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THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE BLOWING MDDAACOUNTRY

ABOUT ILTF

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands.

Strategies

Economic Opportunities

Increase economic assets of Indian landowners by gaining control of Indian lands and creating financial models that convert land into leverage for Indian landowners.

Legal Reform

Reform the Legal mechanisms related to recapturing the physical, cultural and economic assets for Indian people and strengthening sovereignty of Indian land.

Education

Educate every Indian landowner about Indian land management, ownership and transference issues so that knowledge becomes power when decisions about land assets are made.

Cultural Awareness

Use Indian land to help Indian people discover and maintain their culture.

Our Mission

Lands within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management.

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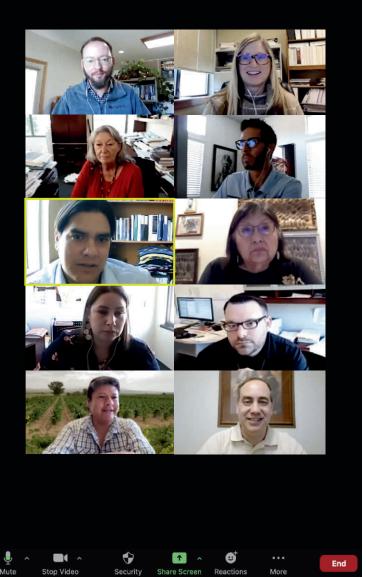
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ADAPTING



ince its inception 20 years ago, the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) has been committed to serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands by promoting education, increasing cultural awareness, creating economic opportunity, and reforming the legal and administrative systems that prevent Indian people from owning and controlling reservation lands. To do that, ILTF staff and partners have visited hundreds of tribal communities to provide resources and listen to concerns. In 2020, the spread of the COVID-19 virus made that impossible so ILTF did what the organization has always done – adapted to new realities. The winds of change are blowing in Indian Country and ILTF has been changing to meet the needs of tribal communities.

In 2020, ILTF began doing webinars online to deliver important information to stakeholders who could no longer be served face-to-face. What began as a temporary measure during the depths of the pandemic proved to be very popular. In 2021, ILTF's online offerings expanded significantly. Topics included:

- Agricultural leasing
- Appraisal of Indian land
- Rights-of-way on Indian land
- Navigating the probate process
- Will writing and estate planning
- Gift deeds for Indian landowners
- Fee-to-Trust process (three-part series)
- Agricultural Resource Management Plans
- Landowner skills, knowledge and abilities
- Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Geospatial reasoning and land-use planning
- BLM General Land Office Records database
- American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA)
- Professionalizing careers in tribal land offices
- Origins and implications of the Doctrine of Discovery

As part of its expanded online resources, ILTF in 2021 delivered practical information via regular emails to help Native American landowners, individual agricultural producers and tribal leaders to better manage their land. On the second Tuesday of each month, new information was posted on the ILTF website (www.iltf.org) to educate and engage community members on critical issues such as Indian land laws, regulations and resources related to estate planning and land management. Later each month, online town hall-style sessions were offered to deliver more detailed information on specific topics. Participants were encouraged to ask questions of presenters and engage in helpful dialogue on the issues they face, problems they are trying to solve, as well as potential solutions. All of the information and online sessions are available free of charge, and videos of each town hall are posted on ILTF's YouTube channel for future viewing.

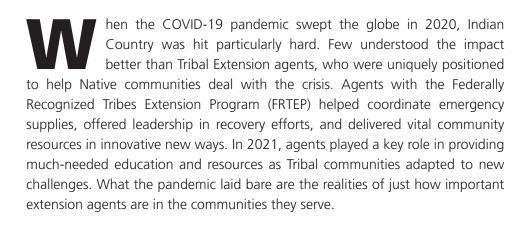




Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training for youth

Meeting the needs of tribal communities is the hallmark of ILTF's work. One of the greatest needs is skilled Geographic Information Systems (GIS) professionals. In 2021, ILTF launched the Tribal Youth GIS Project to develop a pipeline of skilled workers to meet this need. Mapping is a powerful tool for professional land management. It's also a great way to teach students about technology, problem solving and research skills. ILTF is working with community partners and Tribal colleges to develop, fund and deliver training in the latest GIS tools and techniques while creating career opportunities for Native youth in their own communities.

EDUCATING



The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is committed to securing long-term funding sources to ensure that Tribal Extension agents can continue to do this important work. FRTEP is a successful tribal community outreach model focused on agricultural productivity, youth development and healthier communities in ways that meet the specific needs of Native communities.

"WHEN THE WINDS OF CHANGE BLOW, SOME PEOPLE

BUILD WALLS, OTHERS BUILD WINDMILLS."

Despite chronic underfunding, and a cumbersome and unreliable process to receive federal support, FRTEP agents have done remarkable work. Outcomes for community members have been overwhelmingly positive. The long-term goal is to restructure funding for the FRTEP program to match that used for County extension agents in all 50 states, a model that will ensure that programing can be tailored to better meet the ongoing needs of Indian farmers and ranchers, children and youth, and the community as a whole.

The Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program is focused on three areas:

Farmers and ranchers – Tribal extension agents deliver science-based, culturally relevant production, marketing and financial management information to help Native producers become more economically successful and help to build the food security of Indigenous communities.

Tribal Youth and 4-H – Tribal 4-H clubs and community programs are delivered through a culturally adapted model for Native youth, providing a safe, positive environment, fostering healthy choices and sparking interest in agriculture. Thousands of young people across Indian Country participate in 4-H programs.

Tribal Communities – Providing outreach programs to safeguard water quality, food system development, certify pesticide applicators, preserve traditional plants and facilitate community engagement and leadership.

The results speak for themselves as extension agents help to prepare the next generation through hands-on learning and leadership. To learn more about their efforts across Indian Country, visit www.tribalextension.org





Learning the Lessons of Our Land

More than ever before, resource-starved educators in 2021 were looking for ways to capture their students' attention and impart important teachings in meaningful ways via distance learning. As a result, downloads of ILTF's *Lessons of Our Land* curriculum and the *When Rivers Were Trails* video game continued to grow. Both are free resources designed to provide educators engaging ways to incorporate relevant materials about American Indian land history into regular classroom instruction. Learn more at www.lessonsofourland.org.

PRESERVING

limate change is real, and Tribal Nations are taking major steps to mitigate the short- and long-term effects. Through its Tribal Land Conservation Initiative, the National Indian Carbon Coalition (NICC) is helping tribes to protect their land, preserve important natural resources for future generations and achieve financial prosperity. This Indian Land Tenure Foundation initiative enables tribes to implement sustainable management practices, develop carbon projects and partner with socially responsible organizations and businesses.

During 2021, interest in tribal carbon projects grew significantly and NICC (www.indiancarbon.org) was able to help numerous Indian communities explore their options. As a Native-led organization, NICC serves as a trusted partner with tribal governments and an important source of information and technical assistance.

Current Tribal carbon projects

NICC is assisting several Tribes in the development of carbon projects, including:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – Located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the project covers 12,500 acres of tribal forestland. It is being implemented under the American Carbon Registry's (ACR) Improved Forest Management Methodology which quantifies greenhouse gas emission reductions that exceed current management practices.

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Located in Northern Minnesota, the forest-based carbon sequestration project covers more than 9,000 acres of tribal forestland and is also being implemented under the ACR methodology.

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe – Located on the Missouri River in central South Dakota, the project is focused on the preservation and restoration of native prairie grasslands. It is the first carbon project in Indian Country being developed under the international Plan Vivo Standard, which supports rural landowners and communities with improved natural resource management,

The National Indian Carbon Coalition has formed partnerships with organizations around the world to support carbon projects in Indian Country. These include:

Ecosystems Services Market Consortium (ESMC) – NICC is a Founding Circle Member of ESMC, a non-profit organization that works to compensate farmers and ranchers who improve the environment through agricultural practices.

Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) Farm & Forest Solutions Carbon Initiative – NICC is a member of the BPC Task Force whose goal is to incentivize farming, ranching and forestry practices that deliver climate and economic benefits and help farmers, ranchers and forest managers contribute to climate solutions.

Slipstream – Slipstream is a mission-driven nonprofit organization that partners with utilities, state and local governments, regulatory agencies and others to combat climate change with a focus on equity.

Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI) – NICC is a member of the Expert Advisory Group of VCMI, a global task force created to monitor the integrity of voluntary markets for the purchase and sale of carbon offset credits.



"TRIBAL NATIONS ARE **PROTECTING** THEIR LAND, **PRESERVING** NATURAL RESOURCES

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND ACHIEVING FINANCIAL **PROSPERITY** TODAY."

PROSPERING

he list of fiscally-sound, shovel-ready economic development projects in Indian Country is long. What's always in short supply is available capital to finance development. In 2021, the Indian Land Capital Company (ILCC) reported significant growth in its lending pool for tribal economic development and land acquisition, thanks to increased investment from a variety of organizations, including Associated Bank, CNote Group, Opportunity Finance Network, Oweesta, Sunrise Bank, the Tamalpais Fund and more. ILCC raised more than \$11.3 million, capital that is being put to good use in Native communities.

Formed in 2005 by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, ILCC is a Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that provides flexible financing to tribes and tribal enterprises. Two major projects in California were among the beneficiaries of ILCC financing in 2021, one by the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians, the other at Big Valley Rancheria of the Pomo Nation.

FINANCING LAND RECOVERY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ILCC provided an \$895,000 loan to the Mesa Grande Band to help finance the purchase of a 40-acre parcel adjacent to the Tribe's Golden Eagle Farm. Located about 90 minutes northeast of San Diego, the farm is situated 12 miles east of the community of Ramona. The area is a popular tourist destination with a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, wineries and other agritourism attractions. The centerpiece of the property is a 5-bedroom, 4-bath home that is being converted into two vacation rental units by the Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation (BDC), the Tribe's economic development arm which is focused on developing agritourism enterprises.

