



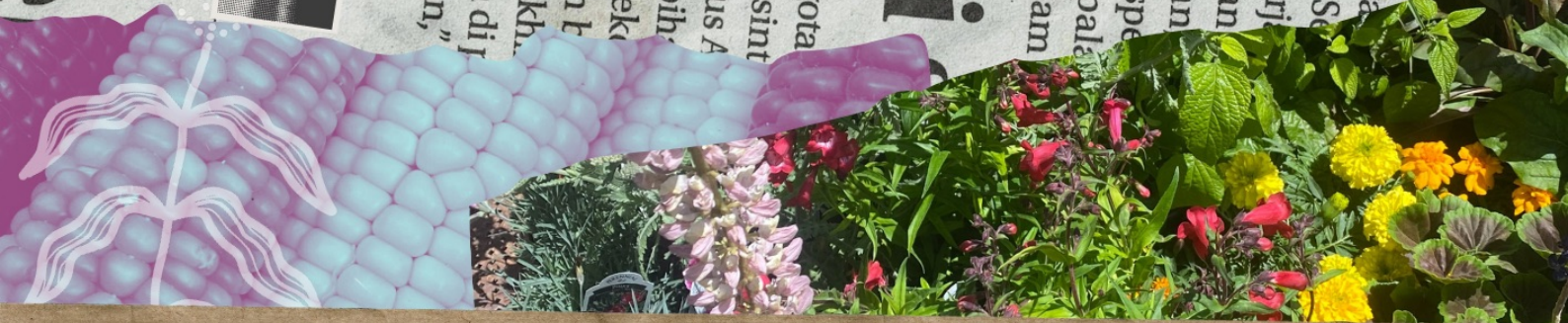
FOR THE LOVE OF SEEDS

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2024 Spring Seed Grower Stipends



Restoring, Supporting, &
Developing Indigenous Food
Systems.





About Indigenous Seed Keepers Network

The mission of the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network (ISKN) is to nourish and assist the growing Seed Sovereignty Movement across Turtle Island (North America). As a national network, we leverage resources and cultivate solidarity and communication within the matrix of regional grass-roots tribal seed sovereignty projects. We accomplish this mission by providing educational resources, mentorship training, outreach and advocacy support on seed policy issues, and organizing national and regional events and convenings to connect many communities who are engaging in this vital work. We aim to create a collaborative framework and declaration for ethical seed stewardship and indigenous seed guidelines for tribal communities to guide them as they protect their seeds from patenting and bio-piracy. We support the creation of solutions-oriented programs for adaptive resilient seed systems within tribal communities to enhance the creative capacity to continue to evolve as the face of our Mother Earth changes.

ISKN is a shade tree of support to the essential work of regional and tribal seed initiatives, as we offer a diverse array of resources aimed at nourishing and supporting a vibrant indigenous seed movement, as a complement to the growing Food Sovereignty movement within Indian country. In honor of the grand lineage of seed keepers who have faithfully passed down seeds for our nourishment, we make a restored commitment to care for these precious seeds for those yet to come.



2024 Spring Seed Grower Stipends

Indigenous Seedkeepers Network is excited to announce 45 available Indigenous Seed Growers Stipends for the Spring 2024 season.

NAFSA and the ISKN are dedicated to aiding and invigorating our indigenous food systems through our redistributing resources and supporting Indigenous growers.

We recognize that many of us are oftentimes engaging in indigenous seed sovereignty work in our spare time or in a volunteer capacity, and doing so with limited resources.

This offering is meant to serve individual Indigenous seedkeepers and growers who are building seed access .



**Applications Open:
June 3, 2024**

**Application Close:
June 21, 2024 at 5pm MS**

This offering is a one-time stipend that can be used in any way the recipient needs to support their seed access and sovereignty work; this can include, but is not limited to; self-compensation, equipment, supplies, and/or people power. There will be 15 slots per region and if spots exceed the number of applicants, the pool will be put into a name randomizer for selections.

Individuals are eligible to receive one Grower Stipend per calendar year. We honor and appreciate growers of all scales, and in this same spirit, all participating growers will receive the same financial support of \$2,000 per Stipend. Applications are open for a three week period from 6/3/24 to 6/21/24.



Eligibility Requirements

Fully completed application.

Please ensure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This includes providing all required information as specified in the application guidelines.

Indigenous individual seed keepers & growers

Must be an individual; we do not support organizations, programs, or nonprofits with stipends. This program is designed to support the personal efforts and initiatives of Indigenous seed keepers and growers dedicated to preserving and cultivating traditional seeds.

Located within the US country.

Although we are supportive of our Indigenous populations across Turtle Island, we must stipulate residency within the United States. This requirement is due to funding restrictions and the focus on supporting Indigenous communities within U.S. borders.



Open Applicants

This is open to all US applicants. There will be 15 slots reserved for individuals outside of our Regional Networks. If the applicants exceed the number of spots, the pool will be put into a name randomizer for selections. Individuals are eligible to receive one Grower Stipend per calendar year.

Southwest Region Network Members

This is invite only. There will be 15 slots reserved for partners that are within our Southwest Region Network. If applicants exceed the number of slots, the pool will be put into a name randomizer for selections. Individuals are eligible to receive one Grower Stipend per calendar year.

Upper Midwest Region Network Members

This is invite only. There will be 15 slots reserved for partners that are within our Upper Midwest Region Network. If applicants exceed the number of slots, the pool will be put into a name randomizer for selections. Individuals are eligible to receive one Grower Stipend per calendar year.



We honor you, the Indigenous community of seed growers across Turtle Island, who dedicate their time to tending this work. Your work in seed sovereignty is integral to our collective futures.

For the love of seeds.





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