



Micmac Farms & Trading Co. Growth & Development Opportunities



Grant & Foundation Funding

Agency	Program Description	Sources	Eligibility & Possible Uses	Awards & Project Period	Timeframes
<p>EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program</p> <p>Planning Grant (CEDS) Funding Opp # EDAPLANNING2012</p>	<p>Four Directions Development Corp submitted a planning grant application on behalf of the two Passamaquoddy Tribes and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in 2012. Would provide the tribe with the funds needed to prioritize projects and provide statistics needed to support any grant.</p>	<p>http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=189193</p> <p>Chris Shrum initiated the proposal, then Eric Buch became the contact (Four Directions). Neither seems to be associated w/Four Directions now. Contact Susan Hammond (Four Directions) 866.6545. EDA Rep for ME & NH is Alan Brigham 215.316.2965.</p>	<p><u>Eligibility:</u> Higher education; Federally-recognized tribes; Nonprofits; Municipal, County & State govts.</p> <p><u>Uses:</u> The planning grant provides funding for a community to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) including an economic and social statistical profile. Once the initial strategy is approved, it opens the door for the community to apply for major economic development technical assistance and public works grants.</p>	<p>Ceiling \$100,000 annually.</p> <p>(Estimate for ABM \$30-\$40K ann.)</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Match 20%-50%, although tribes may be funded for 100% (hardship)</p>	<p>Accepted on a continuing basis.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development (RD) Business and Cooperative Programs</p> <p>RBOG Funding Opp # RDCP-RBOG-2013</p>	<p><u>Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG):</u> To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs by providing training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurship and economic development planning. <i>USDA RD is also participating in the Manufacturing Communities Partnership, an Administrative-wide initiative to accelerate a resurgence of manufacturing throughout the country by providing regional implementation strategy grants along with EDA, SBA & EPA.</i></p>	<p>http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=235219</p> <p>Contact: Dean Churchill, State Office (Bangor) 990.9168</p>	<p><u>Eligibility:</u> Federally-recognized tribes; Nonprofits; Municipal, County & State govts., for-profits other than small business.</p> <p><u>Uses:</u> To hire ag business consultant to work with community to develop feasibility study to help farm meet community needs while becoming a profitable, successful venture. Could also provide training and employment opportunities for tribal members.</p>	<p>Total \$2.6 mill</p> <p>Ceiling \$100,000</p> <p>No match</p>	<p>Posted 5.21.13</p> <p>Closing 6.24.13</p>

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DHHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA) SEDS Funding Opp # HHS-2011-ACF-ANA-NA-0143 HIGHLY RECOMMEND ATTENDING ANA APPLICANT TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: http://ana.i2ilabs.com/	<u>Social & Economic Development Strategies (SEDS):</u> To promote social and economic self-sufficiency that supports locally-determined projects designed to reduce or eliminate community problems and achieve community goals. Four priorities: 1) create sustainable employment opportunities; 2) provide professional training and skill development to increase employability and earning potential; 3) create and develop small businesses and entrepreneurial activities, and; 4) ensure jobs and revenue generated by projects stay within the Native community.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=67234 Check out guides / resources for planning ANA grant projects: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/resource-library/search?area[2409]=2409#?area[2409]=2409&topic[2414]=2414&ajax=1	<u>Eligibility:</u> Federally-recognized tribes, Native American tribal organizations, non-profits representing Native Americans. <u>Uses:</u> Farm business development & marketing: retail store and commercial kitchen development; market research and development; training a tribal farm management team - production, retail/business management. Entrepreneurial training for native producers, crafters and artisans.	Total \$4.5 million Ceiling \$400,000 Floor \$50,000 Match 20% total project 1-3 years	Posted 1.31.11 Closing 6.6.13
DHHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA) SEEDS Funding Opp # HHS-2013-ACF-ANA-NE-0588 (Special initiative under SEDS)	<u>Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategy (SEEDS):</u> The four priorities of the SEEDS initiative are the same as the SEDS program. The focus of SEEDS is to promote the economic self-sufficiency of Native Americans through community-based small business creation that will enable more tribal members to acquire and maintain gainful employment and improve the long term financial health of tribal members and their families.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=235693 SEEDS Concept Paper (10.26.2012): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ana/ana_proposed_new_foa.pdf	<u>Eligibility:</u> Federally-recognized tribes, Native American tribal organizations, non-profits representing Native Americans. <u>Uses:</u> With or instead of SEDS to implement the business plan? Call Rondelle Clay, ANA Eastern Region Director, 1.888.221.9686 or direct voice 571.323.5659	Total \$5 million Ceiling \$500,000 Floor \$100,000 5 years	Posted 5.30.13 Closing 8.14.13
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG)	The ICDBG Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg Contact Denise Tucker, Grants Management Specialist, Eastern Woodlands ONAP 312.913.8755 Denise.Tucker@hud.gov	<u>Eligibility:</u> Tribes, bands, nations, sometimes tribal organizations. <u>Uses:</u> Wide variety of commercial, industrial, agricultural projects which may be recipient owned and operated or which may be owned and/or operated by a third party.	Ceiling \$600,000	Closed 3.18.13 Funds obligated by 9.30.15 Implementation by 9.30.2020

