



**FY 2023 - Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing  
Grant Program - First Nations Oweesta Corporation (Colorado)  
Pass-through Recipients**

State	Recipient	Grant Amount	Project Description
Alaska	The Tribal Government of St. Paul Island	\$668,000	The Tribal Government of St. Paul Island in Alaska is receiving a grant of more than \$668,000 to re-establish a local reindeer meat processing operation at the Aleut Community Store. The Aleut community will use the grant to develop a program to harvest, process, market and sell local reindeer products. The project will increase the availability of locally sourced organic meat products and drive profits back to the island. It also will help Tribal members remember, relearn and practice traditional herding techniques important to the cultural heritage of the island.
Alaska	The Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor	\$1,000,000	The Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor in Alaska is receiving a \$1 million grant to buy and modernize an unused processing facility that will help the community address food shortages due to climate change. Members of the Tribe live in a remote village accessible only by boat or small plane. Severe weather can delay food deliveries, and algae are depleting fishing stocks. The funding will allow the Tribe to increase the amount of local game and fish they can process using traditional methods. This includes meat from the Sitkalidak Bison Herd the Tribe manages.
California Oregon	The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation	\$2,400,000	The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation in southern Oregon and northern California is receiving a \$2.4 million grant to expand a Food Sovereignty Program that provides the community a space and resources to learn traditional processing methods for local game and fish, including black-tailed deer, Roosevelt Elk and chinook salmon. The grant will allow the Tribe to pay for three staff positions, buy a mobile processing unit and outfit a recently built 6,000-square-foot Food Sovereignty Building with new equipment. The improvements will also allow the community, which doesn't have a grocery store offering fresh produce or meat, to double the number of families they can feed.



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Montana	The Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation	\$191,000	The Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana is receiving a grant of more than \$191,000 to purchase a composter and walk-in freezer for the new Fort Peck meat processing facility, where they process bison, elk, deer, antelope and pheasant. The project will give people on the reservation a local Tribal-owned business for their meat processing and storage needs. The upgraded facility will also give the Fort Peck Tribes Fish and Game Department a local place to take bison to be processed and distributed to families in need.