American Indian Circle - Salinas Valley State Prison, Soledad, CA - $1,000
The American Indian Ceremonialism Project of the American Indian Circle at Salinas Valley State Prison promotes, through ceremony, Native individual, tribal, inter-tribal, cultural, spiritual and ecological resilience among the prisoners. The ceremonies that are regularly used are the sweat lodge, talking circle, feasts of the four seasons, feast for the four sacred foods and a powwow. Funds would help purchase Native Harvest wild rice and buffalo products for the quarterly four season feasts.

Brave Heart Society – Lake Andes, South Dakota - $4,000
Brave Heart Society has been approached by several traditionalist horse riders who are following a vision to ride the tributaries leading into the Missouri River to lay prayers for the protection of sacred water from the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. It is essential for South Dakota and the country to realize that the Missouri River is the lifeblood of all Native communities in the Oceti Sakowin and any further pollution to this lifeline must be prevented. The presence of benzene in potential pipeline breaks is a major concern in tribal communities already impacted by water that has been polluted by uranium from the tailings of the Black Hills and agricultural pollutants. This sacred ride, with accompaniment of media highlighting the effort, will bring attention to this threat.

Cheyenne River Youth Project – Eagle Butte, South Dakota - $3,000
The Wiyan Toka Win (“Leading Lady”) Garden is a key component of CRYP programs and services and is the cornerstone in our efforts to build a more sustainable food system on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation, while fostering environmental stewardship. The garden project is guided by traditional and spiritual principles, incorporating our Lakota values into the gardens development – Generosity, Spirituality, Wisdom, Respect, Courage, Honest, and Patience. Built upon a unique combination of spiritual, human and land based resources, CRYP children, their families and even community elders are involved in the 2 acre Wiyan Toka Win Garden. One of the most important aspects of the garden program is to foster community participation so the value of gardening and knowledge of traditional agricultural methods can be transferred from generation to generation. Funding would be used for program supplies, staff support and to host two teen garden interns in the summer of 2015.

Dakota Resource Council – Bismarck, North Dakota - $3,000
Funds will allow DRC members from Fort Berthold to travel to meetings and hearings regarding issues that affect tribal lands. Also, funds will enable DRC organizers to plan and organize educational meetings to engage tribal
members in affecting the decision making processes that affect oil and gas development on the reservation.

**DEBWE Youth Center – Detroit Lakes, Minnesota - $5,000**

DEBWE in collaboration with White Earth Land Recovery Project will coordinate and complete 3 Ojibwe crafts classes on the White Earth Reservation. These workshops are a core part of their mission to restore the traditional practices of the Annishinaabe, creating a space for the youth to have a sense of their culture, traditions and belonging. Class one will be cab beading and drumstick making for youth ages 8 to 14. Instructors are Mary Gagnon beading expert and Brad Bloom drummer. Class two will be black ash basket weaving for youth and adults 14 and older. Class three will be for your ages 14 and up, quill work with expert Panoka Walker.

**E Ala E Apapalani E – Kamuela, Hawaii - $5,000**

Merrie Monarch marks a time when families, communities and halau all gather to celebrate our beloved traditions, land, kapuna and life ways. This is done through hula, oli, mele, kahiko and auna. All are done to honor the sacred past in modernity. As Kumu Hula take their halau to the mountain and forests to adorn them with a variety of kinola from Papahonua they impart the wisdom of the ancestors through mindful gathering practices and a deep respect for their ‘aina aloha or MaunaKea. With this grant they will be researching, teaching and experiencing traditional prayers and chants connected to the growing and partaking of foods and drink associated with ceremony and daily consumption.
**Earth Guardians – Boulder, Colorado - $5,000**

The Earth Guardians are proposing the expansion of a 13 member youth council comprised of youth from across the country. This council would then promote, educate and mobilize a younger generation in the efforts to stop the practices of extreme extraction and transportation of fossil fuels. While at the same time encouraging and nurturing Indigenous identity and empowerment among the youth.

Earth Guardians and the RYSE Council would seek advice and supervision from other veteran organizations and artists already experienced in movements around environmental protection and climate change.