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USDA Rural Development (RD) Business and Cooperative Programs RBEG Funding Opp # RDBCP-09-RBEG-ARRA	<u>Rural Business Enterprise Grant Programs (RBEG):</u> Grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund distance learning networks and employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_rbeg.html Contact: Dean Churchill, State Office (Bangor) 990.9168 This was used to construct Micmac Farms buildings; project is closed, may be eligible again.	<u>Eligibility:</u> Towns, State agencies, Indian tribes and rural private non-profit corporations <u>Uses:</u> Just about anything: land acquisition, construction, renovation, equipment, training/ technical assistance, planning, etc.	No max or minimum, range generally \$10,000 to \$500,000 (Smaller projects given higher priority)	Congress provides funding in Federal Budget annually.
USDA Rural Development (RD) Business and Cooperative Programs VAPG Funding Opp # RDBCP-2013-VAPG	<u>Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG):</u> To help agricultural producers enter value-added activities related to processing and/or marketing of bio-based value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of this program.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=248375 Contact: Beverly Stone, State Office (Bangor) 990.9168	<u>Eligibility:</u> Independent Producer, Agricultural Producer Group, Farmer or Rancher Cooperative, or Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Business Venture. Must meet product and other eligibility requirements in NOFA. <u>Uses:</u> Research markets, design commercial kitchen and develop business plan to process value-added products most wanted and needed by tribe and most profitable for the farm.	Total \$10.5 mill Ceiling Planning \$75,000 Wkg Capital \$200,000 Match 1:1	Posted 11.26.13 Closing 2.24.13
USDA Forest Service (FS) UCF Funding Opp # USDA-FS-UCF-01-2014	<u>National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program (UCF):</u> seeks innovative proposals for program development, study, and collaboration that will address the following priority issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Urban Trees and Forests More Resilient to the Impacts of Natural Disasters and Climate Change • Green Infrastructure Jobs Analysis • Utilizing Green Infrastructure to Manage and Mitigate Stormwater to Improve Water Quality 	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=230313	<u>Eligibility:</u> Federally-recognized tribes; Native American tribal organizations, Nonprofits; Municipal, County & State Govts., school districts. <u>Uses:</u> Jobs Analysis for Maine tribes? Sustainable agriculture, forestry, landscape etc. Native team to engineer solutions to water management problems for homes, communities, farms - rain gardens, green roofs, rainwater harvesting.	Total \$900,000 Ceiling \$300,000 Match 1:1	Posted 4.12.13 Closing 7.15.13

