

FARMERS' MARKET AND LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM (FMLFPP)
Final Performance Report

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1. Executive Summary—In 200 words or less, describe the project’s need, purpose, goals, and quantifiable outcomes:

The town of Smith River, CA is home to the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation and a diverse local community. Food insecurity is commonplace in Smith River; the only local grocery store closed in 2013. Local poverty and limited economic opportunities exacerbate the area’s food insecurity. Despite housing rich agricultural land, few farmers in Smith River grow produce for local consumption.

The primary objective of Sowing Seeds of Local Abundance was to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Food Hub and Farmer Training Program on Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation tribal land. These programs aim to increase local farming and economic opportunities. A feasibility study and strategic business plan are the primary project outcomes.

The project analyzed local agricultural economic opportunities. Additionally, it assessed how the Tribe’s farming and food economic growth strategies can help transfer tribal food culture through generations. Potential future farmers, the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation and its citizens, Smith River food entrepreneurs and residents, and regional institutions, are all identified beneficiaries. Ultimately, Sowing Seeds of Local Abundance studied how a Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation agricultural enterprise can provide much-needed farming and food economic opportunities to residents of the greater Smith River area, detailed in the resulting feasibility study and business plan.

2. Please provide the approved project’s objectives:

Objectives		Completed	
		Yes	No*
1	Conduct a feasibility study for the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation to establish a Food Hub and Farmer Training Program on tribal land	X	
2	Document current produce farming operations in the greater Smith River area and quantify the potential for growth in this local industry	X	
3	Develop an economic strategy for using the Food Hub and Farmer Training Program to bring revenue to the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation and to create local farming and food economic opportunities for the greater Smith River area	X	
4	Identify how the Food Hub and Farmer Training Program can best be used to facilitate farm-to-institution sales for local farmers	X	
5	Investigate how the Food Hub and Farmer Training Program can best support an increase in the access to and consumption of locally produced food	X	
6	Identify means of using the Food Hub and Farmer Training Program to transfer tribal food culture through generations	X	

**If no is selected for any of the listed objectives, you must expand upon this in the challenges section.*

3. List your accomplishments for the project’s performance period and indicate how these accomplishments assisted in the fulfillment of your project’s objectives. Please include additional objectives approved by FMLFPP during the grant performance period, and highlight the impact that activities had on the project’s beneficiaries.

Accomplishments	Relevance to Objective, Outcome, and/or Indicator
Completion of Feasibility Study and joint findings from the region (https://www.dnatlfood.com/sowing-seeds-of-local-abundance.html). The collective research and outreach to stakeholders and residents	Objectives 1, 2, and 5. Outcome 1: indicators 1b, 2b Outcome 5: indicators 2, 9, 10,

informed a well-founded and comprehensive study and recommendation of agricultural opportunities for the Tribe.	and 11.
Successful collaboration with project consultant to develop economic modelling for identified agricultural tribal enterprises.	Objective 3.
Presentation to the Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Council of the study findings and recommended enterprises for the tribe. A clear path to implementation of agricultural enterprises was outlined including important next steps and benchmarks to consider	Objective 3. Outcome 6: Indicators 1, 2, and 3
Development of a Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Food and Agriculture Committee. A representative group of citizens providing input on food and agriculture issues for the community	Objectives 5 and 6.
Correlation of this project work with Economic Development planning the Tribe is pursuing in developing a new Economic Development Committee. This work was identified as potential development opportunities for the Tribe to consider	Objectives 3, and 5. Outcome 3.2b, 5.7

4. Please list any challenges experienced during the project's period of performance. Provide the corrective actions taken to address these issues.