**Endazhi Anji Anishinaabewiiyaang – Waubun, Minnesota - $3,500**

Endazhii Aanji Anishinaabewiyang has been in existence since 2011. It started out to establish a K-6 Ojibwe cultural and immersion school and to build and Ojibwe Foods system curriculum that can be utilized in the immersion school as well as a community education component. To understand more comprehensively how to achieve these goals, Endazhi Anji Anishinaabewiiyaang will administer a community survey and compile a community needs assessment document, so that the restoration of traditional and cultural practices may continue.

**Halau Hula Keʻalaonamaupua (HHK) – Kamuela, Hawaii - $4,000**

HKK is located in the community of Waimea on the island of Hawaiʻi. Waimea is a thriving community, the center for ranching, paniolo culture, performing arts and voyaging. Local industries include farming, ranching, professional, retail, service and tourism. The United States government census (2010) figures show that only 16% of the community population is Native Hawaiian. In many instances in Hawaiʻi, due to the disciplined structure of the Halau Hula and level of commitment to the dance, culture, and the environment, Kumu Hula and their members will go beyond the dance and take the lead in efforts to protect, perpetuate, and promote all that is integral to the integration of cultural values and practices for the next seven generations.
**Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture – Kykotsmovi, Arizona - $4,000**

With the introduction of mass-produced and commodity foods, imposed in the beginning by the federal government and more recently by International commercial food industries, the Hopi life way and path as Indigenous Peoples has changed in many significant ways. The rapid change in lifestyles and food has greatly contributed to the increase of diabetes and obesity in Indigenous communities and the loss of biodiversity in regards to the cultivation and care for ancient heirloom seeds. To address these issues, it is important to engage youth and elders in a project designed to encourage the continuation of our languages and culture through meaningful interactions and hands on activities. It has been documented that, much of this linguistically encoded knowledge is transmitted to younger generations while they are assisting elders in traditional building, hunting, fishing, or foraging activities, or while food, fibers, medicines, or ceremonial items are being prepared by hand.

**Indigenous Consultants LLC – Hilo, Hawaii - $4,000**

Indigenous Consultants LLC is seeking to implement a 12 month program in conjunction with The First Friday Show, a community (Olelo) TV project on under-reported stories & topics of import to Hawaiians & Hawaii. It is taped live (on Oahu) on the first Friday of the month and then re-run 3 times on Oahu Island initially, and thereafter 4 times, (once weekly) on every neighbor island in the Hawaiian archipelago. By the end of the month, an average of 400,000 viewers have seen the show. First Friday, The Unauthorized News, is Hawaii’s longest running public TV commentary. Over the last 6 years, First Friday has increasingly focused on issues of renewable energy, sustainability, education and food security, and other hot topic political issues. First Friday is a volunteer project, none of the people working on the show are paid a salary. All equipment, as well as studio time are provided by Hawaii Public TV (Olelo).

**International Forum on Globalization (IFG) – San Francisco, California - $4,000**

IFG serves indigenous peoples’ requests for research and other support needed for protecting indigenous interests. Current projects advance both indigenous energy and food agendas by increasing communities’ capabilities to protect territory, specifically by urgent efforts to educate and mobilize Minnesotans to stop proposed pipeline infrastructure that would extensively violate treaty rights. Our work within the next two years will be intensive with the Sandpiper, Alberta Clipper, and Keystone XL pipelines, as it is integral to our ongoing research, education, and outreach create political and social will for the restoration of sustainability in indigenous territories.
ITMSPC (Inter-Tribal Maple Syrup Producers Cooperative) – Hayward, Wisconsin - $3,000
To support a gathering of Anishinaabe maple syrup producers in order to better protect maple stands of the Anishinaabeg and create a tribal maple syrup producers cooperative. Wisconsin on November 4th. This request is for lodging, ferry and other miscellaneous costs for members of the ITMSPC and ICTV to meet on Madeline Island on Thursday, August 14th & 15 for a board meeting and other activities associated with maple sapping and syrup production. As part of that meeting, we will have two staff members from ICTV there to attend as well to do interviews with board members and others as part of a Maple Sapping video with narratives to go over several hours of video and photos we took of sugar operations this last spring.

