



TRIBAL GRANT NRCS MINNESOTA

Food Sovereignty and Production: Food, Fiber, Wildlife, Forestry

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Who is eligible?

Federally recognized tribal governments in Minnesota.

Funding Amount

The grant request should be between \$50,000 and \$250,000 total.

No match is required.

NRCS Minnesota has set aside 1 million dollars for this grant and hopes to award up to 10 grants.

Multiple applications from any single tribe are acceptable.

Grant Opportunities

This grant provides more flexibility than other NRCS Farm Bill programs. Qualifying activities and projects:

- Support food, fiber, wildlife, and forestry using conservation to support American Indian culture.
- Educate on stewardship, traditional foods, or how to grow and harvest traditional foods and fibers.
- Create or improve food and fiber markets.
- Outreach to historically underserved USDA clients.

Tribes and NRCS

The NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and operators, Tribes and Tribal members to assist in protecting and improving natural resources such as soil, water, air, plants, and animals.

NRCS has expertise in agronomy, range management, forestry, agricultural engineering, soils, water management, wildlife habitat management, aquaculture, resource inventories, and watershed and flood protection.

Contact the local [NRCS Tribal Liaison](#) for more information.



2023 timeline

Application deadline: February 21.

NRCS selection: March 1.

Final grant approval: June 1.

Grant Length: up to 3 years.

(These dates are subject to change.)

Why apply

This grant provides an opportunity to expand and enhance tribal use of traditional foods, related products, and markets for tribal sovereignty.

How to apply

Applications are only accepted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Tribes must have registered Duns/EIN and SAM numbers.

Application instructions can be found at: [Grants.gov Notice of Funding for USDA-NRCS-MN-MULTI-23-NOFO0001223](https://www.grants.gov/notice-of-funding-for-usda-nr-cs-mn-multi-23-nofo0001223).

Applications cannot be accepted at NRCS offices or over email.

Important to note

Costs incurred prior to the award approval are not eligible for reimbursement.

Entertainment expenses will not be allowed.

Other NRCS funds cannot be combined with this grant for the same project.

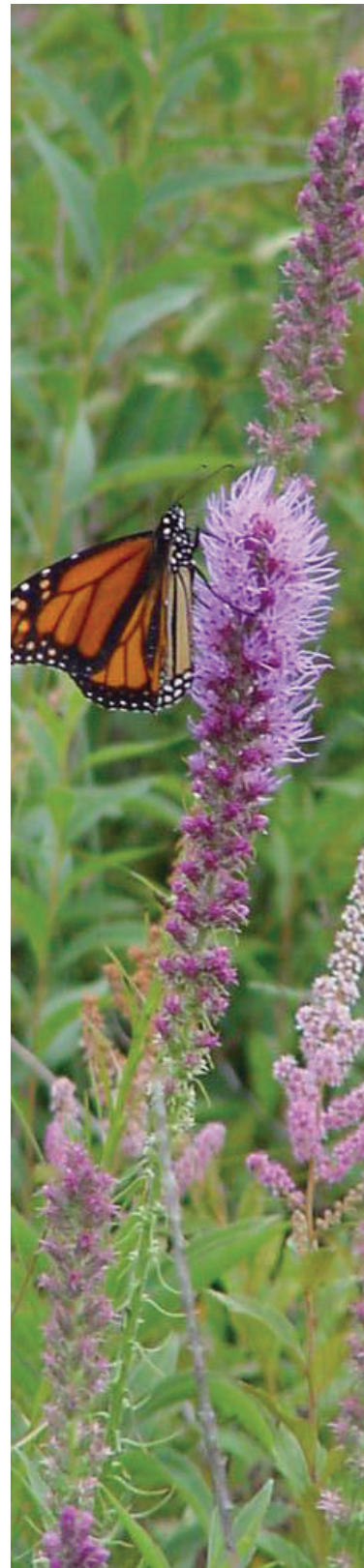
Many costs require written agency approval in advance and must be included in the proposal.

Grant ideas

- Food storage education (canning, freezing)
- Community meals coupled with local or traditional foods
- Food trucks of local or traditional foods
- Fishing access
- Meat processing site / fish cleaning station / vegetable wash station
- Berry growth improvement and foraging education
- Wild game habitat (deer, rabbit, turkey, elk)
- Wild rice establishment and access
- Bison range and handling (transition from cattle, prairie restoration)
- Windbreaks, irrigation, high tunnels
- Nut tree and fruit tree plantings
- Sugar bushing
- Honey production / bee keeping
- Gardens and horticulture (growing food) education
- Seed collection and/or preservation
- Create handbooks on any food related topic
- Well decommissioning or creation
- Composting or food waste processing
- Stream bank restoration for fish habitat

NRCS ASSISTANCE

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