



Indian Land Tenure
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Annual Report 2008



The Indian Land Tenure Foundation's mission is to ensure that all land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance are in Indian ownership and management. In 2008—our largest grantmaking year to date—we have reaffirmed our commitment to this mission, and to securing the future of our Native homelands, by making \$1,136,808 in grants to support education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity, and legal reform.

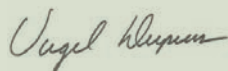
Building upon Montana's mandate to include Native American history and culture in its state educational standards, ILTF awarded \$50,000 for adapting the K-12 Indian land tenure curriculum, *Lessons of Our Land*, to include lessons on the 12 tribes on each of Montana's seven reservations. ILTF also granted \$40,094 to the South Dakota Department of Education to develop state content standards that incorporate the history of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota tribes. *Lessons of Our Land* is now being taught in 73 tribal and public schools in seven states, and its adoption by educators nationwide is growing.

ILTF continues to support Indian nations and Indian landowners in their efforts to better understand, manage and benefit from their own lands. In 2008, ILTF made three grants to fund tribal land history research and four grants for strategic land planning and informational sessions. ILTF also awarded \$42,421 to the Fort Peck Landowners Association to explore economic opportunities through carbon sequestration on the Fort Peck Reservation. In addition, ILTF provided ongoing support for will writing and estate planning through the Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate.

We would also like to celebrate the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' recovery of 24 acres of their homelands on the Oregon coast. ILTF awarded the Tribes \$171,530 in 2003 for educating the public about their historical and cultural ties to the land and for land recovery. The Tribes' compelling story of termination, land loss and eventual re-recognition helped convince authorities to return these lands to the Tribes' control, this time for good.

We are very grateful for the contributions we receive from funders, Indian nations, businesses, individual donors and others. We could not do this critical work without your help and ongoing commitment. Thank you.

As we look ahead, we should keep in mind that the work we do today to protect our lands, our natural resources and our cultural traditions is for our grandchildren, so that they will thrive and will keep our Indian nations strong well into the future. We hope that you share this vision and that you will continue to support our efforts.



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OUR VISION

Our vision is that one day American Indian people and Indian nations will have full ownership and control of their reservation homelands.

Indian youth will know their tribes' land histories and will be empowered to protect and preserve their rights to the land.

Indian landowners will be able to use the lands they own for homesites, for agriculture and for other income-earning enterprises.

Elders will know that the lands they inherited from their relatives will be passed down to the next generation in the manner they choose.

Tribal members will have access to important cultural and sacred sites where they can respectfully honor their ancestors and keep their traditional practices alive.

Tribal communities will be vibrant and strong sovereign nations and will thrive for many generations to come.



EDUCATION

Curriculum Implementation

Julie Cajune, Montana Curriculum Adaptation

Pablo, Montana - \$50,000

to develop lessons specific to Montana tribes that can be used alongside ILTF's existing Indian land tenure curriculum and that aligns with Montana state standards.



Students in Montana learning the traditional uses of bitterroot.

Heritage University

Toppenish, Washington - \$6,000

to implement the college curriculum in a three-unit course at the 200/400 level and to develop a certified teacher training institute for K-12 teachers on the Yakama Nation.

Minnesota Humanities Commission

Saint Paul, Minnesota - \$42,370

to provide professional development opportunities for Minnesota teachers who plan to use the Indian land tenure curriculum in their classrooms.

Nez Perce Tribe

Lapwai, Idaho - \$1,875

to implement the Head Start curriculum in the Nez Perce Early Childhood Development Program.

Tribal Education Departments National Assembly

Boulder, Colorado - \$30,000

to promote and distribute the Indian land tenure curriculum to Indian nations across the U.S. that are members of the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA).

South Dakota Department of Education

Pierre, South Dakota - \$40,094

to develop state content standards that focus on the history and the culture of the "Oceti Sakowin" (Lakota, Dakota and Nakota tribes).

Strategic Land Planning / Informational Sessions

Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

Fort Yukon, Alaska - \$11,300

to conduct land use planning training sessions in five Yukon Flats communities.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Harbor Springs, Michigan - \$21,993

to conduct strategic land planning workshops for tribal leaders, staff and community members.

Village Earth

Fort Collins, Colorado - \$37,542

to conduct strategic land planning workshops for landowners on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Coushatta Indian Tribe

Elton, Louisiana - \$17,000

to conduct a series of informational sessions for tribal, local and federal government representatives.



