



Request for Proposal for  
**Indigenous Food Sovereignty Event Sponsorship**  
Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance

**IMPORTANT DATES**

RFP Release Date	Thursday, April 3, 2025
Proposal Submittal Due Date	Friday, May 9, 2025 11:59 PM MST
Contractor Selection	Thursday, June 5, 2025, 5:00 PM MST
Fiscal Year Ending	Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 11:59 PM MST

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## **Request for Proposal (RFP): Indigenous Food Sovereignty Event Sponsorship**

**Issue Date:** April 3, 2025

**Submission Deadline:** May 9, 2025 11:59 PM MST

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## **1. Introduction**

The Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance (NAFSA) is a national network of Indigenous leaders dedicated to restoring food systems that support tribal self-determination and community wellness. We promote ethical economic development by encouraging local food production that renews natural resources and enhances traditional cultural activities. Our mission is to support Native communities nationally through advocacy, education, and networking as they revitalize their Indigenous food systems.

### **Mission**

We believe in empowering communities as they foster traditional, Indigenous food practices to ensure sustained wellbeing for our future generations.

### **Vision**

We envision a future where Indigenous peoples exercise their inherent right to self-determination, fully controlling their traditional foodways. Rooted in our ancestral knowledge, we strive to ensure the persistence of food security, cultural continuity, and environmental sustainability.

## **2. Project Overview**

With the generous support of NoVo Foundation, Abrons Foundation, and the CS Fund, NAFSA has established the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Event Sponsorship to support events that will help qualified organizations promote food sovereignty. This opportunity targets organizers of Tribal Food Sovereignty events. In this round, NAFSA expects to award up to five sponsorships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 each, to support Native American-led food sovereignty events.

## **3. Eligibility Criteria**

- Federally recognized Native American tribes and organizations.
- Nonprofit organizations with a focus on Native American food sovereignty.
- Individuals with established or growing partnerships focused on food sovereignty and community wellness in Tribal communities.
- Community groups with fiscal sponsorship and a commitment to food security and cultural preservation in Tribal communities.
- Tribal colleges or educational institutions with programs related to agriculture, nutrition, or cultural preservation.

#### 4. **Scope of Work**

- Event Planning:** Create a detailed event plan outlining objectives, activities, schedule, and key stakeholders.
- Financial Accountability:** Prepare a detailed and transparent budget outlining the proposed use of sponsorship funds. Include itemized costs related to venue, materials, personnel, travel, and logistics.
- Community Impact:** Clearly articulate how the event will enhance food sovereignty and cultural preservation within the community.
- Partnership and Collaboration:** Clearly demonstrate how the event will foster collaboration between Native and non-Native entities to strengthen Indigenous food systems. Increase organizational capacity by building relationships with tribal organizations, community leaders, educational institutions, elders, and youth groups.
- Monitoring and Reporting:** Submit a comprehensive post-event report within 60 days of event completion, including:
  - i. Impact assessment and outcomes.
  - ii. High-quality photographs (at least 10) with signed release forms.
  - iii. Financial reconciliation and expenditure report.
  - iv. Participant testimonies and feedback.
  - v. Schedule a post interview with NAFSA coordinator

#### 5. **Sponsorship Objectives**

To be considered for sponsorship, applicants must demonstrate alignment with at least one objective from each of the following categories: Community Impact Objectives and Partnerships and Collaboration Objectives.

##### **Community Impact:**

- Promote traditional food systems and practices within Native American communities.
- Enhance food security through education, community engagement, and resource sharing.
- Support cultural revitalization and intergenerational knowledge transfer.
- Foster collaboration between Native and non-Native entities to promote Indigenous food systems.

- Be inclusive and open to youth participation to ensure the transfer of knowledge to future generations.
- Increase community access to traditional and locally produced foods.
- Develop programs that strengthen community leadership in food sovereignty.

### **Partnerships and Collaboration:**

- Develop partnerships with tribal organizations, elders, youth groups, educational institutions, and community leaders.
- Demonstrate collaboration between Native and non-Native entities to promote Indigenous food systems.
- Build organizational capacity to implement and sustain food sovereignty projects.
- Enhance technical skills related to traditional and sustainable food practices.
- Foster ongoing relationships with community members, elders, and youth groups to strengthen intergenerational knowledge transfer.
- Support the creation of food hubs or cooperative food networks.
- Enhance infrastructure for food storage and preservation.
- Develop economic opportunities related to food sovereignty (e.g., local markets, food entrepreneurship).
- Strengthen local food economies by promoting Indigenous food businesses.

### **Unallowable Activities:**

- Lobbying.
- Entertainment.
- Capital construction projects.
- Funding of individuals.
- Development campaigns or endowments.
- Scholarships or tuition assistance.

## **6. Proposal Requirements**

Interested parties should submit a proposal that includes:

- **Cover Letter:** Briefly introduce your organization and the proposed event.
- **Event Description:** Provide a detailed description of the event, including objectives, outcomes, and alignment with NAFSA's mission.
- **Community Impact:** Clearly outline how the event will promote food sovereignty and cultural preservation
- **Budget and Funding Request:** Provide a comprehensive budget breakdown with justifications.
- **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Identify partners and collaboration efforts.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Outline methods to measure success and provide post-event documentation.

- Grantees must submit a final report, including all required documentation and media, no later than 30 days after the event's completion.
- A post-event interview and submission of at least 10 high-quality photographs, along with signed photo release forms, are mandatory.
- Post event survey, and participant testimonies, etc.
- **Supporting Documents:** Attach proof of nonprofit status and any relevant permissions.

## 7. Submission Instructions

- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, May 9, 2025 11:59 PM MST.
- **Submission Format:** PDF via email to Trena Bizardi, Senior Program Officer [trena@nativefoodalliance.org](mailto:trena@nativefoodalliance.org)

## 8. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with NAFSA's mission and values. (25%)
- Community Impact (20%)
- Clarity and feasibility of the proposed approach. (20%)
- Partnerships and Collaboration (15%)
- Evaluation Methods (5%)

## 9. Timeline

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## 10. Additional Information

Applicants selected for sponsorship will be notified via email within 10 days of the final selection date. Sponsorship agreements will be formalized following notification of the award.

NAFSA looks forward to supporting initiatives that strengthen Native American food sovereignty and build sustainable community practices. Successful applicants will be notified via email within the specified notification period.