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USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) AFRI Funding Opp # USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003968	<u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)</u> : Focuses on societal challenge to adapt agroecosystems and natural resource systems to climate change and implement mitigation strategies. Specific program areas are designed to achieve the long-term outcome of reducing the use of energy, nitrogen, GHG emissions, water from practices in the production of food, feed, fiber and fuel.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=207033	<u>Eligibility</u> : Higher Ed; Federally-recognized tribes; Native American tribal organizations, Nonprofits; Forprofits, Small Businesses Municipal, County & State Govts., school districts. <u>Uses</u> : To reduce use of energy, nitrogen and fuel in Micmac Farms production, possibly by expanding bio-dynamic and organic practices.	Total \$5 mill Match 1:1	Posted 11.15.12 Closing 4.15.12
USDA Forest Service (FS) CFP Funding Opp # CFP-FS-1002011	<u>The Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP)</u> : To protect forests that are important for people and the places they call home. Community forests provide many benefits such as places to recreate and enjoy nature; they protect habitat, water quality and other environmental benefits, and they can provide economic benefits through timber resources. Community Forests have also long been sites for environmental and cultural education.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=143953	<u>Eligibility</u> : Higher Ed; Federally-recognized tribes; Native American tribal organizations, Nonprofits; Forprofits, Small Businesses Municipal, County & State Govts., school districts. <u>Uses</u> : Purchase private forest land to provide ash resources for basket-making, wildlife habitat and to protect culturally relevant plants (medicines). Requires development of forest plan as part of application.	Total \$3.15 mill Ceiling \$400,000 Match: 1:1	Posted 8.27.13 Closing 2.17.14
USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) OREI Funding Opp # USDA-NIFA-ICGP-003649	<u>Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI)</u> : To fund high priority research and extension projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. Of particular interest is research and outreach projects that will assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning by delivering practical research-based information.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=138253	<u>Eligibility</u> : Nonprofits; For-profits. Small Business, Public Higher Ed, Higher Ed Research, State Ag Experiment Stations, Individuals. <u>Uses</u> : Maybe later, if farm adopts organic standards it could participate in outreach from program.	Total \$19,000,000 Suggested Max \$50K - \$2 mill 1:1 Match 1-4 yrs	Posted 1.17.12 Closing 3.9.14

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USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO) OASDFR Funding Opp # OAO-00005	<u>Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (OASDFR)</u> : Assist eligible organizations in providing outreach and technical assistance to disadvantaged farmers / ranchers. The overall goal is to assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in a culturally appropriate manner in owning and operating farms, ranches and non-industrial forest lands while increasing their participation in agricultural programs provided by USDA.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=131193	<u>Eligibility</u> : Public and private higher ed; Federally-recognized tribes; Nonprofits. <u>Uses</u> : Possible supplemental funding? For training and conversion to organic practice when/if community decides to take that direction.	Total \$19,000,000 Ceiling \$400,000 1 yr \$800,000 2 yr	Posted 11.17.11 Close 12.21.12
USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO) ACE Funding Opp # USDA2011ACE01	<u>Agricultural Career and Employment Grants Program (ACE)</u> : To improve the supply of skilled agricultural workers and stabilize the workforce in this sector. Services to assist farmworkers in securing, retaining or upgrading agricultural jobs, i.e. • agricultural labor skills development; • agricultural labor market info; • transportation; • workplace literacy etc.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=128933	<u>Eligibility</u> : For non-profits or consortium of entities that have the capacity to train farmworkers. <u>Uses</u> : Maybe more than training, but education in sustainable agricultural practices and business/entrepreneurship development? Mentorship?	Total \$4,000,000 Ceiling \$500,000	Posted 10.20.11 Close
USDA Rural Development (RD) REAP Funding Opp # RDCP-11-REAP-ENERGY AUDIT	<u>Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REAP)</u> : Grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=92633 Contact: Cheryl Pelletier, Area 1 Office (Presque Isle) 764.4157	<u>Eligibility</u> : Federally-recognized tribes, tribal organizations, others. <u>Uses</u> : Solar panels to heat the high tunnel?	Total \$2,800,000 Ceiling \$100,000	Posted 5.9.11 Close 6.30.11
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) AMA	<u>Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)</u> : Financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/ama/ Contact: Ken Hill, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician 764.4153 Ken.hill@me.usda.gov	<u>Uses</u> : Water management or irrigation structures; plant trees for windbreaks or to improve water quality; and mitigate risk through production diversification or conservation practices (soil erosion control, integrated pest management, or transition to organic farming).	Up to 75% of project cost up to \$50,000	Ongoing

