



Indian Land Tenure
F O U N D A T I O N

2003 annual report

THE INDIAN LAND TENURE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is to ensure that: *"Land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management."*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a new community foundation incorporated in 2001 to educate Indian and non-Indian people about land tenure issues. Native land tenure in the United States is highly complex and extremely relevant to the well-being of native communities today. The history of land tenure issues is more than the dispossession of native peoples' land through forced removal of tribes westward and treaty-breaking. In addition to this, the ideas and legal doctrines that have justified non-native acquisition of land have also contributed to innumerable laws and regulations that have complicated native use and control of what little land has remained in Indian possession. As native peoples' use and control of land becomes more complicated, the less benefit Indian people derive from their increasingly tenuous ownership of it. Perhaps nothing shows this more clearly than the present mismanagement of remaining lands held in "trust" by the United States as detailed in the current court action in *Cobell v. Norton*.

150 years of woeful mismanagement, neglect and actual deceit have substantially reduced and fractionated the Indian land base. Despite this social and political injustice, Indian people continue to persevere, holding onto the values that have sustained us since time began. We will protect our culture, history and relationship to the land and all that surrounds us in ways that will support and provide for each of us and for our future generations.

These thoughts galvanized the months of work invested by Indian on- and off-reservation landowners, tribal representatives and those committed to Indian land issues in their final recommendation for the creation of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. These members of the Indian land tenure community recognized philanthropy and grantmaking as potential tools to transform conditions that challenge the health and vitality of Indian communities.

The Northwest Area Foundation, upon hearing the recommendations of a cross section of Indian leadership throughout Indian country, made a \$20 million commitment to help seed the creation of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. The initial geographic area was comprised of the eight-state region of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

The issues associated with modern Indian land tenure are found nationwide. For this reason, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation will focus its resources, grantmaking and investments on maintaining the overall integrity of Indian land across the United States. We are taking the long-term view of investing charitable dollars into programs and projects that will positively impact Indian land and tribal communities for future generations.

We are ambitiously challenging ourselves to not only reverse the continuing disintegration of the Indian land base, but to protect and recover the land needed to ensure our communities will be healthy and vital for years to come.

Cris Stainbrook
President

Ben Black Bear, Jr.
Chair



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The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a nonprofit organization that is organized and directed by members of the native land tenure community. The community includes Indian landowners, Indian people on and off reservations, Indian land organizations, tribal communities, tribal governments and others connected to Indian land issues.

LAND TENURE GRANTS APPROVED 2003

THE INDIAN LAND TENURE FOUNDATION BEGAN ITS GRANTMAKING PROCESS IN THE FALL OF 2002

KLAMATH TRIBE, OR - \$115,000.00

In March of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$115,000 to the Klamath Tribes to develop a Forest Management Plan for 692,000 acres of ancestral territory for which they are currently negotiating with the federal government. The land is within the boundaries of the Klamath's former reservation, which was dissolved when the Tribes were terminated by the U.S. federal government in 1953.

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE, WA - \$27,750.00

In May of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$27,750.00 to the Snoqualmie Tribe to provide administrative financial support necessary for the acquisition of a 275-acre county park which includes land that is culturally significant to the Tribe. A signatory to the Point Elliott Treaty, the Tribe was terminated by the federal government in the 1950s and was restored as a federally recognized Tribe in 1997. The Tribe is currently landless. The grant will be used to facilitate the acquisition of the park from King County, which is facing budget cuts and is receptive to the idea of transferring land to the Tribe. The grant will also be used to implement extensive community education and outreach to inform tribal members and the surrounding community of the land acquisition attempt and the Tribe's desire to be a good community neighbor. If the transfer is completed, most of the park will remain public and be maintained for tourism except for a few areas that may be closed for traditional ceremonies. The Tribe's long term goal is to build a longhouse where tribal members could gather and non-Indians could participate in Snoqualmie culture.

MEDICINE ROOT, INC. - \$94,800.00

In May of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$94,800 to Medicine Root, Inc., to develop Indian land tenure curriculum for grades k-12. The curriculum is designed to inject important lessons regarding both modern and historic Indian land tenure into existing core classes, such as history, science, the language arts, and the social sciences. The grant was part of a Request for Proposals Initiative which sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure. The goals of the curriculum are to make Indian students more aware of their unique ties to the land, teach the historical foundations of Indian sovereignty, and transmit information and skills necessary to keep land in Indian ownership and control.