Keepers of the Athabasca – Saskatchewan, Canada - $5,000
Keepers of the Athabasca is currently working on continuing to raise awareness of Insitu mining, that will be surpassing open pit mining in the near future and is considered to be equally destructive to open pit mining. They will be hosting an Insitu tour in Alberta from Jan-March 2015. Also working on raising awareness of crude by rail issues and the impact on sacred land. Collaborating with First Nations and other NGOs on raising awareness and campaigning around the proposed TECH mine, the biggest oilsands project ever proposed. Working with Keepers of the Water on larger regional water issues, to include N.W.T, B.C and Saskatchewan. And finally, working on a Food security and renewable energy gathering in the spring, one to occur in Alberta and one to occur in Hay River, N.W.T. The primary goal is to unite the peoples of the Athabasca River and Lake Watershed to secure and protect water and watershed lands for ecological, social, cultural and community health, well-being, traditions and culture.

Lubicon Solar Project – Alberta, Canada - $5,000
The Piitapan Solar Project represents the Lubicon Cree’s first step towards renewable energy generation and will mark a new era of energy sovereignty and energy development in North Alberta. Honor The Earth’s funds will be used to implement the first solar project in the community of Little Buffalo, which will demonstrate how First Nation communities in the tar sands can become less dependent of fossil fuels and live according to out Cree philosophy and values. Our Indigenous way of life being
overshadowed by intensive oil and gas extraction. We need to shift away from a fossil fuel based system and push for a renewable energy system that can actually help us transition out of what we are currently facing.

**Mawinzo Asiginigazo – White Earth Reservation, Minnesota - $2,500**

This was formed by a group of women that gather traditional foods and medicines resulting from their concerns regarding the close proximity of the current pipelines and the newly proposed Sandpiper to the berry patch and other gathering spots. They determined to take a stand against Enbridge to protect their traditional gathering spots, the sacred waters, wild rice and land against contamination due to the high potential of oil pipeline spills. “We want to preserve this for generations to come. Our equally important goal would be to stop any additional pipelines and or expansions to happen within our treaty areas. This would be an ongoing project and would include educational materials such as brochures and wearable attire. We would also continue to gather our traditional foods and medicines and encourage others to join us in our endeavors of practicing and preserving our inherent rights to our cultural traditions. Our intent is to help others with overall health by eating our traditional foods and sharing what we have gathered”.

**Native American Educational Technologies – Hayward, Wisconsin - $5,000**

Native American Educational Technologies and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa tribe, working in partnership, established a treaty rights based harvesting project to develop an organic traditional foods based economy for the ceded territory, and to stop an extreme extraction mountaintop removal mine in the Bad River/Lake Superior Watershed in the Penokee Hills. The project is called Harvest Educational Learning Project (HELP) and our NEXT STEP is to research local sustainable shelter construction to be built by tribal community members using local popple and jackpine in cordwood/stackwood construction of inexpensive energy efficient tribal housing. Our goal: stop the mine, create local food/shelter economy.

**Nez Perce Tribe – Idaho - $3,000**

The Nez Perce Tribe is very proud of their success in salmon recovery and production. This year the Clearwater River had its first year of a harvestable production of Coho Salmon since they disappeared from the river in 1985. The recovery effort started in 1994 when Silas Whitman the chairman for NPTEC got surplus Coho salmon from the lower- Columbia River and the Tribe took it upon themselves to bring the Coho back with no additional outside funding. This year over 16,000 adult fish came up the Clearwater
for both Tribal and non-Tribal sportsman to fish. What an awesome reason to celebrate. They believe it is time to find different ways to celebrate those accomplishments and Tribal gatherings, such as, First Foods, the End of Salmon Harvest season (spring and fall), Steelhead season, root and berry harvest all deserve a gathering for fun, food and good times for all. This project will allow us to buy the material for four smokers with help from the Tribal Maintenance Department’s help with construction. Policies for operation and maintenance of the smokehouses will develop as the project becomes a reality.