Located 120 miles north of San Francisco in Lake County, the Big Valley Rancheria is in the heart of a popular recreation area surrounding Clear Lake, the largest natural lake located wholly within the state of California. ILCC provided \$2.6 million in financing for initial site preparation on a \$28 million retail development. The commercial center will include a 4,500 square foot convenience store and a 20-pump gas station with four-pump island for recreational vehicles. Plans include a washing station for boats and automobiles, a drive-through smoke shop and a Class II gaming facility. The development plan features 168,000 square feet of retail space, a laundromat, coffee shop, and space suitable for a quick-service restaurant.

These projects are in keeping with ILCC's mission to help Native nations recover, manage and gain jurisdiction over 90 million acres of alienated tribal land; to assist Native nations in consolidating undivided interests in land with fractionated ownership; to eliminate "checkerboarding" on Indian reservations; and to strengthen tribal communities and sovereignty. Learn more at ilcc.net





ILCC supports the next generation of Native leaders

ILCC is committed to helping tribal communities recover land and build economies for the benefit of current and future generations. That's why the organization sponsored the 2021 Indigenous Bowl at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis where 60+ high school football players representing 37 tribes competed. "The future of Indian Country rests in the hands of the next generation of leaders," said ILCC president Rjay Brunkow. "These players have the kind of character, work ethic and team-first attitude to be community leaders."

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Liberated Capital / Decolonizing Wealth Fund (Indigenous Earth Fund)

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McNeely Foundation

Mighty Cause Charitable Foundation

Minneapolis Foundation

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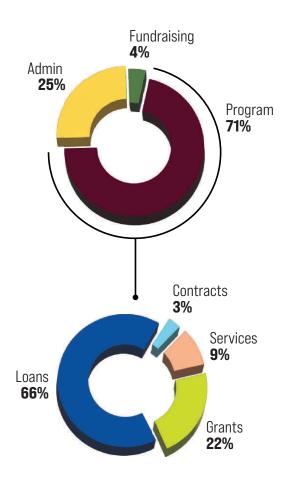
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Expenses



Statement of Financial Position-2021

Assets	2021
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,626,201
Investments	\$22,090,764
Accounts Receivable	\$37,908
Contracts Receivable	\$ 6,025
Grants Receivable	\$2,105,184
Interest Receivable	\$409,542
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assests	\$36,722
Notes Receivable, net allowance for uncollectible notes of \$3,003,304, and \$2,678,554	\$21,101,248
Property and Equipment, Net	\$383,583
TOTAL ASSETS	\$51,797,177

Liabilities and Net Assets Liabilities Accounts Payable \$37,987 Grants Payable \$324,215 Funds Due to Others \$6,171,741 Accrued Payroll Expenses \$58,914 Deposits Notes Payable \$12,216,246 \$18,809,103 **Total Liabilities Net Assets** \$30,620,242 Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions \$2,367,832 **Total Net Assets** \$32,988,074 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$51,797,177

Statement of Activities-2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Support			
Contributions	\$3,984,803	\$975,817	\$4,960,620
Government Grants	\$3,329,369	-	\$3,329,369
Total Support	\$7,314,172	\$975,817	\$8,289,989
Revenue			
Program Fees	\$58,859	-	\$58,859
Interest on Program-Related Loans	\$1,681,677	-	\$1,681,677
Origination Fees on Program-Related Loans	\$98,790	-	\$98,790
Investment Income (loss)	\$3,295,768	\$17,493	\$3,313,261
PPP and EIDL Forgiveness Income	\$201,300	-	\$201,300
Other	\$116,350	-	\$116,350
Special Events	\$17,650	-	\$17,650
In-kind Donations	\$5,400	-	\$5,400
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$1,077,103	(\$1,077,103)	-
Total Revenue	\$6,552,897	(\$1,059,610)	\$5,493,287
TOTAL SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUE	\$13,867,069	(\$83,793)	\$13,783,276
Expenses			
Program Services	\$3,756,723	-	\$3,756,723
Management and General	\$1,309,796	-	\$1,309,796
Fundraising	\$198,591	-	\$198,591
Total Expenses	\$5,265,110	-	\$5,265,110
Change in Net Assets	\$8,601,959	(\$83,793)	\$8,518,166
Net Assets (Beginning of Year)	\$21,711,660	\$2,451,625	\$24,163,285
Restatement	\$306,623	-	\$306,623
Net Assets (Beginning of Year - Restated)	\$22,018,283	\$2,451,625	\$24,469,908
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$30,620,242	\$2,367,832	\$32,988,074





The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is a national, community-based organization focused on American Indian land recovery and management. ILTF's primary aim is to ensure that all reservation and important off-reservation lands are owned and managed by Indian people and Indian nations.

As a community foundation, ILTF relies on funding from private foundations and donations from Indian nations, corporations and individuals to support its programming in Indian Country. Please consider making a donation to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation today.

To learn more about our work and programs, and to make a donation, visit our website at: www.iltf.org.

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