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PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

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"The mission of the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition is to heal our communities by strengthening our Indigenous food networks."



Overview

The Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition (GLIFC) is an intertribal partnership of all 11 federally recognized Tribes in WI and 1 in MI. GLIFC aims to address the unique health and economic needs of the Great Lakes Tribes by building a network of Tribal producers and supporting traditional foodways, food access, and economic development within Tribal communities.

GLIFC was formed in 2022 to lead the Tribal Elder Food Box Program (TEFBP) which began in 2021 as a COVID-19 health disparity and response program. The TEFBP purchases healthy, culturally appropriate food from Tribal and local food producers and distributes it twice a month at no cost to Tribal Elders. In doing so, it improves health disparities within Tribal communities and builds stable and consistent markets for Tribal and local Wisconsin producers.

Since the advent of the TEFBP, GLIFC's work continues to focus on efforts to combat food insecurity and promote knowledge about food sovereignty with Tribal Nations in Wisconsin and the broader Great Lakes Region. This report summarizes the TEFBP's 2023 season. For more information about GLIFC and the Coalition's other initiatives, please visit <https://greatlakesintertribalfood.org/>.

GLIFC History

2021

In 2021 Tribal food systems leaders partnered with Feeding Wisconsin to respond to food insecurity exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. They used funding from the Feeding America National Organization (FANO) to begin the Tribal Elder Food Box Program (TEFBP), which purchases healthy food from Native and other local producers and distributes it to Tribal Elders across Wisconsin. These food distributions helped address food insecurity issues and support community health and cultural revival. In its first year, the TEFBP delivered food boxes to Elders of 7 of the 11 federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin.

2022

In 2022 members of all 11 federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin came together to form the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition (GLIFC), which now works with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin (FAEW) to lead the TEFBP. Together, they successfully applied for funding through FANO and the American Rescue Plan Act to expand the TEFBP to serve all 11 federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin, to more than double the number of food boxes, and to purchase 66% more food from Native producers. GLIFC also started a Native Producer Capacity fund, which awarded working capital to Native producers and enabled many to expand their operations.

Ongoing work

GLIFC and FAEW secured funding through state Governor Evers' annual budget, along with the LFPA program for 2024. GLIFC plans to incorporate as a non-profit in late 2024, allowing the Coalition to more easily apply for funding and to expand program operations. Future goals include extending the TEFBP into the winter and expanding producer support programs. GLIFC is also working with researchers and Extension professionals at University of Wisconsin-Madison to support Native producers and coordinate Tribally-led research on crop production, climate adaptation, supply chain infrastructure, and community health.

2023

In 2023 GLIFC and FAEW expanded program funding through USDA's Intertribal Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA). They focused on building administrative and organizational capacity within the Coalition, added two additional distribution sites to serve Tribal members located in Milwaukee, expanded the number of Native producers they were working with, and increased the amount of funding for the Native Producer Capacity Fund.

Tribal Elder Food Box Program

The Tribal Elder Food Box Program (TEFBP) is a food distribution program that provides Tribal Elders from all 11 federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin with free, locally produced, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food over the course of a 15-week season. The Program has expanded rapidly since its founding in 2021. In its third year, the TEFBP more than doubled the number of food boxes distributed from 10,800 to 28,050 boxes and began distribution to Milwaukee county.

Program Development 2021-2024

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (projected)
Total Budget	\$471,300	\$1,413,700	\$1,753,200	\$2,264,600
Boxes per Distribution	900 (10,800 total)	1,650 (24,400 total)	1,875 (28,050 total)	2,000 (31,515 total)
Tribes	3-7	11	11 + community health centers in Milwaukee	11 + 3 community health centers in Milwaukee
Tribal Producers	4	16	23	43

The Program has created reliable markets for local and Tribal producers. Between 2021 and 2023, the Program went from working with just 4 to 23 Native producers. In 2023, GLIFC purchased \$1.5 million worth of food from local producers, with nearly \$808k, or 54%, of this funding going directly to Native producers.