**Oceti Wakan – Pine Ridge, South Dakota - $4,000**
With High School drop out rates at 70% a need for healing and preservation of the Lakota language and culture is needed. This program focuses on providing the education one needs to have a healthy physical body, emotional body, spiritual body and strong mind and spirit through providing afterschool programs 2nd through 8th grade.

**Olohana Foundation Inc. – Pa’auila, Hawaii - $4,000**
Olohana Foundation working with Agroforestry Net as well as Shidler Business College University of Hawaii and the National Botanical Gardens on the Pacific Breadfruit Initiative connecting 11 Island Governments to create new models for indigenous economic development and agricultural production. To restore these practices Olohana will increase local capacity among community members in the area of a full range, tropical food forest with four dimensional cropping and harvesting of diverse crops with Breadfruit as lead export crop.

**Owe Aku Prairie Dust Films – Manderson, South Dakota - $4,000**
These are Lakota people who protect sacred water and preservation of their homeland relying upon revitalization and education about our traditional sustainable culture. This request is for one gathering of Moccasins on the Ground to be held on the Cheyenne River territory in two weeks, 2/20-22/2015. Moccasins on the Ground is a non-violent direct action and decolonization project teaching Lakota people and our allies to peacefully resist.

**Pointe-Au-Chien Indian Tribe – Montegut, Louisiana - $3,000**
“Our land is disappearing. Our wetlands have almost disappeared totally. The marsh that extends out from the coast of Louisiana into the Gulf of Mexico was a rich habitat for shrimp, the most basic staple
of life for the people, and our primary source of income (until the BP oil spill). Without the marsh, our people have no shrimping industry. For years, the marsh was damaged by oil companies cutting canals into the marsh in order to build pipe lines to carry the oil drilled off our coast. Other canals were cut through the marsh for transporting their crews. Today, the marsh is only a fraction of the size it was, even when I was young. We are working tirelessly to restore our land, our indigenous ways and to protect our sacred sites”.

Southwest Uranium Working Group – Tijeras, New Mexico - $5,000
The primary goal is to stop the Roca Honda uranium mine project from operating to protect these sacred lands. In order to do that, many steps need to take place to prepare a team of organizers to work together to coordinate an 18-24 month campaign which brings together a coalition of community stakeholders to stop Energy Fuels & Sumitomo’s Roca Honda project through blocking its permitting processes, funding sources and local support networks.

Sovereign Foods Inc – Ponca City, Oklahoma - $2,500
Sovereign foods inc. is a non profit with a main mission of growing farms in native country to restore the traditional ways that guarantee a future for the next seven generations. As a fledgling organization they are seeking support in their vision. The grant would be used for travel to various tribes to help them set up an agriculture program.

Sung Nagi Okolakiciye/Horse Spirit Society – Manderson, South Dakota - $5,000
The Big Foot Ride has been going on for officially 29 years. Every year the Lakota People gather supplies of: winter wear, food, feed/hay for horses, and fuel to last for the 7 day horse back ride. They average 150+ riders a year who follow the trail that Chief Big Foot and his People took as they fled from the U.S. Calvary and the end resulting in the Wounded Knee Massacre. They ride in Honor of their memory and also to ground their youth in their spiritual, cultural traditions.

Traditional Native American Farmers Association – Santa Fe, New Mexico - $3,000
This project is designed to provide hands-on workshops and tutorials for native farmers, educators, and health providers, native youth, native women farmers/gardeners, in the critical importance of genetic preservation (traditional and heirloom seed). This includes, growing for seed purity, seed selection, sourcing traditional seeds, seed storage, and maintaining a seed library (bank). These workshops and training will be hosted in a number of Native communities in Arizona and New Mexico, collaborating with the community and host organization, while using local resources and traditional knowledge and wisdom.

**To Lani Enterprises Dine – Winslow, Arizona - $3,500**

Mission: To cultivate healthy, safe, and prosperous communities by strengthening food, water, and economic systems for our Native communities in the lower Little Colorado River Valley, empowering our youth, and promoting Native cultural knowledge.