Challenges (Issues)	Corrective Actions and/or Project Changes (s)
Difficulty in finding local individuals interested in supporting an agricultural venture. General lack of available workforce capable of new business development. Important step of developing economic literacy and understanding for our region	Coordination with other Tribal Departments and Programs (such as the Tribal Employment Rights Office, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program, Summer Youth Employment Program) to identify workforce development opportunities for tribal citizens. Development of a labor model for the agricultural enterprises consisting of various skilled positions allowing for growth opportunities within the entities. Identification that oversight and management professionals would likely need to be brought in initially.
A small number of existing local food enterprises (restaurants, culinary professionals, kitchens) and strong market pressures on existing enterprises for product prices, transportation, and distribution availability	Expanded outreach to additional food professions. Difficult to gauge support without a more defined product. General support for more local food production.
Convincing Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Government of the benefit to invest in agricultural enterprises for the community.	We have been aligning the work goals with other community focuses of the tribe including: economic development, food security, and food sovereignty and cultural promotion. Highlighting the shared values of a food and agriculture focus have strengthened the mission of this project and identified support in future fiscal years.

5. Quantify the overall progress on the outcomes and indicators of your project. Include further explanation if necessary.

Outcome 1: To Increase Consumption of and Access to Locally and Regionally Produced Agricultural Products.

Indicator	Description	Number
1.	Total number of consumers, farm and ranch operations, or wholesale buyers reached	--
1.a.	The number that gained knowledge on how to buy or sell local/regional food OR aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute local/regional food	N/A
1.b.	The number that reported an intention to buy or sell local/regional food OR aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute local/regional food	75/75 consumer, 7/7 farm/ranch, 4/4 wholesale buyer
1.c.	The number that reported buying, selling, consuming more or supporting the consumption of local/regional food that they aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute	N/A
2.	Total number of individuals (culinary professionals, institutional kitchens, entrepreneurs such as kitchen incubators/shared-use kitchens, etc.) reached	
2.a.	The number that gained knowledge on how to access, produce, prepare, and/or preserve locally and regionally produced agricultural products	N/A
2.b.	The number that reported an intention to access, produce, prepare, and/or preserve locally and regionally produced agricultural products	13/20
2.c.	The number that reported supplementing their diets with locally and regionally produced agricultural products that they produced, prepared, preserved, and/or obtained	N/A

Additional community outreach was conducted thanks in part to project partner the Community Food Council for Del Norte and Tribal Lands (at their monthly meetings) and through Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation community events where we received additional consumer support. We likewise held meetings with a local grocery store that expressed interest in providing locally grown products, as well as an online marketplace with similar interests.

Outreach to local culinary professionals was more limited. Aside from restaurants there are very few kitchen professions in our region. There was much interest from community members (tribal members and general public) in preservation opportunities and other value-added product opportunities that could be created from a local agricultural product. It was identified that the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation has access to 5 total commercial kitchens (in various states of use, some requiring re-certification) that could be used to support individual ventures.

Outcome 2: Increase Customers and sales of local and regional agricultural products. (N/A)

Indicator	Description	Number
1.	Sales increased as a result of marketing and/or promotion activities during the project performance period.	N/A
	Original Sales Amount (in dollars)	
	Resulted Sales Amount (in dollars)	
2.	Customer counts increased during the project performance period.	N/A
	Original Customer Count	
	Resulted Customer Count	
	Percent Change (* 100 = % change)	

Outcome 3: Develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

Indicator	Description	Number
1.	Number of new and/or existing delivery systems/access points of those reached that expanded and/or improved offerings of	
1.a.	Farmers markets	N/A
1.b.	Roadside stands	N/A
1.c.	Community supported agriculture programs	N/A
1.d.	Agritourism activities	N/A
1.e.	Other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities	N/A
1.f.	Local and regional Food Business Enterprises that process, aggregate, distribute, or store locally and regionally produced agricultural products	N/A
2.	Number of local and regional farmers and ranchers, processors, aggregators, and/or distributors that reported	
2.a.	An increase in revenue expressed in dollars	N/A
2.b.	A gained knowledge about new market opportunities through technical assistance and education programs	No results available
3.	Number of:	
3.a.	New rural/urban careers created (Difference between "jobs" and "careers": jobs are net gain of paid employment; new businesses created or adopted can indicate new careers)	N/A
3.b.	Jobs maintained/created	N/A
3.c.	New beginning farmers who went into local/regional food production	N/A
3.d.	Socially disadvantaged famers who went into local/regional food production	N/A
3.e.	Business plans developed	1/1

It has been difficult to present new market opportunities to local farm and ranch operations. Those in our region and whom we have communicated with have been well established in the region and were more so successful in providing us helpful insights into market opportunities.

