



Indian Land Tenure
FOUNDATION®

2016 Annual Report

Indian Lands in Indian Hands



Our Mission

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

GRANTS & PROGRAMS

Through innovative programs and grants, ILTF makes a positive impact

Lessons of Our Land

ILTF's *Lessons of Our Land* curriculum enables Pre-K through grade 12 teachers to easily incorporate Native American stories, lessons and games about land, cultures, histories and languages into regular classroom instruction while satisfying state educational requirements.

- In 2016, ILTF received a grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians that will enable thousands of California students to study *Lessons of Our Land*.
- ILTF, in conjunction with local school districts, will deliver on-site training to more than 350 teachers.
- A new *Lessons of Our Land* website and mobile app will be built to offer easier access to lessons and professional development opportunities for teachers.

Estate Planning & Probate

ILTF supports estate planning as one of the most effective ways to stop the continued division of Indian land titles and ensure that Indian lands are controlled and managed by Indian people.

- In 2016, ILTF launched a project to create new management mechanisms to help Indian landowners take greater control of their lands. These tools include co-owner allotment management, family and co-owner trusts, and private consolidation corporations.
- ILTF is working closely with families to help Indian landowners meet their goals for land uses that include conservation and cultural protection, farming and ranching, and residential or commercial leasing.

Bear Butte Land Recovery Fund

The Black Hills of South Dakota, including the sacred site Bear Butte, were reserved for the exclusive occupation and use by Indian people by the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, but the land was illegally taken by the United States a few years later. Located near Sturgis, S.D., Bear Butte is a cultural and holy site that has been under siege by encroaching commercial development.

- In 2016, ILTF assisted five tribes in the purchase of 270 acres of this sacred land for \$1.3 million through the Bear Butte Land Recovery Fund. Thanks to the support of individual donors, the immediate Bear Butte area is now more protected, but much remains to be saved.
- ILTF continues to support the preservation of the sacred site Pe' Sla in the Black Hills. From 2012 to 2014, ILTF helped the six tribes of the Oceti Sakowin purchase nearly 2,400 acres of land at Pe' Sla, and the Tribes continue to raise money to pay off the loans while honoring and preserving the site.



National Indian Carbon Coalition

National Indian Carbon Coalition (NICC) was created by a partnership between ILTF and the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) to help tribes and individual Indian landowners take advantage of carbon credit and other environmental value markets through education, outreach and technical support.

- In 2016, ILTF and IAC were awarded a \$1.8 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to address conservation management and training on tribal lands for increased carbon storage on forest and rangeland. Projects are under way in partnership with tribes, including the Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico, Comanche Nation in Oklahoma, and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and Pe' Sla Council in South Dakota.
- The grant is funding conservation planning and practice, tribal staff and student training, and development of accessible tools for making land management decisions. More than one million acres of forest and rangeland are included in tribal pilot projects.



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FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,298,496
Investments	\$10,201,250
Accounts Receivable	\$52,539
Contributions Receivable	\$2,240,523
Contracts Receivable	-
Funds Held for Others	\$250,000
Interest Receivable	\$196,582
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$2,293
Notes Receivable, net of allowances for uncollectable notes of \$886,394 and \$811,394	\$8,849,978
Property and Equipment, Net	\$635,068
TOTAL ASSETS	\$23,726,729

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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS AND MINORITY INTEREST

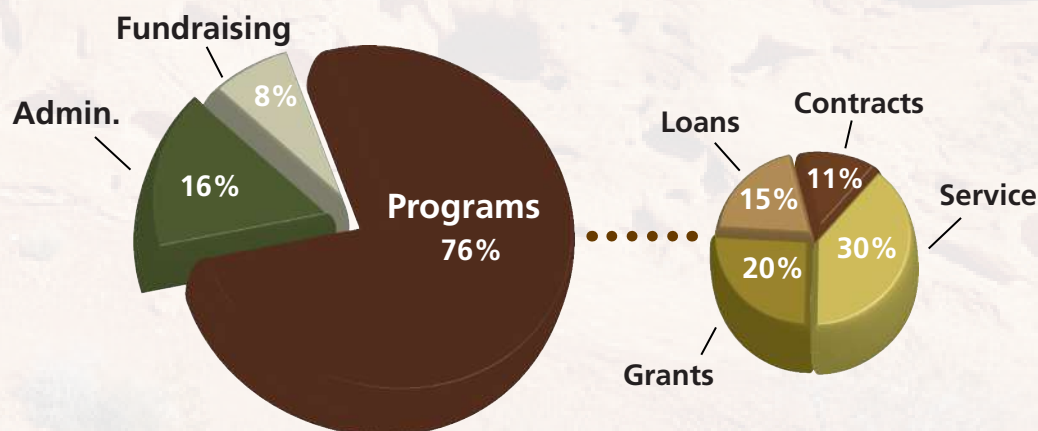
Accounts Payable	\$33,371
Grants Payable	\$131,565
Recoverable Grant	\$250,000
Funds Due to Others	-
Accrued Payroll Expenses	\$47,310
Accrued Interest	-
Deferred Revenue	\$10,000
Notes Payable	\$4,500,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,972,246

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$16,814,161
Unrestricted - Non-controlling interest	\$508,166
Total unrestricted	\$17,322,327
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,432,156

TOTAL NET ASSETS **\$18,754,483**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$23,726,729**



In 2016, ILTF received contributions and grants from 6 foundations, 7 tribes, 32 corporations, and 195 individuals who contributed and donated to the Foundation.



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