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### **Sovereign Equity Fund Announces Green Horizons Project to Advance Sustainable Agriculture in Native Communities**

**March 3, 2025** – The Sovereign Equity Fund (SEF) is proud to announce the launch of the Green Horizons Project in partnership with the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF). This initiative is designed to provide capital and capacity-building resources to support environmental sustainability in Native agricultural and food systems. Through this collaboration, SEF and NAAF aim to accelerate efforts that empower Tribal agricultural producers to implement sustainable practices on their farms and ranches.

“We extend our gratitude to the Native American Agriculture Fund for partnering with the Sovereign Equity Fund to launch the Green Horizons Project. This initiative represents a strategic investment in the future of Native agricultural and food systems by providing critical funding and capacity-building resources,” said Courtney Chavis, Executive Director of the Sovereign Equity Fund. “This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to advancing sustainable agricultural practices within Native communities. Through this partnership, we aim to support Tribal producers in their efforts to implement sustainable practices that enhance soil health, optimize water use, and mitigate climate change. By empowering Tribal governments and agricultural communities, the Green Horizons Project will contribute to the long-term sustainability and resilience of Native agricultural practices.”

The Green Horizons Project will provide \$40,000 in funding over a 12-month period to Tribal governments, helping them assist Tribal producers in implementing sustainable agricultural practices. This opportunity is open to state and federally recognized Tribes in the United States and is best suited for those with existing agricultural programs looking to expand their impact with additional resources.

The initiative encourages projects that integrate traditional ecological knowledge while addressing key elements of sustainable agriculture, including:

- **Soil Health:** Implementing practices that improve soil fertility, structure, and vitality.
- **Water Use:** Adopting methods that enhance water efficiency and protect water quality.
- **Climate Resilience:** Establishing strategies that reduce carbon emissions and promote carbon sequestration.

The request for applications opens on **March 1st and closes on June 15th**. Interested applicants can visit the [SEF website](#) for more information on how to apply.

**About Sovereign Equity Fund**

The Sovereign Equity Fund is a nonprofit institution dedicated to promoting equitable funding access, sustainable agriculture, food sovereignty, and economic growth for Native American communities. Through transformative partnerships, SEF is committed to addressing the distinct needs, opportunities, and values of Tribal communities to create lasting impacts and foster resilience and prosperity.

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