

# Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program



## Purpose

The Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program (**FRTEP**) supports extension agents on American Indian reservations and tribal jurisdictions to address the unique needs and problems of American Indian **tribal nations**. Emphasis is placed on assisting American Indians in the development of profitable farming and ranching techniques, providing 4-H and youth development experiences for tribal youth, and providing education and outreach on tribally-identified priorities (e.g., family resource management and nutrition) using a culturally sensitive approach.

## Awards

Awards are made on a competitive basis to fund projects that support one or more of the following selected Strategic Goals included in the CSREES Strategic Plan for FY 2007-2012: Strategic Goal 2: Enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of rural and farm economies; Strategic Goal 3: Support increased economic opportunity and improved quality of life in rural America; Strategic Goal 4: Enhance protection and safety of the **nation's** agriculture and food supply; and Strategic Goal 6: Protect and enhance the **nation's** natural resource base and environment.

## Results

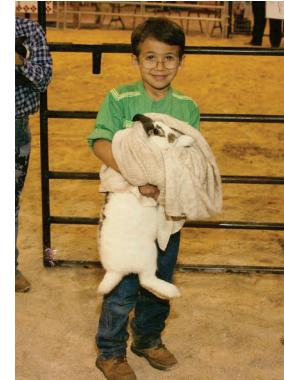
This program is assisting American Indians in adopting profitable farming and ranching techniques and providing 4-H and other developmental experiences for tribal youth. **FRTEP** agents are educating tribal officials about wildlife and fisheries management in order to enhance **reservation** natural resources and increase economic opportunities. They also are working with ranchers to improve beef cattle management and improve riparian habitat management. Youth are being trained in farming and ranching practices and participating in culturally relevant programs aimed at developing their potential to be productive members of the community.

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The FRTEP is improving the lives and economic conditions of American Indian elders, adults, and youth. Examples include

- enhanced economy of **tribal** agricultural producers;
- development of youth leaders;
- enhanced stewardship of natural resources, including rangeland, fisheries and wildlife;
- response to national security and food safety issues that involve animal identification and disease prevention;
- development of culturally relevant agricultural **extension** curricula;
- improved health through nutrition and traditional foods programs;
- enhanced community development;
- adoption of management practices relating to drought and other severe weather conditions; and
- agriculture and agri-business experiences for **tribal** youth.



## How the Partnership Works

CSREES provides FRTEP funds to the 1862 or 1890 land-grant institution in the state in which the **reservation** or **tribal jurisdiction** is located, providing access to the university's knowledge base and structure to deliver needed information and programs. The **tribe** provides functional office space, utilities, and an advisory committee. The FRTEP agent provides the link between new agriculture technologies and the application of these technologies by farmers and ranchers, serves as a liaison with other USDA programs, provides training in farm and ranch business management, supervises 4-H and youth development activities, and coordinates special training programs.

### Who May Apply

Institutions designated as 1862 or 1890 Land-Grant Institutions are eligible to receive funding.

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