SICANGU WAY OF LIFE PROJECT - \$19,113.00

In May of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$19,113 to Sicangu Way of Life Project to develop culturally appropriate curriculum and educational materials that will teach children about their relationship to their traditional lands, plants, animals, and the stars. The curriculum and teaching materials will be designed as resources for teachers and staff at Head Start centers throughout Indian country. The grant was part of the Request for Proposals Initiative which sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure. Founded in 2000, Sicangu Way of Life Project is an all-woman, all-Native organization committed to reintroducing, practicing, and preserving traditional knowledge and ways of life for future native generations. It is based out of Rapid City, South Dakota.

DR. EDWARD VALANDRA - \$13,636.77

In May of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$13,636.77 to Dr. Edward Valandra of Metro State University in St. Paul, MN to develop college-level curriculum addressing Indian land tenure issues. The grant was part of the Request for Proposals Initiative which sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure. The goals of the curriculum are to make Indian students more aware of their unique ties to the land, teach the historical foundations of Indian sovereignty, and transmit information and skills necessary to keep land in Indian ownership and control.

INDIAN LAND WORKING GROUP - \$92,000.00

In November 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted the Indian Land Working Group (ILWG) \$92,000 for the development of strategic land planning curriculum for use in localized workshops targeting individual landowners. The strategic land planning workshop will consist of three components: 1) a historical treatment of Indian homeland and land ownership patterns; 2) lessons to help landowners learn how to determine the number of land interests owned, locations of land, the details about this land (pertaining to zoning, leasing, etc.), and processes involved in its management and ownership; and 3) the development of a personalized land consolidation plan for each participant. The workshop is structured for a three day period, each day being devoted to a single component. Adequate modeling, methodologies, written materials, computerized presentation materials and programs will be developed for use by a local community organization that will conduct the workshops to landowners. Indian Land Working Group, through its consultants, will develop the generalized curriculum but it will be designed to allow for customization at a variety of locations. The grant was part of the Request for Proposals Initiative which sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - \$57,800.00

In December of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$57,800 to Turtle Mountain Community College to develop a model strategic planning curriculum for tribally-controlled colleges to enable diverse Indian communities to research, plan, develop, implement and evaluate their own community- and culture-based land tenure and use decisions. The curriculum will help Indian communities regain full control over and benefit from their own lands and natural resources, thereby strengthening tribal sovereignty. The curriculum will be designed as a 3 credit hour college level course targeting past, present and future Tribal officials. Curriculum content areas will include: 1) land conservation and management, sustainable land-based livelihoods; 2) traditional land tenure planning processes; and 3) impact of the General Allotment Act on the Indian land tenure system. The content areas will inform research and development of locally-controlled systems for land consolidation, tenure, inheritance, information management, and regulation supporting the long-term well-being and sovereignty of tribes. The grant was part of the Request for Proposals Initiative which sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure. Turtle Mountain Community College is a tribally controlled college located on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in Belcourt, North Dakota.

MEDICINE ROOT, INC. - \$39,100.00

In November of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$39,100 to Medicine Root, Inc., for the development of two strategic land planning workshops geared specifically towards tribal leaders, tribal land planners, and other specialists. The workshops will teach them how to: 1) regain lost lands; 2) protect their land assets from further loss; and 3) make the best use possible of their land assets. The first workshop will be designed for a one-day session giving the tribal leaders adequate background information and materials that will enable them to understand and comprehend discussions on strategic land planning. The second workshop will be a two- to three-day period targeting interested tribal leaders, tribal land planners and other specialists who wish to have more in-depth knowledge of the issues, challenges, and solutions.

SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA - \$50,000.00

In September of 2003, the Indian Land Foundation granted \$50,000 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the curation and installation of a 500 square foot exhibit featuring a collection of native artifacts and botanical specimens that were encountered during the Lewis and Clark journey. All objects were selected from the ethnographical, biological, and botanical collections of the Science Museum. Interwoven among the objects are the stories of how the expedition inaugurated huge changes in the lives and land of native people, including stories of removal, allotment, and the adaptation and survival of native cultures in the Missouri Basin. There is also commentary by tribal members reflecting on the artifacts of their respective peoples and information on the status of modern Indian land tenure. The grant also funds the development of a "tool box" for schools with native students. This "tool box" will contain lesson sets, classroom materials and learning activities that will communicate the information and ideas found within the exhibit to students unable to go to the museum. The "tool box" will be sent to schools and will enable students to learn more about native culture and history in the Missouri Basin. The Science Museum of Minnesota is located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - \$25,000.00

In July of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted \$25,000 to ATNI-EDC to develop adult education curriculum on Indian land tenure. The curriculum will present complex land tenure issues in a clear, accessible format to help Native Americans understand how these issues impact sovereignty, economic development, and the quality of life in reservation communities. The grant was part of the Request for Proposals Initiative that sought the creation of curriculum specifically geared towards teaching Indian people about land tenure. The goals of the curriculum are to make Indian individuals more aware of their unique ties to the land, teach the historical foundations of Indian sovereignty, and transmit information and skills necessary to keep land in Indian ownership and control. ATNI will develop curriculum targeted towards adult learners.