Outcome 4: Improve the food safety of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

Only applicable to projects focused on food safety!

Indicator	Description	Number
1.	Number of individuals who learned about prevention, detection, control, and intervention food safety practices	N/A
2.	Number of those individuals who reported increasing their food safety skills and knowledge	N/A
3.	Number of growers or producers who obtained on-farm food safety certifications (such as Good Agricultural Practices or Good Handling Practices)	N/A

Outcome 5: Determine the feasibility for the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation to establish a Food Hub and Farmer Training Program on tribal land

Indicator	Description	Number
1	Number of Tolowa Dee-ni’ jobs created for tribe during feasibility study	1/1
2	Number of key stakeholder interviews with local farmers and food entrepreneurs, Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation land managers, institutional food purchasers, and Smith River residents completed	25/25
3	Number of public community meetings for project progress updates and planning input	2/2
4	Number of meetings to identify potential cultural resources and design programs that facilitate tribal food culture transfer in partnership with Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation’s Waa-tr’vslh-‘a~ (Culture Department)	3/3
5	Number of focus groups conducted with representatives from all key stakeholder groups	4/5
6	Number of Food Hubs in the Pacific Northwest region visited to learn about site infrastructure and economic plan	2/2
7	A gained knowledge about new market opportunities through technical assistance and education programs	No results available
8	Number of project team update meetings to discuss progress and direction of feasibility study held with Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation staff and DNATL Community Food Council staff	12/12
9	Number of aggregation quantity recommendations made as a result of local food system research	1/1

10	Number of draft feasibility studies submitted for review to stakeholders and Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Council	1/1
11	Number of final Food Hub and Farmer Training Program feasibility studies completed during project	1/1

Over the course of this project it became apparent that the limitations of our region to support a new food hub were substantial. Discussion with local stakeholders and insights from national studies emphasized the crucial factors when considering food hub/food access development. The difficult and expensive access to our region coupled with the limited local market and limited number of producers reinforced the approach to identify food production capabilities on tribal lands in conjunction with food access. As a result, we sought to identify additional agricultural enterprise opportunities for the region that could be conducted on tribal lands. The result was a co-op of enterprises that returned to a unique “food hub” type enterprise on a small scale able to produce foods on site while also creatively and economically tapping into the current agricultural production of the region. Coordination with a local online market presented some opportunities in this way to bolster local food sales in an applicable way in our rural market.

Outcome 6: Produce a strategic economic plan for pursuing the development of a Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Food Hub and Farmer Training Program

Indicator	Description	Number
1	Number of progress reports made to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Council	4/4
2	Number of draft strategic economic plans submitted for review to stakeholders and Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Council	2/2
3	Number of final strategic economic plans completed during project	1/1

On January 18, 2018, the results of this project were formally presented to the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council, following three previous updates. This presentation included a presentation of the final strategic economic plan completed as a part of the project, as well as a timeline and request for funding to continue this project to implementation. Though implementation funding was not awarded during this presentation, TDN Tribal Council has requested a future presentation during an upcoming budget process to present the timeline for next steps again. The feasibility study and business plan will continue to drive TDN agricultural development and support community food initiatives far into the future.

6. Discuss your community partnerships (include applicant staff and external partners).
 - i. Who were your community partners?