A landowner on the Pine Ridge Reservation locates her land using a GIS mapping system developed by Village Earth.

I wanted to do something for our elders and for the youth ... to try to do something to get them education in land usage, in land procedures ... to educate them on the proper procedures of reclaiming their land.

Dennis Wayne Yellowthunder
Volunteer Land Advocate, Pine Ridge Reservation

Tribal Land History

Blackfeet Community College

Browning, Montana - \$181,146

to research the Helena Land Series allotments and develop educational materials for tribal members.

Kialegee Tribal Town

Wetumka, Oklahoma - \$30,000

to conduct anthropological and historical research to be used for Kialegee land recovery.

San Carlos Apache Tribe

San Carlos, Arizona - \$12,400

to develop educational booklets that show Apache, scientific and common English names for animals, insects and other life forms, and to create a digital version of the material that includes word pronunciations, songs and stories.

Youth / Outreach

Martin Case, Non-Indian Treaty Signers

Minneapolis, Minnesota - \$100,000

to research non-Indian signatories to various treaties with Indian nations and to develop a web site to share this information with the general public.

Mixed Blood Theatre Company

Minneapolis, Minnesota - \$5,000

to provide funding for the production and performance of *Red Ink: A Play within a Pow-Wow*.

Native Women and Youth in Agriculture

Eagle Butte, South Dakota - \$30,000

to sponsor a portion of the 2008 Native Youth in Agriculture essay contest, including participant travel to the Intertribal Agriculture Council conference where contest winners are announced and a scholarship to the winning essay.

University of Montana Foundation

Missoula, Montana - \$300,000

to provide funding for the new Native American Center at the University of Montana and to support education and outreach at the Center that specifically addresses Indian land tenure.

[Snoqualmie Falls] is a spiritual place. It's a beginning. We used to go to the waters and pray under Indian ways and bless our children, our elders, people who needed healing. And we still do that. We still go there in our troubled times for guidance and help.

Elsie Erickson
Snoqualmie Elder

CULTURAL AWARENESS

Sacred Site Protection

Fort Belknap Planning and Development Corporation

Harlem, Montana - \$58,656

to identify, preserve and protect sacred sites on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe

Snoqualmie, Washington - \$15,000

to document tribal elders relating oral histories, cultural traditions and spiritual knowledge and to create an educational video for Snoqualmie youth about sacred places important to the Tribe.



Tribal community center on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Fort Peck Landowners Association

Wolf Point, Montana - \$42,421

to explore carbon sequestration on the Fort Peck Reservation and to develop an informational handbook for landowners.

Fort Peck Landowners Association

Wolf Point, Montana - \$58,374

to develop a training manual to support workforce development and land management on the reservation.

LEGAL REFORM

Indian Law Resource Center

Helena, Montana - \$60,500

to develop legal principles for Indian land law (Phase II).

Indian Law Resource Center

Helena, Montana - \$20,000

to develop legal principles for Indian land law (Phase III).

FUNDERS

The Bush Foundation

\$150,000 for will writing and estate planning (third year of a multi-year, \$345,000 grant).

The Ford Foundation

\$75,000 for technical assistance for tribes for strategic land planning (second year of a three-year, \$250,000 grant).

Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights

\$35,000 to start a fund to provide financial support for federally recognized tribes who wish to purchase land within their original reservation boundaries.

The Minneapolis Foundation

\$65,000 for general operating expenses (second year of a three-year, \$195,000 grant).

National Rural Funders Collaborative

\$150,000 to work in collaboration with the Native American Community Development Corporation to assist targeted reservation communities of the Northern Great Plains area.

The Otto Bremer Foundation

\$66,667 for general operating expenses (second year of a three-year, \$200,000 grant).

The Paul G. Allen Foundation

\$120,000 for will writing and estate planning (second year of a three-year, \$350,000 grant).

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

ILTF raised \$7,038.89 from its participation in the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign, the annual workplace fundraising drive conducted by federal employees and military personnel.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

5th Annual 2008 Golf Classic

ILTF's 5th annual charity golf tournament was held in July at the Prairie Island Community's Mount Frontenac Golf Course near Red Wing, Minnesota. The tournament raised more than \$23,000 from sponsorships, contributions and a silent auction.

Donor Appreciation and Friends Luncheon

In December, ILTF hosted its second annual donor appreciation and friends luncheon. Waziyatawin, Dakota scholar and author of *What Does Justice Look Like?* spoke at the event about the Dakota homelands and Minnesota statehood. Combined contributions and donated book sale profits from the luncheon totaled \$2,243.



