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# 2018 Annual Report

## Indian Lands in Indian Hands

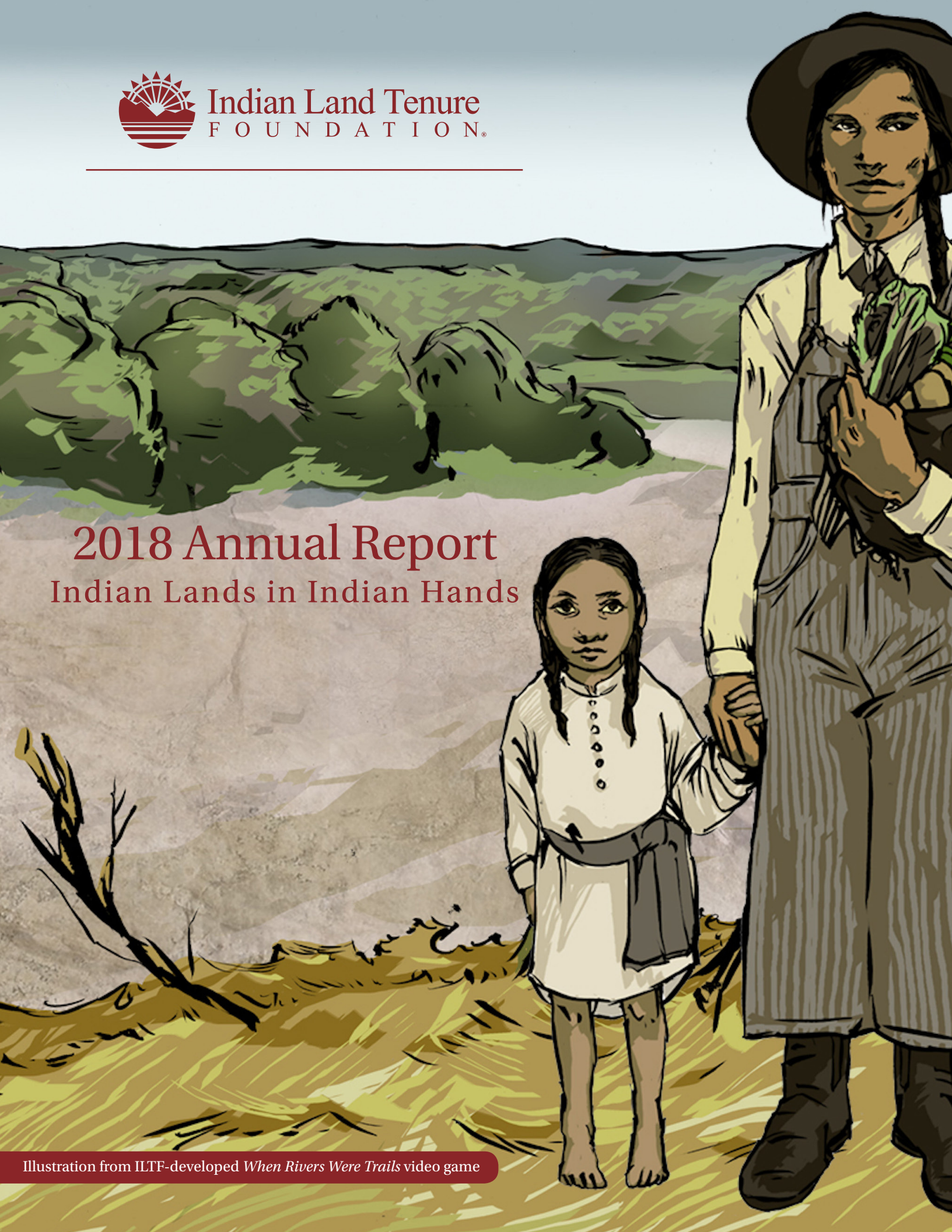


Illustration from ILTF-developed *When Rivers Were Trails* video game



# GRANTS & PROGRAMS

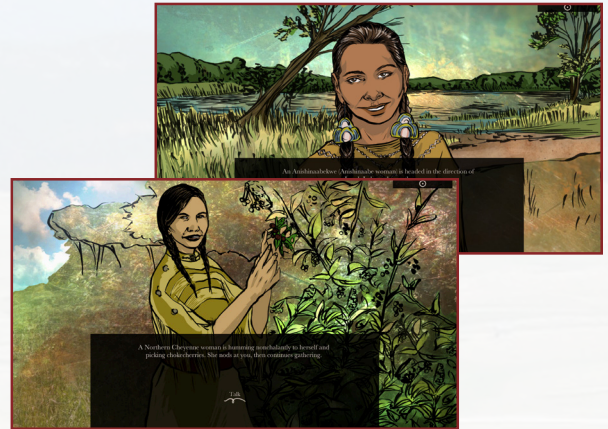
*Through innovative programs and grants, ILTF makes a positive impact*

## A new way to learn Lessons of Our Land

*Lessons of Our Land* is an interdisciplinary Indian land curriculum created by ILTF as a way to incorporate Native American stories, lessons and values into regular classroom instruction. In 2018, ILTF developed a video game to complement the curriculum. Thanks to generous support from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, *When Rivers Were Trails* was created in collaboration with Michigan State University's Games for Entertainment and Learning Lab.

