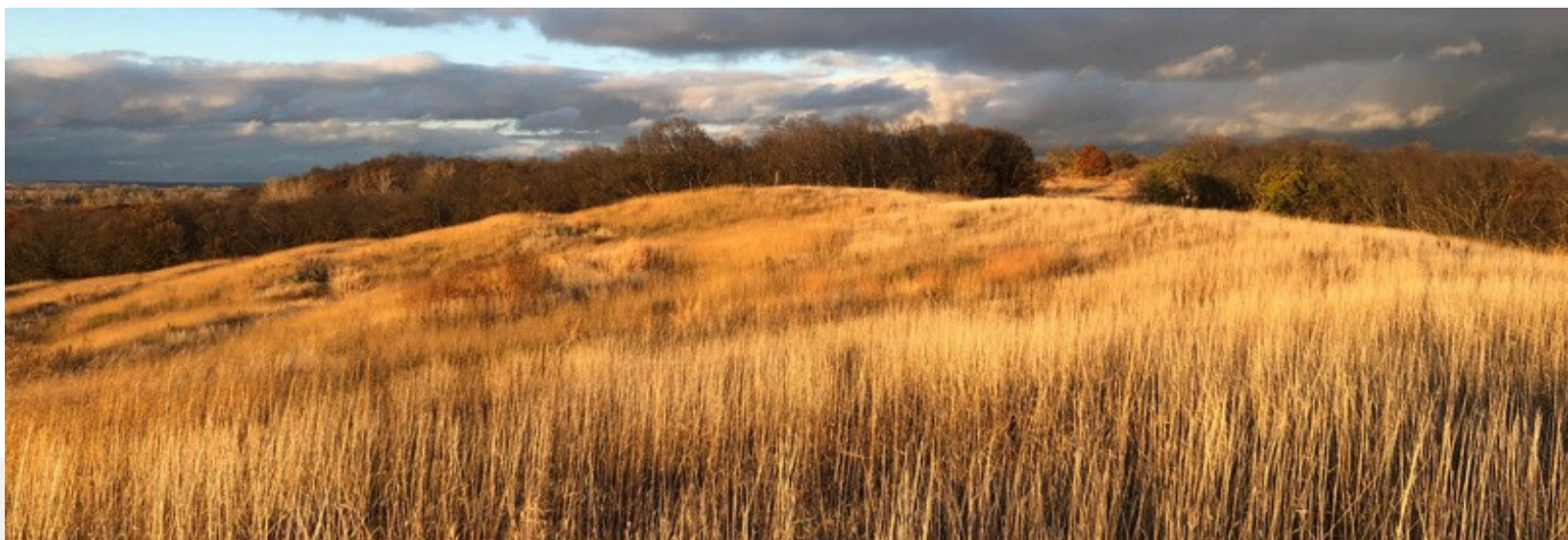


2024

# Restorying Regenerative Agriculture

## Awardee Impact Report



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# About Restorying Regenerative Agriculture Awards

Restorying brings an expansive lens to regenerative agriculture funding. It celebrates the contributions that Black, Indigenous, and community of color-led food and farm organizations are making towards truly regenerative food systems.

With work ranging from *buffalo reintroduction on tribal lands*, seed and land rematriation, and *traditional farming through collective governance*, the 2024 Restorying Awardees represent a broad range of approaches organizations are utilizing to heal their lands, soils, and foodways—all through practices grounded in ancestral ethics and values of their communities.

## Restorying holds the 3 following aims:



Direct financial and relational resources to BIPOC-led food and farm organizations



Promote an expansive understanding of regenerative agriculture



Demonstrate a participatory and peer-led grantmaking process guided by, with, and for leaders in the field

# About this Impact Report

This impact report highlights the **16 organizations** selected for the 2024 Restorying Awards and provides a sample of activities they conducted over the past year. In this second round of the program, **the Awardees spanned 12 states and 5 tribal nations.**

Awardees were nominated through a peer-led process designed and guided by the Restorying Design Team. **Nominations were made with consideration of the organization's alignment with the "Restorying Principles"** (see page 5).

To honor their ongoing efforts to strengthen foodways in their communities, each organization received the following:

- \$32k in general operations support
- Opportunities to build relationships with other awardees
- "Collaborative Awardee Project" mini-grants



Table setting: Indigenous Aquaculture Gathering



Naturally dyed bandana made at 'Farmer Unwind'; AFSC

# 2024 Restorying Awardees

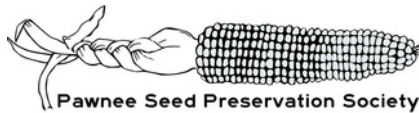


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Friends  
Service  
Committee

Black Agrarian  
Corridor



NIHIKEYA  
Collective Responsibility to Create Regenerative Ecological Footprint



# Restorying Principles

Awardee activities highlighted in this impact report are organized within the “Restorying Principles” listed below. **These are foundational, guiding principles that on-the-ground practices emerge from.** They reflect ethics that have always nourished the soil, protected clean water, and cultivated broader community resilience through challenges and adversity.