The 2008 Golf Classic's winning team from the Red Lake Nation.

Thank you to all who contributed in 2008.
 We appreciate your support.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,623,067
Investments	14,092,146
Accounts Receivable	4,989
Grants Receivable	466,667
Interest Receivable	46,910
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	1,256
Notes Receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible notes of \$110,000	2,049,411
Property and Equipment, net	928,684
Total Assets	\$20,213,130

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AND MINORITY INTEREST

Accounts Payable	91,754
Grants Payable	590,849
Accrued Payroll Expenses	62,054
Accrued Interest	25,000
Notes Payable	3,700,000
Total Liabilities	\$4,469,657

Net Assets

Unrestricted	417,208
Temporarily Restricted	15,326,265

Minority Interest	-
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Total Net Assets and Minority Interest	\$15,743,473
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$20,213,130
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REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenue

Fundraising Income	111,321
Grants and Awards	142,666
Interest and Other Investment Income	(3,655,831)
Other Income	202,018

Total Revenue	(\$3,199,826)
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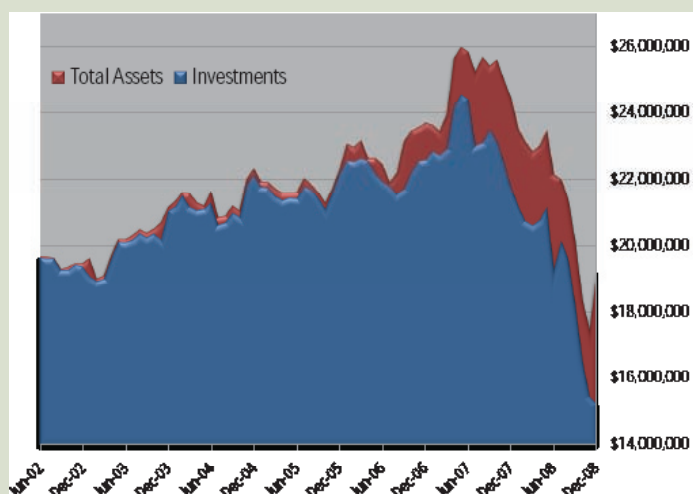
Expenditures

Salaries/Taxes/Benefits	1,135,230
Advertising	13,600
Depreciation	69,916
Insurance	8,212
Dues and Subscriptions	16,733
Postage	9,783
Office Expenses	54,356
Professional Fees	65,928
Contracted Services	847,925
Rental	1,356
Repairs and Maintenance	4,884
Grants	1,136,808
Travel Expenses	125,020
Utilities	5,870
Board Expenses	79,757
Communications	29,518
Interest	45,657
Other Expenses	40,288
Indian Land Capital Company	168,789
Minority Interest Loss	-

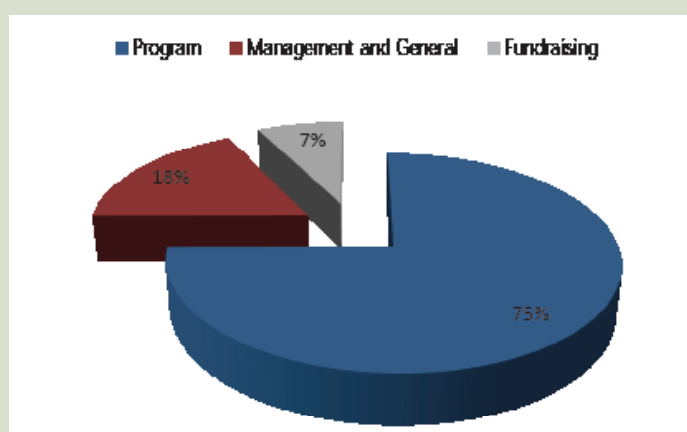
Total Expenditures	\$3,859,629
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Revenue over Expenditures	(\$7,059,455)
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Total Assets Since Inception



Expenses by Function





If we are not vigilant about protecting and preserving our land, someone will always come along and try to change that ownership. Then, how will we know who we were, who we are now, and who our grandchildren will be?

Ross Racine, Blackfeet
Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council and
ILTF Board Member

ILTF is a community foundation whose primary aim is to ensure that all reservation and important off-reservation lands are owned and managed by Indian people and Indian nations. ILTF works directly with community members to develop strategies that will help Indian people and tribes to regain full control of their homelands so that they can create opportunity for themselves now and for future generations.



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