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USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service – ME CIG Funding Opp # USDA-NRCS-ME-12-01	<u>Maine Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)</u> : To stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=166733 Contact: Christopher Jones, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Special Projects 990.9563 Chris.jones@me.usda.gov	<u>Eligibility</u> : Higher education; Federally-recognized tribes; Nonprofits; Municipal, County & State govts., for-profits other than small business <u>Uses</u> : Claudia!	Total \$250,000 Ceiling \$250,000 1-3 years	Posted 4.24.12 Closing 5.31.2012
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) TIP	<u>Conservation Reserve Program – Transition Incentives Program (TIP)</u> : Two years of extra CRP rental payments to landowners with expiring contracts if they agree to rent or sell to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who will use sustainable grazing practices, resource-conserving cropping systems, or transition to organic production.	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tip051410.pdf Contact: Doreen Conlogue, FSA County Executive Director 764.4451	<u>Eligibility</u> : Crop, pasture, forest, land under tribal jurisdiction, other private agricultural land. <u>Uses</u> : Micmac Farms will receive 2 yrs extra CRP payments if they rent land to beginning or disadvantaged farmers. Incentive to rent to tribal members?		Ongoing
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) CSP Funding Opp # NRCS-CPA-1202	<u>Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)</u> : A conservation program to address resource concerns by 1) undertaking additional conservation activities; and 2) improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities. Accessing the CSP: https://attra.ncat.org/csp/	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/ Contact: Ken Hill, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician 764.4153 Ken.hill@me.usda.gov	<u>Eligibility</u> : Crop, pasture, forest, land under tribal jurisdiction, other private agricultural land. <u>Uses</u> : Annual payment for adopting new activities or maintaining existing activities. Supplemental payment to adopt crop rotations. <i>Organic crosswalk</i> .	Payment limit \$40,000 for all CSP contracts combined.	Close 2.7.14
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) EQIP	<u>Environmental Quality Incentives Program</u> : Financial and technical assistance to plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/ Contact: Ken Hill, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician 764.4153 Ken.hill@me.usda.gov	<u>Eligibility</u> : Agricultural and forest production land owners that have a natural resource concern. <u>Uses</u> : Historically underserved producers (including Tribes) may be eligible for increased payment to support implementation of conservation practices and plans.		Ongoing w/cutoff dates for evaluating and ranking apps.

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USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) EQIP Organic Initiative	Targets organic producers and producers transitioning to organic practices. States select conservation practices using a comparison chart identifying conservation practices that align with National Organic Program requirements.	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcs143_008224 Contact: Alice Begin, State Agronomist 990.9568 alice.begin@meusda.gov	<u>Uses:</u> Organic crop and livestock producers that are historically underserved can be reimbursed as much as 90% of costs.	Total \$50 million 2013	Last cutoff 5.17.13
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Organic Certification Cost Share Program	<u>Organic Certification Cost Share Program:</u> States reimburse eligible producers or handlers up to 75 percent of organic certification costs, not to exceed \$750.	2013 Cost Share Overview Review frequently asked questions , email Rita Meade , or call (202) 720-3252.	<u>Uses:</u> Another incentive to transition to organic practices.	Total \$1.425 mill 2013	Last cutoff 9.30.13
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Maine Farms for the Future Program	Phase 1 grant for farmers to research ideas and work with a certified business counselor to write an investment-grade business plan Phase 2 cash grant and/or low-interest rate through the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund, assists farmers with implementing the project(s). Farmers must sign an agreement to protect their farmland for 7 years.	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/business_and_market_development/farms_for_future/index.shtml Contact Program Administrator stephanie.gilbert@maine.gov 287-7520	<u>Eligibility:</u> Private for-profit companies owned by individuals, partners or corporations. <u>Uses:</u> Could Micmac Farms apply once business structure in place? Doesn't sound like a strong program.	---	Closed 10.7.13
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program	Grants solicited once a year for market research / promotion and new technology projects that benefit specialty crop producers. The Commissioner and Review Committee select projects then applies to USDA for accepting those projects. Grants are for projects that help a number of businesses.	Contact John Harker Maine Dept. of Agriculture 287-7620 john.harker@maine.gov Maine SCBGP funded by USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	<u>Maine</u> FY 2013 Description of Funded Projects	Maine was awarded \$401,852 for 8 projects in 2013.	--

