



2020 Annual Report

Indian Lands in Indian Hands

Grants & Programs



Investing in Indian Country one project at a time

Indian Country has never been more ripe for development than it is today. In spite of the many challenges that tribal communities faced in 2020, work continued to expand economic and employment opportunities on reservations. The greatest obstacle to this economic expansion is financing, which is where the Indian Land Capital Company (ILCC) comes in.

ILCC is a Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) providing alternative loan options to Native nations for tribal land acquisition projects. Formed by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, ILCC understands the unique needs and challenges of doing business in tribal communities. The organization's biggest challenge today is acquiring the necessary capital to support all of the viable projects in the pipeline. ILCC has financed a wide variety of projects, from organic farms to sawmill expansions to the reacquisition of culturally significant parcels of land. One recent project involved a \$3 million loan to a tribe in South Dakota for the acquisition of 320 acres of land, 300 head of buffalo, and a meat processing and sales facility.

ILCC offers a unique, socially responsible investment opportunity for qualified individuals, investment firms, local or regional banks and Native nations. In addition to providing competitive returns, investing in ILCC is a means to help Native nations secure their economies, cultures and communities.

Learn more about lending and investment opportunities at www.ilcc.net.

FRTEP agents provided crucial COVID-19 relief

Although it is difficult to quantify, much of Indian Country was more severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic than the rest of the United States. The combined effects of poverty, pre-existing medical conditions, and inadequate healthcare facilities were devastating. With support from Indian Land Tenure Foundation, tribal extension agents in the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP) played a vital role in helping tribal communities cope with the crisis. Agents organized emergency distribution of hay, firewood and food, including thousands of meals for youth and elders.

This crisis made it clear once again how important tribal extension agents are. Using an innovative Ripple Effects Mapping approach, researchers have been able to quantify the impact of extension programming, and the results are clear: FRTEP agents are vital to the health, well-being and educational success of tribal youth; adults and elders rely heavily on the services and knowledge provided; and FRTEP agents play a key role in facilitating services to tribal communities in collaboration with other organizations. Unfortunately, FRTEP is chronically underfunded. Just 37 reservations have agents, and many with the largest amounts of agricultural land are not served at all. The Indian Country Extension (ICE) Fund at ILTF was created to pursue additional funding sources that can ensure this important work continues.

Learn more about FRTEP's role in Indian Country at www.tribalexextension.org.



Financials

Assets	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,577,991
Investments	\$17,007,756
Accounts receivable	\$13,530
Contracts receivable	\$7,011
Grants receivable	\$368,745
Interest receivable	\$181,617
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$25,549
Notes receivable, net of allowances for uncollectible notes of \$2,678,554	\$14,848,889
Property and equipment, net	\$420,644
Total Assets	\$35,451,732

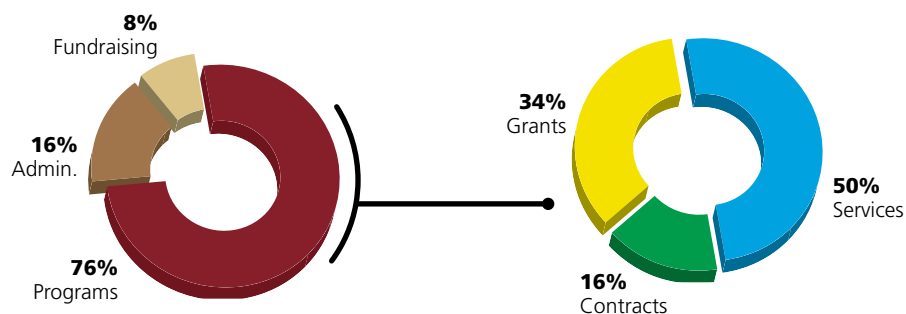
Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$53,865
Grants payable	\$356,383
Funds due to others	\$3,859,489
Accrued payroll expenses	\$43,146
Notes payable	\$6,975,564
Total Liabilities	\$11,288,447

Net Assets:	
Without donor restrictions	\$21,711,660
Without donor restrictions - Noncontrolling interest	-
Total net assets without donor restrictions	\$21,711,660
With donor restrictions	\$2,451,625
Total Net Assets	\$24,163,285

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$35,451,732
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Expenses:





ILTF helped make distance learning fun in 2020

Education changed in 2020 as millions of students were required to continue their schooling from home while teachers and families had to find creative new ways to keep their students engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic. The popularity of ILTF's innovative video game *When Rivers Were Trails* soared during 2020 as thousands of students continued to download the game every month. Thanks to a partnership with Google, *When Rivers Were Trails* has been preloaded free of charge onto more than 8 million Chromebook laptop computers used in schools nationwide.

This engaging educational video game was developed in 2019 by ILTF in collaboration with Michigan State University's Games for Entertainment and Learning Lab, with funding by the San Manual Band of Mission Indians. More than 20 Indigenous artists were involved in developing the game, which teaches students about the impact of allotment acts on Indigenous peoples. The game, which has won numerous international awards, is available via the AppStore and Google Play.

When Rivers Were Trails can be used in conjunction with ILTF's *Lessons of Our Land* curriculum, which provides K-12 teachers a way to easily incorporate Native American stories, lessons and values into regular classroom instruction. The inter-disciplinary curriculum, which aligns well with state academic standards, offers more than 200 searchable lessons that are ready for use in the classroom. ILTF provides the *Lessons of Our Land* curriculum, as well as professional development opportunities for teachers, free of charge.

Learn more about these educational tools at www.lessonsofourland.org.



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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.