- Intergenerational and Ancestral Knowledges
- Healthy lands and waters
- Traditional Foods and Land Stewardship
- Community Health
- Farmer and Worker Health
- Movement Building and Collaboration
- Local and Regional Economies

## Intergenerational and Ancestral Knowledges



Traditional Knowledge workshop @ Nihikeya

- Youth Regenerative Agriculture Camp; *Kansas Black Farmers Association*
- Traditional knowledge workshops; *Multiple Orgs*
- Developed and piloted a regenerative agriculture, holistic grazing, and the cultural foodways curriculum with local schools; *Texas Tribal Buffalo Project*
- Teaching and revitalizing traditional Haudenosaunee agricultural methods and crafts—including gathering basket classes; *Ukwakhwa*
- Preserving and archiving pots and baskets historically involved in agriculture; *Juanita's Hornos*
- Horno construction; *Yakanal*
- Seed keeping knowledge exchanges; *Tierras Milperas*

## Healthy Lands and Waters

- **Procurement of mobile chicken tractors;** *Black Agrarian Corridor*
- **Technical Assistance and Soil Health Education:** including testing soil on 15 farms in the network; *Kansas Black Farmers Association*
- **Greenhouse Space Acquisition;** *Pawnee Seed Preservation Society*
- **Bee keeping workshops;** *Yakanal*
- **Clam Garden and beach restoration;** sampled for contaminants to ensure safety of intertidal zone foods; *Pauquachin First Nation Marine Department*



Bareroot Orchard Planting; *Yakanal*



Constructing water catchment systems in corn fields; *Nihikeya*

## Traditional Foods and Land Stewardship

- **Ancestral lands stewardship—continued protection of 70 archaeological sites among traditional food growing areas;** *Kahalu'u Kuahewa*
- **Watershed and dryland foodways restoration;** *Nihikeya*
- **Annual traditional corn harvest on off-reservation homelands-** *Pawnee Seed Preservation Society*

## Community Health: *Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual*

- Built community cultural gathering spaces—natural earth lodge hogan building; *Nihikeya*
- Community mural honoring stories, agriculture, and environmental traditions; *Juanita's Hornos*
- Land-based podcast and visual media storytelling with traditional farmers who rely on ceremony, Indigenous language and traditional farming methods; *Juanita's Hornos*



Community Mural @ Juanita's Hornos



Community Buffalo Harvest @Texas Tribal Buffalo Project

## Movement Building and Collaboration

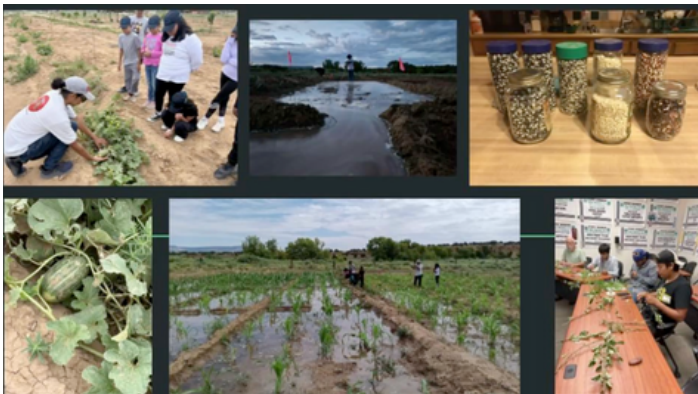
- Ulu (Breadfruit) restoration—Native Hawaiian led effort to propagate 'ulu trees that survived the devastating Maui wildfires; *Aina Momona*
- Medicine Making workshops for land protectors; *Miss Anne Maypop's Herb Shop*
- Regrants to 18 Caribbean Island farmers; *RAFI*
- Attended Indigenous Aquaculture Collaborative Gathering; *Pauquachin First Nation Marine Department*
- Continued programming in support of land tenure and stewardship with regional farmers; *Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust*

## Farmer and Worker Health

- **"Farmer's Unwind" wellness gathering ; AFSC**
- **Supported 30 families to transition to new garden site following displacement from previous farm land ; Tierras Milperas**
- **Organized 'Farmer Brigades' where farmers assisted each other with post-hurricane relief; RAFI**



Farmer's Unwind Wellness Gathering; AFSC



Dryland Farming and community education; Yakanal



Tending bee hives; Yakanal

## Local and Regional Food Economies

- **Increased access to traditional food Sources** (e.g., shellfish, corn, buffalo); *Multiple organizations*
- **Maternity prescription food box pilot program; Texas Tribal Buffalo Project (TTBP)**
- **Buffalo meat trade and storage capacity; Pawnee Seed Preservation Society & TTBP**

# Additions to the 2024 Round of Restorying

Our Design Team revisits our process annually to ensure we are advancing a truly **participatory grantmaking process guided by, with, and for the communities we are in relationship with.**

**Below are some new components added to the program this round:**

- **Invited previous awardees to nominate organizations.** Half of this round's awardees were nominated by previous awardees. The other half were nominated by our Design Team and Food and Farm Communications Fund.
- **Shifted to calling the recipients "awardees" rather than "grantees".** This is intended to be more celebratory in nature. It also signals that we are supporting organizations based on the good work they are *already* doing, rather than what they might *propose* to do through a typical competitive grant application process.
- **Launched a "Collaborative Project" sub-grant.** All current awardees had the opportunity to partner with at least one other awardee to co-design and implement a project together. Projects include: ***Land-Based Storytelling Learning Exchange, Latin American Agroecological Encounter, and Rematriating Traditional Foodways of the Southern Plains.***



# Appreciation to the 2024 Restorying Regenerative Agriculture Award recipients!

The Restorying Design Team is honored to celebrate these organizations and their contributions to **shaping a future for regenerative agriculture grounded in the knowledge systems, values, and practices of Black, Indigenous, and Communities of color**. They are a guiding light for their communities and the field moving forward.

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