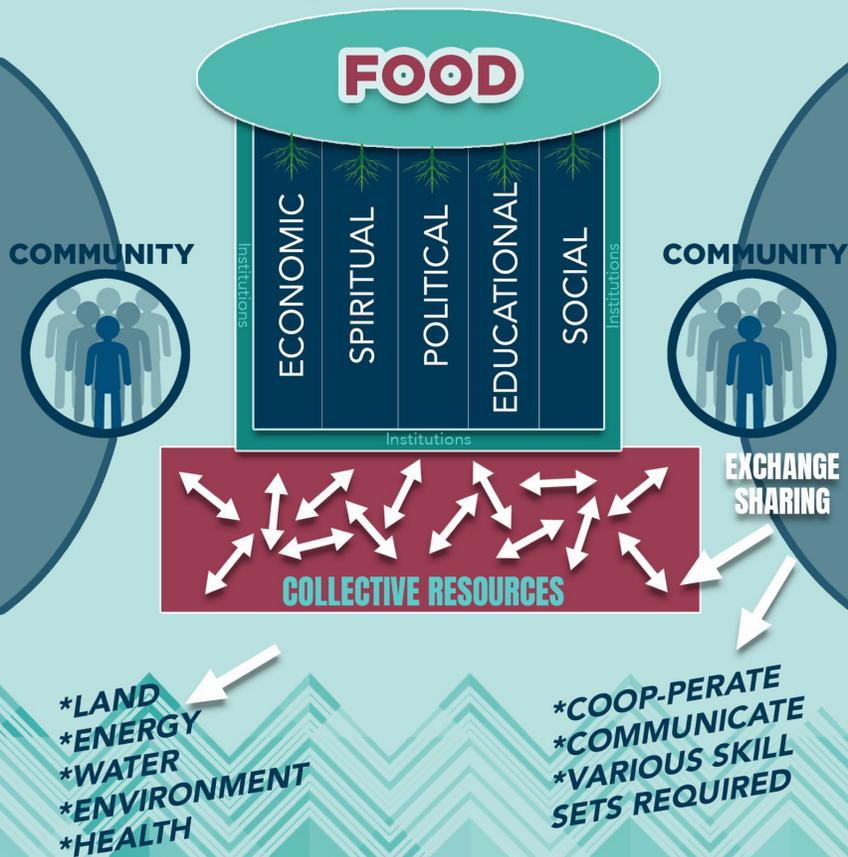


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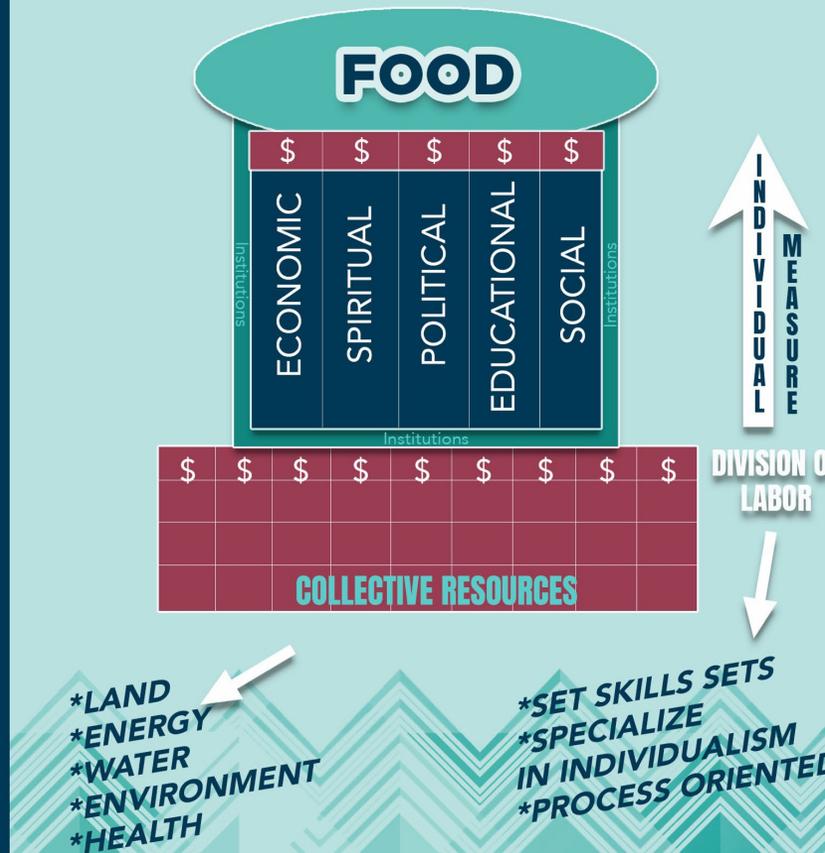


- Indigenous Understandings of a Food System
- Requires focus on all areas at once and more than one person
- Inter-relational cause and effects

# Indigenous Food System



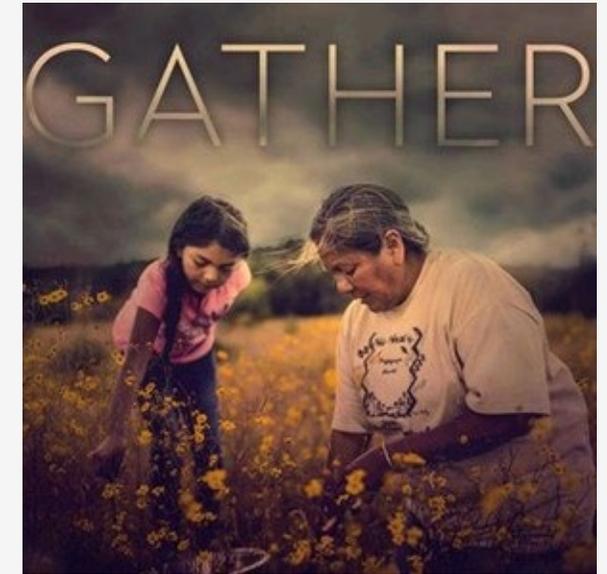
# Mainstream Food System



- The underlying frameworks require different approaches.
- Most importantly, the different frameworks require different kind of measurements.
- Mixing measurements creates inefficiencies, confusion, and even resistance

# Program Activities

- Build capacity of Native producers by establishing the **Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Apprenticeship Program**
- **Stewarding Native Lands Program**
- Improve learning networks through the **Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice** and **Native Fundraisers Community of Practice**
- Create learning opportunities for youth leaders through the **NAFSI Scholarship** and **Native Farm to School**
- Implement the **Food Sovereignty Assessment** and **Business of Indian Agriculture** online
- Fund **Breastfeeding & First Foods** initiatives and collaborate with **Tribal Colleges** for research and advocacy
- Explore the **Native Hemp and Fiber** markets to support **Changing Native Food Economies**
- Support organizational capacity building for the **California Tribal Fund**
- Promote **GATHER Film** and food sovereignty education
- The **Food Sovereignty Summit**



# Program GOALS/Recommendation from the field

- **Localize Responses** (flexibility within grant programs, no one size fits all approach)
- **General Operational Financial Support**
- **Program Delivery** –Technical Assistance (Technical capacity, facilitation, expert in field)
- **Grantmaking Practices** –(relational) Respond to grantee feedback by experimenting with verbal and collaborative reporting models.
- **Strength based models not deficient models** (all about the language)
- **Food is connected to other parts of the food system so also fund other activities that may not be specifically be food focused**