The Community Food Council for Del Norte and Tribal Lands (CFC DNATL) has been a primary partner on this project. Other major partners include the California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP), and the Community and Family Services (CFS) Department of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. New partners that have emerged through the course of this project include the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Natural Resources and Cultural Departments, Wild Rivers Connect (a non-profit serving Curry and Del Norte Counties by providing resources for the betterment of everyone), and the United Indian Health Services Elder Nutrition Program.

We would also like to note a number of local professional companies that have provided valuable support and insights into agricultural production for our region. Notably Alexandre Ecodairy, Lost

Coast Native Foods Nursery, Twin Creek Farm, and Valley Flora Farm have been very supportive of our work and research and provided hours of in-depth responses to our many questions.

ii. How did they contribute to the overall results of the FMLFPP project?

CFC DNATL has been integral in accessing the local community & local stakeholders with their existing producer, market, and institutional relationships. Staff have assisted in analysis of food and agricultural economic development for our region, documenting current producing farming operations for the region, analyzing the economic growth potential for our market, and establishing relationships with local institutions. Development of this project has aligned with a CFC DNATL mission to characterize and define for the region the following:

1. Food Insecurity
2. Local Food Economy
3. Food Culture Shift.

Partially as a result of this project, TDN is now represented on the CFC DNATL and Building Healthy Communities Program Design Team in defining and advancing the above-mentioned goals.

CCRP helped develop and coordinate the community food survey mailer to local residents. Their input on the survey questions and format generated a concise and informative product that will be used to support tribal food program development into the future. CCRP also compiled survey results into a Final Report document we have been able to use for this project as well as other food initiatives.

This grant is managed under the CFS Department. CFS leadership has been vital in developing a working relationship with the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Tribal Council. Advancement of this project has been integrated into considerations by the Tribe for additional support through complimentary Tribal programs including those overseeing economic development, work force development, and Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ (Culture) Department has helped us define the cultural connection and importance of food for the Tolowa people. The historic precedent of food production and connection to the land help ground this work in its mission. This project has greatly helped develop a message of Food Sovereignty and empowerment for tribal members that is economically, health, and community based.

The Natural Resources department has provided support in detailing TDN land management practices and the identification of viable tribal agricultural lands. They have also shown considerable support for maintaining tribal agricultural lands as designated for agricultural use in the future.

Wild Rivers Connect has served as a bridge into the northern portion of the Wild Rivers Region, providing introductions to stakeholders in Curry and Coos Counties of Oregon. An organization with similar networking to the CFC DNATL, they have been vital in understanding the local market beyond state lines.

Alexandre Ecodairy, Lost Coast Native Foods Nursery, Twin Creek Farm, and Valley Flora Farm have provided technical assistance for agricultural operations specifically focused on our region. They have provided considerable time providing information in support of this project and we are extremely thankful for their involvement.

iii. How will they continue to contribute to your project's future activities, beyond the performance period of this FMLFPP grant?

Project partners will continue to have shared interest in the promotion of more local food production

and access for the regional community. There are and will continue to be collaborative efforts between the tribe and local partners to address food insecurity, economic development, and health in our rural region. These efforts do and will continue to exist through cultural, social, and environmental partnerships and endeavors.

The real development of this work, beyond design and planning to implementation, has elevated interest from all involved parties. It represents a new degree of collaboration between the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and local community partners and stakeholders. This has been and very positive development resulting from the work to-date.

- iv. What feedback have the partners provided (specific comments) about the results of the project?

Overall, we have received positive feedback from project partners. Similarities between this grant project and the Program Design Team of the CFC DNATL have strengthened an existing partnership and shared vision for the future for our region. General interest in this work and the networking growth that has resulted from it has been seen as a positive. Feasibility study (minus business plan) will be made available to project partners following completion of project reporting and closeout and is much anticipated.

7. How do you plan to publicize the results?

- i. To whom (i.e. people, entities) do you plan to publicize the project results?

