# American Fiber Program

#### Regenerative Agriculture Foundation Founded in 2019

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#### **ABOUT NAFP**

The purpose of the Native American Fiber Program is to support communities and practitioners who still maintain place-based fiber practices, as well as support the production of fiber in tribal communities utilizing regenerative agriculture practices. Its mission is to perpetuate Indigenous fiber knowledge, arts, and economic opportunities.

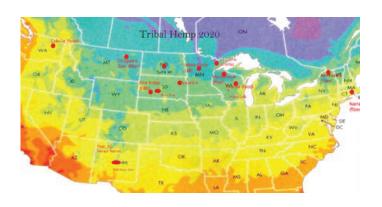


The barriers include inclusion of traditional ecological knowledge, access to capital, and laboratory test results for hemp auto parts and sustainable building materials.









## **IMPACT AREAS**



Waste Reduction



**Economic Development/** Job Creation

Equity and Justice/ Indigenous Sovereignty

Carbon Sequestration

The leadership at the NAFP is focused on developing a hemp industry that would serve both Indian Country and nation-wide product markets, with a priority on spiritual healing in Indian Country. The program is currently creating an entire supply chain within Indian Country that protects the environment and provides multi layered job opportunities while improving capital infrastructure at Native CDFI's.

CURRENT CAPITAL STACK A/O INVESTMENT TO DATE

TYPE AND MAGNITUDE OF INVESTMENT SOUGHT

REVENUE MODEL & PROJECTED PROFITABILITY TIMELINE

**KEY RISKS** 

In 2019, the NAFP was first funded by the WindRose Fund, then fully added into the Regenerative Agriculture Foundation. In 2020, the NAFP made available 200 acres for basket weavers and raised over **\$50,000** for both traditional and hemp fiber projects.

Seeking **\$250,000** for small scale hemp biocomposite equipment to produce food utensils in an WI tribal community.

With the NAFP's membership at CB2, we are networking with several large U.S. corporations for product development and test rating approval. In the year 2025, the program forecasts tribal hemp industrial manufacturing supported by Native CFDI's.

Lack of hemp fiber production experience combined with undetermined CB2 hemp auto parts research results.

### INTEGRATED CAPITAL PATHWAY: NAFP

2019 — 2020 — 2021 — 2022 — 2025



Schmidt Marine \$10,000

Wind Rose fund \$50,000

NAFA Grant for Rocky Boy Tribe \$75,000 Wind Rose fund \$25,000

Supported two tribal hempcrete projects \$20,000

Become an internal program under the Regenerative Agriculture Foundation



Seeking \$250,000 for small scale hemp biocomposite equipment to produce food utensils in WI tribal community



Need \$1,000,000 to increase scale of hemp manufacturing on tribal lands for hempcrete building supplies and hemp biocomposite manufacturing (food utensils/auto parts)



Need \$20 million for hemp manufacturing on tribal lands for hempcrete and hemp biocomposite manufacturing

#### TYPES OF CAPITAL



**NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT** 

Business Planning TA Network Connections Advisory Support



GRANTS

State & Federal Grants Philanthropic Grants



LOAN GUARANTEES

Philanthropic Guarantees Guarantee Pools



LOANS

Friends/Family Loans Other Debt Financing Bank Loans



INVESTMENTS

Revenue Share Agreements PRIs & MRIs Equity