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EMPOWERING GENERATIONS**

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GROWING INDIGENOUS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH YOUTH LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, AND LAND-BASED LEARNING



The NCFIAF mission is to support and advocate for the growth and sustainability of Indigenous agriculture and food ways, ensuring the health and prosperity of Indigenous Peoples and communities. Our vision is to empower Indigenous Peoples through sustainable agriculture and food systems, that honour traditional knowledge, promote food sovereignty, and foster economic development.





HONOURING THE LAND, FEEDING OUR FUTURE: ADVANCING FIRST NATIONS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

1 Food sovereignty today represents a powerful act of cultural revitalization, healing, self-determination, and reconciliation for our current generation and the next seven generations.

Although significantly important, food is much more than physical sustenance – it is medicine, ceremony, culture, identity, and a profound expression of our relationship with the land.

2 The land has always served as our first teacher, provider, and healer, guiding us in sustainable practices developed over years of generational knowledge. Our work is rooted in Indigenous self-determination, traditional ecological knowledge, and respect for the unique needs of each distinct Nation. The NCIAF is committed to reclaiming, revitalizing, and establishing food sovereignty through building prosperous Indigenous food economies and systems, that honour our ancestors and benefit future generations.





CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The NCIAF centres Indigenous knowledge systems, leadership, and self-determination in every aspect of its work. Our organization focuses on building long-term capacity while systematically removing barriers that have historically and intentionally limited or displaced Indigenous participation in agriculture.

We deliver and facilitate comprehensive technical training, mentorship programs, and business development support specifically designed for Indigenous entrepreneurs and community-led initiatives.

Thoughtfully reconciling and integrating traditional ecological knowledge with modern agricultural practices and technologies; these initiatives strengthen community capacity to develop sustainable, successful and culturally grounded food systems.





NOURISHING NATIONS EMPOWERING GENERATIONS

The Nourishing Nations Empowering Generations (NNEG) program is creating a strong, replicable foundation for scalable, Nation-driven school food sovereignty initiatives across the country. A core focus is meaningful intergenerational knowledge transfer between Elders, Knowledge Keepers, youth, and children with the purpose of increasing access to nutritious food while inspiring interest beginning in early development.

This community-led initiative is designed to strengthen cultural identity, improve youth wellness, and support food security. It creates opportunities for youth leadership, engagement, and hands-on learning about food systems.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FUNDING

3 YEARS 2025-2028 \$5M




NCIAF

- Direct engagement with communities
- Networking & Event delivery
- Education: Production & Herd Management
- Indigenous Knowledge Sharing



IPBI Outcomes

- Indigenous-led Bison growth
- Stronger Nation-to-Nation networks
- Economic Development



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- Sustainable Practises & Research
- On the land learning herds
- Infrastructure & Equipment
- Mentorship

INDIGENOUS PRAIRIE BISON INITIATIVE

This project is focused on building the foundational tools, training, and relationships needed to support Métis and First Nations communities across the Prairie provinces in exploring bison-based economic, ecological, and cultural opportunities. The project is designed to create space for Indigenous-led dialogue, collaboration, and learning, while promoting readiness and inclusion across the full bison value chain. Emphasis will be placed on respecting distinctions-based priorities, community leadership, and economic self-determination.





THANK YOU

Agriculture is more than growing food - it is the continued expression of our sacred relationship with the land. Indigenous knowledge offers a path forward - one rooted in reciprocity, respect, and responsibility to future generations.

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