



# DEVELOPING A TRIBAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESOURCE BANKING FOR INFORMED GOAL SETTING

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# Resource Banking for Informed Goal Setting

This worksheet is intended to assist in the development of an inventory of resources available to the tribe. In order to set practical and realistic goals for a new Department of Agriculture, information about existing operations and enterprises, tribal assets, and available guidance materials should be compiled and reviewed for more complete decision making and goal setting. This document is intended for internal guidance as sensitive material may be compiled as a result.

By reviewing tribally specific and general resources, tribal decision makers will be able to analyze the information and then determine/prioritize the objectives of the Department of Agriculture such as:

- Service Provision
- Revenue Generation
- Vertical Integration/Self-Sourcing
- Regulatory Oversight
- Economic Development

While a Department of Agriculture's operations can meet multiple objectives, it is a good idea to be explicit about the Department's main priority. For instance, if a Department's priority is revenue generation from crop production, donations or discounted sales of those crops as a part of service provisions (direct nutrition offerings to tribal citizens) would undercut the primary goal of the Department. If a Department's goal is Service Provision like feeding tribal citizens or seed sharing through production/growing activities, then there may be a funding need that the Department would not be able to independently sustain and would require appropriations.

## Tribal Inventory



Land



Facilities/  
Buildings



Equipment



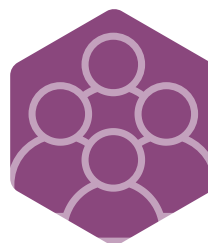
Expertise



Water



Support



Personnel/  
Labor



Enterprises/  
Organizations

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## Guidance Information and Materials:

- Existing Agriculture Resource Management Plan
- Existing Integrated Resource Management Plan
- Community Feedback, Comments, Ideas, Reflections
- Tribal Staff Feedback, Comments, Ideas, Reflections
- Tribal Strategic Plans (specific to agriculture, food, or natural resources)
- Elected Official policy goals/campaign platforms (Health, Nutrition, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation)
- Cultural/Historical Knowledge & Practices (Harvest practices, take ratios, seed saving methods, conditions of sale/trade)

## Possible Opportunities:

- Self-Governance funds: List currently held or possibility to negotiate for in next funding agreement
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- BIA Self-compacted/Self-contracted programs: ID Currently operated self-contracted/compacted program and possible future programs to self-compact. Reference BIA program website.
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- Possible Tribal allocations from general revenue: Gaming revenue, interest generated from permanent fund, tax revenue, etc...
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- Federal funds (USDA/Farm Bill, EPA, DOI)- EQIP, LAMP, Rural Development, RCDBG funds, etc...
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## Possible Opportunities Continued:

- Enterprise revenue: Retail operation funds, Tourism funds, agribusiness funds
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- Private Grant Funding (NAAF, FNDI, Non-profit funders, etc)
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- Employment and Training programs: 477 programs, Federally funded E &T Programs, Nutrition E & T programs like SNAP/FDPIR, summer youth worker program
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- Loans/Credit opportunities:
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## Possible Partners:

- Tribal Cooperatives/NGOs
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- Other Tribes: List nearby or similarly situated
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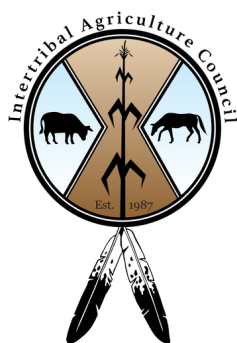
- City, County, or State Governments: List, on or near reservation/tribal lands/assets
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- Educational Institutions like Tribal Colleges, Land Grant Units, and Career Techs
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## External Guidance Materials:



- [Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative Resources](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Cultivating Tribal Food Sovereignty](#)
- [Scaling Up](#)
- [Empowering Agriculture Through Tribal Sovereignty](#)
- [\(EATS\) Academy Resources](#)
- [Model Tribal Food and Agriculture Code](#)
- [Indian Country Community Asset Directory](#)



- [Intertribal Agriculture Council](#)
- [Technical Assistance Personnel Network](#)
- [Conservation Planning Tool Kit](#)
- [American Indian Foods Export Program](#)
- [Native Food Connection](#)
- [Made/Produced by American Indians Trademark](#)



- [First Nations Development Institute Food Sovereignty Assessment](#)