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CNCS Americorps Funding Opp # CNCS-GRANTS-04302013	<u>Indian Tribes Planning Grant</u> : Focus areas are Disaster Services, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, Opportunity, and Veterans and Military Families. For FY 2013, priorities are in economic opportunity, education, veterans and military families, and disaster services.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=232456	<u>Eligibility</u> : Federally-recognized tribes. <u>Uses</u> : Fill a position for a planning assistant, writer, researcher for environmental stewardship, healthy futures (organic, biodynamic farming). Food/nutrition teacher cooking person.	Total Ceiling \$75,000	Posted 4.30.13 Close 5.30.13
Broad Reach Fund (A donor-advised fund of Maine Community Foundation)	Provides over a million dollars annually to support Maine nonprofits aligned with broad interests in social justice, economic opportunity, environmental health, and sustainable food systems.	Contact Andrea Perry, donor adviser. MCF number 877.700.6800. Also a Board member of Maine Philanthropy Center https://www.mainephilanthropy.org/about/board-and-staff	<u>Eligibility</u> : Maine's non-profits. <u>Uses</u> : Flexible. Discuss needs with Andrea. <i>Provided \$25,000 over 2 yrs to Micmac Farms 2012-13. Good non-federal match.</i>	By invitation	Ongoing
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) University of Vermont, Burlington -HQ	<u>Farmer Grant</u> : Most grants are not for farmers, but to fund research of agricultural agencies and nonprofits, universities, extension offices, grad students, etc . The Farmer Grant is for commercial producers to test or research an innovative idea. Must work with a technical advisor.	http://www.nesare.org/Grants/Get-a-Grant/Farmer-Grant Ellen Mallory, SARE State Coordinator, UMaine Cooperative Extension 581.2942 Ellen.mallory@maine.edu	<u>Eligibility</u> : Commercial producers <u>Uses</u> : Cannot use until Micmac Farms develops a business structure separate from the tribe.	Maximum \$15,000	Application Fall-Winter Announced March
Intertribal Agriculture Council Billings, MT	To provide a unified effort to promote change in Indian agriculture to benefit Indian people. <i>Technical assistance</i> in collaboration with USDA to increase access to USDA programs. <i>American Indian Foods</i> to showcase products and share Tribal cultures to the world. <i>Made/Produced by American Indians</i> trademark.	http://www.iactechhelp.com/ Technical Assistance Dir, Eastern Tribes Zach Ducheneaux, Eagle Butte, SD 605.964.8320	<u>Uses</u> : Micmac Farms is an enrolled member and has "Certified Authentic Made/Produced by American Indians" stickers. IAC has events.	Technical Assistance	Call anytime
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Agricultural Development Grant Program	Cost share grants to conduct market promotion, market research and development, value-added processing and new technology demonstration projects.	Contact John Harker 287-7620 john.harker@maine.gov	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/grants/agricultural_development.shtml	No funds available	---