The project results (feasibility study, business plan, and next steps to implementation) were presented to Tribal Council in January 2018, with the understanding that future presentations are available for any Council meeting where they may be appropriate (both closed meetings and those open to the Tribal community). The presentation and associated informational packets are included as attachments to this report. The resulting feasibility study and business plan will be made available to all Tribal departments, and specifically distributed via electronic and hard copy to Natural Resources, Waa-tr'vslh-'a~, Tribal Employment Rights Office, and the newly forming Economic Development Committee. The feasibility study has already been discussed at several TDN Food and Agriculture Standing Committee meetings but following project reporting and closeout hard copies will be distributed to all members. Results will be publicized to TDN members, departments, and programs via website, e-mail, and social media, with electronic or hard copies available upon request.

The resulting feasibility study (excluding business plan) will be made available via an electronic copy and hyperlink to all project community partners to distribute as they see fit. Results will be distributed to the community via an upcoming CFC DNATL community meeting. CFC DNATL is currently the first online location where the feasibility study has been made available to the public (<https://www.dnatlfood.com/sowing-seeds-of-local-abundance.html>).

- ii. When do you plan to publicize the results?

*If you have publicized the results, please send any publicity information (brochures, announcements, newsletters, etc.) electronically along with this report. Non-electronic promotional items should be digitally photographed and emailed with this report (do not send the actual item).

Results of this project (namely, the feasibility study) will be publicized following all project reporting and closeout. The study is already published on the CFC DNATL website, and is available at <https://www.dnatlfood.com/sowing-seeds-of-local-abundance.html>. Promotion of the results will be dependent on CFS department staff and is planned via e-mail, social media, and TDN newsletter, as well as through future Council presentations. The department is currently pursuing additional food and

agriculture projects that will continue to pursue, depend on, and publicize information produced through this project.

8. Have you collected any feedback from your community and additional stakeholders about your work?

We have not specifically collected feedback as of yet from the community or stakeholders. We did receive feedback from the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Tribal Council. They specifically appreciated the investment of time and research into the matter, as well as the level of detail included in the feasibility study and business plan. We have successfully raised the importance and consideration of agriculture as a viable enterprise for the tribe, and Tribal Council has invited this project to be considered for funding requests to move from planning into implementation within the next 1-2 fiscal years.

- i. If so, how did you collect the information? N/A
- ii. What feedback was relayed (specific comments)? N/A

9. Budget Summary:

- i. As part of the LFPP closeout procedures, you are required to submit the SF-425 (Final Federal Financial Report). Check here if you have completed the SF-425 and are submitting it with this report: Yes
- ii. Did the project generate any income? Yes No
 - a. If yes, \$_____ generated and how was it used to further the objectives of this project?
- iii. In the table below include the total amount of **federal funds spent** during the grant performance period (**Do not** include matching or in-kind contributions):

Categories	Amount Approved in Budget	Actual Federal Expenditures (Federal Funds ONLY)
Personnel:	46,800	40,646.88
Fringe:	14,976	5,926.97
Contractual:	18,750	18,839.12
Equipment:		
Travel:	5,393	631.78
Supplies:	360	660.15
Other:	3,210	409.31
Indirect Costs:	5,309	3,747.86
TOTAL:	94,798	70,589.07

- iv. **ONLY for LFPP recipients:** Provide the amount of matching funds/in-kind contributions used during the grant performance period.

Categories	Match Approved in Budget	Actual Match Expenditures
Personnel:	15,394	13,370.05
Fringe:	4,187	1,282.36
Contractual:	4,718	4,740.43
Equipment:		
Travel:		
Supplies:		
Other:		
Indirect Costs:	19,625	12,845.01

TOTAL:	43,924	32,237.85
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10. Lessons Learned:

- i. Summarize any lessons learned. They should draw on positive experiences (e.g. good ideas that improved project efficiency or saved money) and negative experiences (e.g. what did not go well and what needs to be changed).