This proposed project is a focused vision that has been driven by the TLE board of directors and management team, local farmers and ranchers and community members who repeatedly express a desire for a local economy that provides income and locally produced goods that enrich the well being of the People. Their collective vision is to rebuild a local and sustainable supply and market for traditional Navajo corn—fresh, roasted, steamed, and dried—providing Navajo farmers a sustainable source of income and providing Navajo people nutritious traditional food year round.

**T’Sou-Ke Nation – British Colombia, Canada - $2,500**

The funds will be used for youth engaged outings and activities. These outings will include native and medicinal plant gatherings, Indigenous native fruits and berry gathering, plant identification outings, seed gathering and traditional seafood gatherings.

Funds would go toward supplies for gathering, travel monies and monies for food.

**Unist’ot’en Sovereignty Camp – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada - $5,000**

The Unist’ot’en Camp is a resistance community whose purpose is to protect sovereign Wet’suwet’en territory from several proposed pipelines from the Tar Sands Gigaport project and shale gas from Hydraulic Fracturing Projects in the Peace River Region. Wet’suwet’en territory, which extends from Burns Lake to the Coastal Mountains, is sovereign territory which has never been ceded to the colonial Canadian state; the Wet’suwet’en are not under treaty with the Canadian government. Their territory, therefore, is and always will be free, and belongs to the Wet’suwet’en people alone.
White Earth Land Recovery Project – Callaway, Minnesota - $3,500

The needs to be addressed is the lack of access to good, healthy foods resulting in health disparities and the lack of jobs resulting in poverty and despair. The food security sovereignty work of WELRP began several years ago with the goal of re-establishing the local food production capacity on and near the reservation. We continue to work toward restoring a resilient food economy, building necessary intellectual capital and infrastructure, and advocating for policies and practices for social change. We envision a community-based economy with both national and regional implications. Through our Community Foods Program we will increase food security of low-income households by encouraging the use of gleaning, family and community gardens, community supported agriculture (CSAs), farmers markets, traditional hunting and fishing and providing training on food saving methods.

Winnemen Wintu Tribe – Redding, Caliafornia - $4,000

The Winnemem Wintu have traditional had a sacred relationship with the McCloud River salmon, a traditional staple food, but the building of the Shasta Dam during World War II flooded our lands, displaced us and also ended the McCloud River salmon run. They learned in 2004 after their War Dance against the proposal raise the Shasta Dam that the McCloud salmon survived in New Zealand in the Rakaia River, the home of the Ngai Tahu Maori people. Salmon eggs had been sent there in the 1910s, and they learned to thrive in the Rakaia. The Indian Cultural Organization is the non-profit associated with the Winnemem Wintu’s efforts to restore and revitalize culture and food sovereignty. This ICO/Winnemem Wintu project involves collaborating with U.S. fish agencies, the Ngai Tahu and New Zealand Fish and Game to return the McCloud River salmon form New Zealand, by restoring creeks and connecting them with Shasta Lake in order to create a more natural detour around the Shasta Dam. This project would restore an ecological and spiritual connection the Winnemem Wintu lost to the dam and create a viable food and economic resource that can help sustain future generations of Winnemem Wintu.
**Yellow Bird – Lame Deer, Montana - $2,500**

The Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run takes 100-120 youth and adult participants on a 400 mile relay run from Fort Robinson, NE to Busby, MT. A journey that takes them on the same their ancestors took to return to their homelands in the Powder River area. This run is both in memoriam of the sacrifice made by their ancestors and to empower participants to become leaders within their families, communities and in the fight for Mother Earth. The Honor The Earth funds will be utilized to support the direct operating costs of the actual Fort Robinson Run, including: van rentals, fuel, travel, and speaking fees for the presenters, hotel rooms, food, equipment and possibly t-shirts.

**Yansa Inc – Cold Spring, New York - $5,000**

The Yansa group partners with communities to facilitate their direct participation in the just transition to renewable energy while ensuring that the communities retain control over their resources. Yansa are seeking to train indigenous women in renewable energy work and have a program in place where indigenous women from are working through Yansa to integrate this knowledge and practice in their home communities.