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Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Water Source Development Grant	Uses state and federal dollars to research the needs of farmers for water sources and irrigation. The Division administers bonds to fund a water source development program to help farmers build water sources to mitigate drought.	Contact John Harker 287-7620 john.harker@maine.gov to be put on list for future solicitations	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/grants/water_source.shtml	Not taking RFPs	---
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Federal State Market Improvement Program	Competitive grant program for state agricultural departments to apply for to do market research studies in their states..	Contact John Harker 287-7620 john.harker@maine.gov	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/grants/federal_state_market_improvement.shtml	Currently there are no solicitations for this program	---
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Senior FarmShare Program	Funding from USDA provides low-income seniors the chance to receive fresh vegetables and fruits from Maine farmers during the growing season.	Contact Julie Waller, Senior FarmShare Manager 287.7526 Julie.a.waller@maine.gov	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/senior_farm_share.shtml	Farmers sign up in January, Seniors sign up March through April.	
DHHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Funding Opp # HHS-2011-ACF-ANA-NR-0142	<u>Environmental Regulatory Enhancement</u> : NAPA (authorizing act) was amended to strengthen tribal government capacity to identify, plan, develop, and implement environmental programs that will bolster regulatory efforts in a manner that is consistent with a Tribe's cultural preservation and natural resource management priorities. Ultimate success in this program will be realized when the applicant's desired level of environmental quality is acquired and maintained.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html 2011 FOA Environmental Reg. Enhancement Contact Rondelle Clay, ANA Eastern Region Director, 1.888.221.9686 or direct voice 571.323.5659	<u>Eligibility</u> : Federally-recognized tribes, Native American tribal organizations, non-profits representing Native Americans. <u>Uses</u> : An environmental plan for Micmac Farms that supports Netukulimk world view.	Total \$700,000 Ceiling \$300,00 Floor \$100,000 Avg \$175,000 12-36 mos Match 20% total	Posted 1.31.13 Closing 6.6.13

Other Information Resources, Technical Assistance and Potential Partnerships

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National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition Washington DC	An alliance of grassroots organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural communities. NSAC's vision of agriculture is one where a safe, nutritious, ample, and affordable food supply is produced by a legion of family farmers who make a decent living pursuing their trade, while protecting the environment, and contributing to the strength and stability of their communities.	http://sustainableagriculture.net/ The latest Farm Bill news, Congress' 2014 funding package, USDA news, tons of information on grants and publications. Grassroots guide to the Farm Bill.	202.547.5754
ATTRA, The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service	A program developed and managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). Funded through a cooperative agreement with the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, through sales and subscriptions of ATTRA materials and with contributions from friends and supporters. Provides high value information and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the US.	https://attra.ncat.org/index.php Webinars and videos; calendar of workshops, online courses and conferences; searchable databases; online form to submit questions to specialists; resources for beginning farmers; information about energy alternatives; master publication list, educational resources.	---
START2FARM.GOV	The Start2Farm site and program are a project of the National Agricultural Library in partnership with the American Farm Bureau Federation . Start2Farm is funded through a USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) , <i>Beginning Farming and Ranching Development Program</i> grant and was developed to assist people new to farming or ranching and those who have less than 10 yrs experience.	http://start2farm.gov/	Email: info@Start2Farm.gov National Agricultural Library 301.504.6020 Rural Information Center 800.6337701 (toll-free)

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USDA Organic Literacy Initiative	<p><u>USDA Organic Literacy Initiative</u>: Designed to help connect current and prospective organic farmers, ranchers, and processors with appropriate USDA resources.</p>	<p>http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/organicinfo Webinar USDA Organic Toolkit Brochure Is Organic an Option for Me? Training Modules Organic 101, fundamentals of organic agriculture Organic 201, standards, certification, and enforcement</p>	
UMaine Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Orono, Maine	<p>Mission is to identify and apply ecological principles that contribute to the sustainable use of ecosystems in a rapidly changing global environment. Faculty expertise provides a framework to study interactions between biological, chemical and physical components of agricultural, horticultural, wetlands, forest, and watershed ecosystems.</p>	<p>http://www.umaine.edu/pse/ <u>Uses</u>: Get one Micmac student enrolled in program.</p>	Director, M. Susan Erich 581.2997 Erich@maine.edu
UMaine Beginning Farmer Resource Network	<p>UMaine brings together a coalition of Maine agriculture agencies and organizations working together to connect aspiring, beginning, and transitioning farmers to resources for farm business success.</p>	<p>http://umaine.edu/beginning-farmer-resource-network/</p>	Phone: 353.5550 or 800.287.1458 (in Maine) E-mail: tori.jackson@maine.edu
Maine Rural Partners (MRP) Orono, Maine	<p>A non-profit dedicated to advancing collaborative, integrated approaches to rural development in Maine. FOOD: Empower the cost-effective, environmentally sound production and availability of healthy local foods. ENERGY: Provide access to clean, inexpensive energy. HEALTH & WEALTH: Help communities assess local assets and find solutions that create healthy, vibrant communities.</p>	<p>www.mainerural.org <i>MRP secured a major USDA OASDFR grant to Grow Micmac Farms and Farmers. Through that grant they also secured other USDA funds to install heat pumps that are saving the farm \$thousands in energy costs. Still need them to organize resources and assist in grant writing to help the farm become viable.</i></p>	Claudia Lowd – 581.4520 Claudia@marinerural.org