Through the feasibility study and interaction with local stakeholders, we quickly learned the limitations of our rural, remote region. This supported previously documented causes for many of the health and access issues our community, and in particular our tribal community, faces. From that baseline, we developed an important three-pronged approach based on promoting economic development, food security, and food sovereignty/culture. These three areas drove project research and planning. The importance of economic development, food security, and tribal food sovereignty and culture became the comprehensive and united front for any recommendations we proposed as a result of this project.

Learning from local stakeholders was the single most impactful stage of this process. We have very experienced professionals in our region, most with decades of experience. Their experience-based insights helped direct the course of the work.

A significant hurdle (not per se a negative experience) has been the connection to and with the local community. There is a high need for services to provide information and support for the local community to gain access to new jobs and nutrition resources. The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is currently tackling these issues and plans to continue to do so. Transitioning from emergency response-type services to proactive, opportunity-based services will be the goal of any work done by the tribe in the realm of food and agriculture.

- ii. If goals or outcome measures were not achieved, identify and share the lessons learned to help others expedite problem-solving:

It was difficult for us to capture and provide new market opportunities for local producers that have not been pursued already by them. Those industries that have survived here have had to rely on resourcefulness to do so. On the flip side, we gained many insights from them--as opposed to the other way around.

- iii. Describe any lessons learned in the administration of the project that might be helpful for others who would want to implement a similar project:

This project has been primarily focused on economic development through agricultural practices. We have actually been a little ahead of the curve for the Tribe in that they are just now developing an economic development committee. This project was administered under the Community & Family Services Department, a department of the Tribe that has a broad umbrella of direct, preventative, and outreach services for Tribal members. Agricultural enterprise is a significantly different service from those being provided by the department. The work we conducted toed the line between service needs and community needs (access to healthy foods, cultural opportunities, job training and workforce placement) and defining a business structure that could work in this region. There were many new discussions and thoughts presented through this work that needed more time to be considered as a part of the overall mission of the Tribe for its citizens.

- iv. Discuss if and how the result of this project can be adapted to other regions, communities, and/or agricultural systems.

This project would serve as a good case study for research on agricultural opportunities in rural, generally impoverished areas via a public agency (in this case, a Tribal government). As the project develops further into implementation over the next few years, it will serve as a great example of an institution identifying community needs and opportunities via this LFPP planning grant that will ultimately be driven by enterprise (in this case, the needs being economic development, food security, and food sovereignty/culture). This project is unique in that as a Tribal government, we already have access to agricultural properties and departmental support. This could serve as a great example to other Tribes or institutions with similar structures of how to merge economic development and community needs into a plan that will ultimately create enterprises that improve a rural community.

11. Future Work:

- i. How will you continue the work of this project beyond this grant? In other words, how will you implement the results of your project's work to benefit future community goals and initiatives? Include information about community impact and outreach, anticipated increases in markets and/or sales, estimated number of jobs retained/created, and any other information you'd like to share about the future of your project.

This project was formally presented to the Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Council on January 18, 2018. The presentation included a request for funding from the Tribe to continue pursuing implementation of the project this year (presentation materials attached to report, including business plan and breakdown of funding request). The feasibility study and business plan were extremely well-received, but fell just after budgets were finalized for the current fiscal year. TDN Council has invited the project team to present again during the budget process for next fiscal year to ask for the funding to continue implementation. We hope in the next 1-2 years to have implementation underway and seek funding to continue development of the enterprises presented as the result of this project work.

- ii. Do you have any recommendations for future activities and, if applicable, an outline of next steps or additional research that might advance the project goals?

The attached business plan and presentation materials map out the next steps to bring this project from planning to implementation. They include a detailed business plan, as well as a request to TDN Council to fund a position to pursue the next steps as recommended to bring the enterprises suggested to fruition. We have high hopes that this position will be funded within the next fiscal year and implementation will begin. We appreciate the USDA AMS help in improving our communities, tribal and otherwise, by helping to bring economic development and access to nutrition food and opportunity. Shu' shaa nin-la (Thank you)!