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, AND SIUSLAW INDIANS - \$171,530.00

In November of 2003, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation granted the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians \$171,530 to enable the Tribes to retain professional educational, media, cultural, forestry, fisheries and wildlife consultants and staff. The staff plays an important role in the Tribes' efforts to restore a portion of their land base by addressing the concerns of relevant stakeholders, the non-Indian community, skeptics, and critics of the proposed transfer of land. The Tribes currently have possession of only nine acres of trust land out of the 1.6 million acres of their ancestral territory. This land was donated by private citizens of the area. It has only been recently that the U.S. federal government has attempted to address the historical injustice of the Tribes' dispossession through a Senate Bill introduced by U.S. Senator Gordon Smith which proposes restoration of 62,865 acres of the Siuslaw National Forest to tribal ownership. The Tribes developed a Forest Restoration Plan and a Reservation Plan to show their commitment to the intelligent and sustainable management of land which they may receive in the future, but remain diligent in engaging stakeholders who express concern or opposition to the proposed transfer. The grant was made to the Tribes to retain professional consultants and staff to address the concerns of skeptics and critics.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking	\$ 38,001.53
Wells Fargo Savings, Mission	9,623.81
Edward Jones 1	406,849.92
Vanguard Group	1,085,907.33
Schwab Money Market	1,034,876.69
Government Fixed Income	6,855,067.00
Equities	10,622,756.50
Interest Receivable	61,342.01
Inventory	4,470.00
Prepaid Expense	31,101.34
Total Current Assets	\$ 21,149,996.13
Property and Equipment	
Land	\$ 43,125.00
Building & Improvements	373,821.89
Acc. Depreciation - B/I	<20,910.51>
Furniture and Fixtures	20,176.66
Acc. Depreciation - F/F	<4,864.30>
Equipment	105,433.59
Acc. Depreciation - Equipment	<41,258.16>
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 475,524.17
Other Assets	
Total Other Assets 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	\$ 21,625,520.30

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 29,159.67
Accrued Payroll	711.31
TSA Payable	9,835.72
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 39,706.70
Long-Term Liabilities	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Total Total Liabilities	\$ 39,706.70
Other Assets	
Total Other Assets 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	\$ 21,625,520.30
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 19,890,306.20
Net Income	1,695,507.40
Total Net Assets	\$ 21,585,813.60
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 21,625,520.30

YEAR TO DATE REVENUE

Fund Raising Income	\$ 24,282.28
Interest and Investment Income	2,901,410.34
Other Income	252,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 3,177,692.62

Expenditures

Salaries/Taxes/Benefits	\$ 472,484.81
Grants & Allocations	705,729.77
Grant Program Costs	18,098.56
Community Involvement	12,369.96
Investment costs	94,686.89
Audit/Legal/Consulting	30,784.02
Communication	13,127.29
Board Expenses	36,303.80
Meetings/Travel	14,236.93
Fund Raising Activities	6,475.13
General Office Expenses	41,193.17
Depreciation	38,851.74
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,484,342.07
Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 1,693,350.55

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The Indian Land Tenure Foundation offers grants at various times throughout the year that are project specific and address Indian land tenure issues. Funding is available throughout Indian country. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to, tribal entities, Indian nonprofits, and nonprofits whose work aligns with the mission of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. Requests for Proposals are posted on our website at www.indiantenure.org. For application guidelines and future requests for proposals contact:

Howard Valandra, Vice President of Grants & Programs
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FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation will be focusing on the strategies centered on education, culture, economy and law. Proposed projects must demonstrate activities directly benefiting the Indian land tenure community and must address at least one of the following Indian Land Tenure Foundation strategies:

1. Educate every Indian landowner about land management, ownership and transference issues so that knowledge becomes power when decisions about land assets are made.
2. Increase economic assets of Indian landowners by helping them gain control of Indian lands and by creating financial models that convert land into leverage for Indian owners.
3. Use Indian land to help Indian people discover and maintain their culture.
4. Reform legal mechanisms related to the recapture of physical, cultural and economic assets of Indian people and strengthening sovereignty within Indian land.

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The Indian Land Tenure Foundation rarely provides funds for:
~ renovations ~ building funds



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