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Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI) Wiscasset, Maine	Strong program in supporting the family in Maine, provided \$10 million in financing and investment to over 140 agricultural enterprises. Also provides business counseling and technical assistance to develop products, business and marketing plans for ag and food-related businesses.	http://www.ceimaine.org/Agriculture <u>Uses:</u> Farm business and marketing plan assistance. If the farm is not borrowing (yet), we might pay for the service through grant funds. Discuss with Gray Harris.	Gray Harris, Director, Sustainable Agriculture 882.7552
Maine Farmland Trust Belfast, Maine	A statewide organization that works to protect farmland, support farmers, advance farming. We contacted them about the Buy/Sell/Protect program to purchase vulnerable farmland near Micmac Farms, then sell to tribe at more affordable price. Also can assist in business planning, value added planning, market development, production problem-solving, etc	http://www.ceimaine.org/Agriculture <u>Uses:</u> Technical assistance in business planning, production problem-solving, marketing, identifying new ventures, coordination of community farm share for low income families, beginning farmer program.	Elizabeth Sprague, Business Development Manager, Farm Viability – 338.6575 Esprague@mainefarmlandtrust.com When Elizabeth worked for Four Directions, we talked about Micmac Farms. She’s a good resource.
SARE Learning Center	Books, videos, top project reports, online courses, fact sheets, and other information about sustainable agriculture—searchable by type of product and topic.	http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center <u>Uses:</u> More info for lifelong learner-farmer-manager.	Stay updated by signing up for the Learning Center RSS feed
UMaine Cooperative Extension Orono, Maine	Putting university research to work in homes, businesses, farms, and communities in every corner of Maine for 100 years. Educational efforts focus on the Maine Food System, Positive Youth Development, and Community and Economic Development.	http://extension.umaine.edu/about/ <u>Uses:</u> Advice on pest and weed management, soils, sustainable ag, farm safety. Nutrition education including food safety, preservation and <i>Eat Well Nutrition Education Program</i> (this should be provided to Micmac audience).	Presque Isle Office 764.3361 Staff Directory: http://umaine.edu/aroostook/presque-isle/staff/

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Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association (MOFGA) Unity, Maine	MOFGAs mission is to help farmers and gardeners grow organic food, fiber and other crops; protect the environment; recycle natural resources; increase local food production; support rural communities; and illuminate for consumers the connection between healthful food and environmentally sound farming practices. MOFGA provides Apprenticeships and Journeyman Programs, also friendly technical assistance from John Chartier.	http://www.mofga.org/Home/AboutMOFGA/tabid/166/Default.aspx Uses: If the tribe decides to commit to growing their food organically, John Chartier can provide valuable technical assistance in production. Also take advantage of Apprenticeship and Journeyman Programs, workshops such as business planning and orcharding, grafting and pruning fruit trees.	John Chartier, Aroostook County Agricultural Specialist jchartier@mofga.org I lost his phone number!
Maine Federation of Farmers Markets Freedom, Maine	The Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets is comprised of a Board of Directors that represent 25 of Maine's farmers' markets. They provide resources for market members and shoppers.	http://www.maine farmersmarkets.org/	Colleen Hanlon-Smith colleen@mffm.org
Crown O' Maine Organic Cooperative Skylandia Organic Farm, Grand Isle - Jim & Kate Cook	Work with farms to help bring their products to chefs, retail stores, and buying clubs. Many of our farmers and producers also conduct retail activities of their own. Farmers' Markets, CSA's, and Farm Stands, are important activities for almost all of our farms.	http://crownofmainecoop.com/ Warehouse in Vassalboro	Maranda Cook – 877.7774 marada@crownofmainecoop.com
New England Small Farm Institute (NESFI) Belchertown, Massachusetts	A land-based, non-profit organization, founded in 1978 by a local citizens' action group—Women in Agriculture, Food Policy and Land Use Reform—to encourage more sustainable regional agriculture, with a mission to promote small farm development by providing information and training for aspiring, beginning and transitioning farmers.	http://www.smallfarm.org/index.php Small Farm Dream Course at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College! Apprenticeship Placement Service, mentorship programs (experienced farmers teaching on their farm). Publications and other resources.	413.323.4531 info@smallfarm.org
Slow Foods USA & Aroostook	As a global, grassroots organization, the mission of Slow Foods is good, clean and fair food for all. The Slow Food network is comprised of over 150,000 members in more than 150 countries. Can connect funders to food projects.	http://www.slowfoodusa.org/about-us Aroostook Slow Foods BDN 2011	Slow Foods Aroostook Angela Wotton amwotton@earthlink.net