More than 20 indigenous writers and artists helped develop *When Rivers Were Trails*, bringing their valuable experience and perspective to the project. Players are challenged to balance their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being with foods and medicines while making choices about contributing to resistances as well as trading with, fishing with, hunting with, gifting, and honoring the people they meet.

## When Rivers Were Trails



## Tribal Land Professionals Certification

ILTF launched the National Tribal Land Association 10 years ago to help tribal land professionals learn, share and grow. NTLA is committed to helping individuals enhance their skills and knowledge through professional development. In 2018 NTLA released the first of 12 online modules in the new Tribal Land Office Professionals Certification Program, which uses a sovereignty-centered approach to prepare professionals for, and further, land-related careers across Indian Country. 'Land Acquisition I' serves as an introduction to tribal land acquisitions, exploring such topics as land appraisals, record keeping, fee-to-trust, negotiations and the environment. Students also receive a brief history of Native land issues. Learn more about the certification program at [www.ntla.info](http://www.ntla.info).

## Tribal Land Office Internship Program

ILTF's Tribal Land Office Summer Internship Program continued in 2018. The Program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to tribes to hire high school students as summer interns to work in their land office. Students commit 400 hours over an 11-week period to these important internships, which expose them to a work environment and aspects of land management as a possible career choice. Tribal staff report that more than 75 percent of the internships produced positive outcomes in 2018 for both the students and the Tribe. Several interns are now exploring educational and employment opportunities in Tribal land-related careers.

## Reducing fractional ownership

For over a century, Indian families have seen valuable land resources diminish as fractionated ownership increases exponentially with each passing generation. Today there are about 2.8 million undivided interests, a single parcel can have hundreds of owners and land use is severely compromised. The Department of the Interior (DOI) spends about \$450 million a year to administer these interests.

In 2018 ILTF developed an alternative model that could save the Federal government billions of dollars while changing the way estate planning and will writing is funded for Indian people. ILTF would function as a performance-based contractor to help manage and consolidate interests. Costs will be reduced through enhanced Estate Planning and Will Writing, Gift Deeds, Transfer on Death Deeds, and Direct Purchase of landowner interests. This approach will:

- Offer interest holders choices on how to consolidate or sell their interests
- Reduce overall service costs
- Use overlapping appraisals for related transactions
- Reduce financing costs

The combined annual savings after expenses is estimated to be \$188 million to \$381 million. Over a 40-year period, that equals \$7.5 to \$15.2 billion. More importantly, this model will help ensure that Indian lands are controlled and managed by Indian people.

## 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



# FINANCIALS

## ASSETS

2018

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,084,332
Investments	\$13,717,963
Accounts Receivable	\$46,439
Contributions Receivable	\$1,496,021
Interest Receivable	\$278,141
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$38,877
Notes Receivable, net of allowances for uncollectable notes of \$1,021,819 and \$1,021,819	\$11,322,078
Property and Equipment, Net	\$520,802
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$33,504,653</b>

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

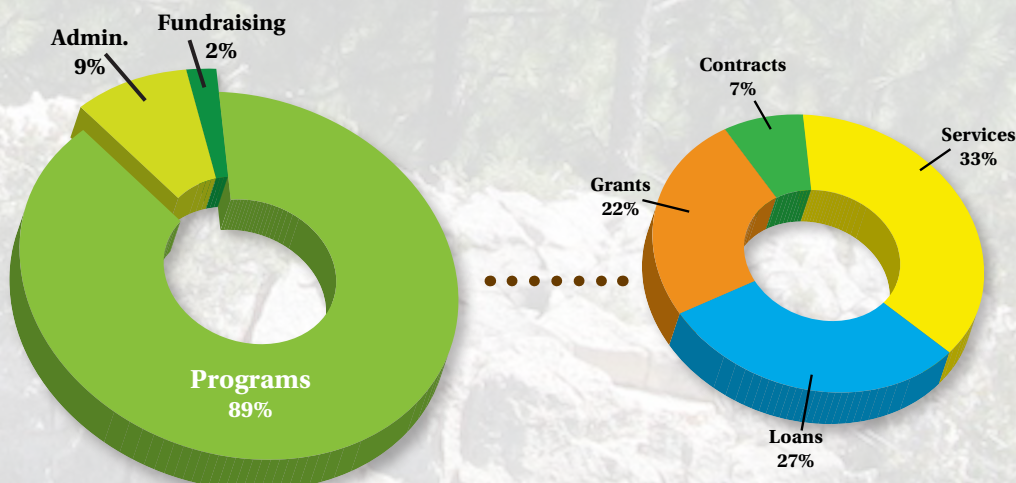
Accounts Payable	\$33,163
Grants Payable	\$367,196
Funds Due to Others	\$7,682,439
Accrued Payroll Expenses	\$41,173
Accrued Interest	-
Deferred Revenue	\$1,000
Notes Payable	\$3,770,578
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$11,895,549</b>

## Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$17,625,490
Without donor restrictions – Non-controlling interest	\$565,894
Total net assets without donor restrictions	\$18,191,384
With donor restrictions	\$3,417,720

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **\$21,609,104**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** **\$33,504,653**





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