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US Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs	Charged by Congress to direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, and programs that assist tribes with energy development, capacity building, energy infrastructure, energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes.	http://energy.gov/indianenergy/office-indian-energy-policy-and-programs	Tracy Lebeau, Director tracey.lebeau@hq.doe.gov Pilar Thomas, Deputy Director pilar.thomas@hq.doe.gov 202. 586.1272
Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development (IEED)	Assists Indian communities gain economic self-sufficiency through the development of their energy and mineral resources, application of established business practices, and co-sponsorship of innovative training programs. Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Telephone: (202) 219-0740	Division of Economic Development Jack Stevens, Chief Jack.Stevens@bia.gov Phone: (202) 208-6764 Division of Energy & Mineral Development Stephen Manydeeds Stephen.Manydeeds@bia.gov Phone: (720) 407-0600	Division of Capital Investment Shannon Loeve, Acting Shannon.Loeve@bia.gov Phone: (505) 563-5471 Division of Workforce Development Francis Dunne, Acting Division Chief francis.dunne@bia.gov Phone: (202) 219-5270
BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program	Breaks through conventional barriers to financing for tribes and individual Indians and their corporations. Facilitates loan financing for borrowers while securing reasonable interest rates and reduces risks for all borrowers. Can be used to guarantee up to 90% of an eligible loan.	http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm Can be used to guarantee Federal loans - USDA, SBA, CDFIs, EDA & HUD: http://www.indianaffairs.gov/cs/groups/xieed/documents/document/idc-022680.pdf	Contact: Eastern Credit Office Service Center, Freida Satepeah-taw-Bailey 405.247.6140
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Promotional Site -Get Real Get Maine	Searchable listings of apples, berries, specialty foods and other farm products, or find Maine food and farm producers with maps.	http://www.getrealmaine.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/home.home/index.htm	---
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) Farmer Education and Resources	Here are some of the resources available to new, beginning and transitioning farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Information about Farming in Maine • Business Planning Assistance • Farmland Resources (Finding Land) • Labor Resources • Capital Resources 	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/business-and-market-development/farmer-education/index.shtml	No contact listed for Farmer Education and Resources in this division.

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Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Farmers Market Promotion Program	Information regarding permits and statutes, implementing WIC & SNAP.	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/market_promotion/farmers_market.shtml	No contact listed. No longer a funded program
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Maine Agricultural Business and Market Development Program	Uh...Technical Assistance "If they can't assist you, they'll direct you to someone who can. Business Resource Directory "they have lists of farms that are interested in activities." Ag Business Planning Assistance" they'll send you to SBDC or SCORE."	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/business_and_market_development/index.shtml	No program contact listed, guessing John Harker 287-7620 john.harker@maine.gov
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Nutrient Management Program	Information about the law and rules.	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/nutrient_management/index.shtml	Mark Hedrich 287.7608 mark.hedrich@maine.gov
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF) Integrated Pest Management Program	Links to K-12 Resources, Agricultural & Horticultural IPM information, Maine IPM Council and Financial & Technical Assistance (links to NRCS resources).	http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated_pest_management/index.shtml	No contact listed