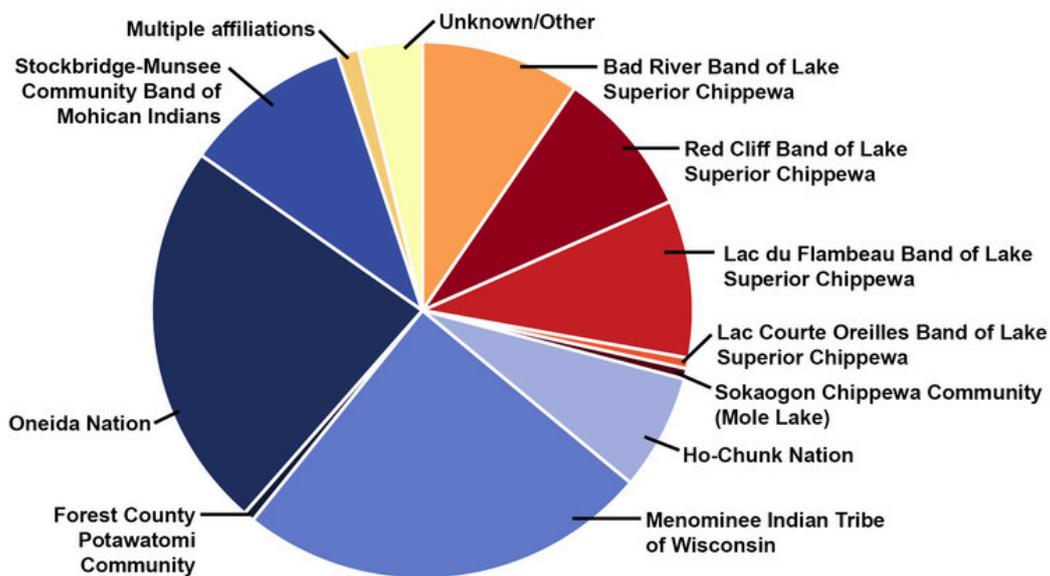


TEFBP Participant Feedback

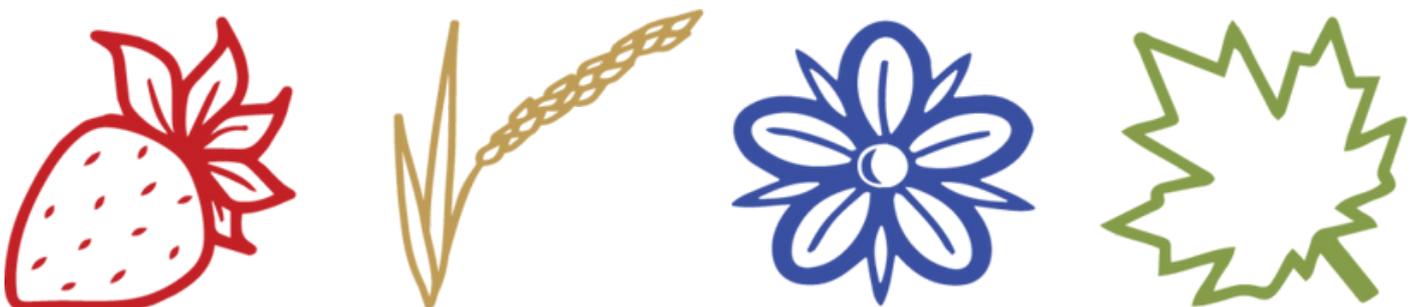
“Thank you to all the people that help put these boxes together, its like Xmas for me. I am 97 years young and enjoy all the wonderful foods that is given to us. I make use of just about everything that comes.” -2023 TEFBP Participant

In November 2023, the TEFBP distributed annual evaluation surveys to Elders at each distribution site to gain a better understanding of their experience with the Program (see Appendix A for survey questions).

Figure 1. Tribal Affiliation of Survey Respondents

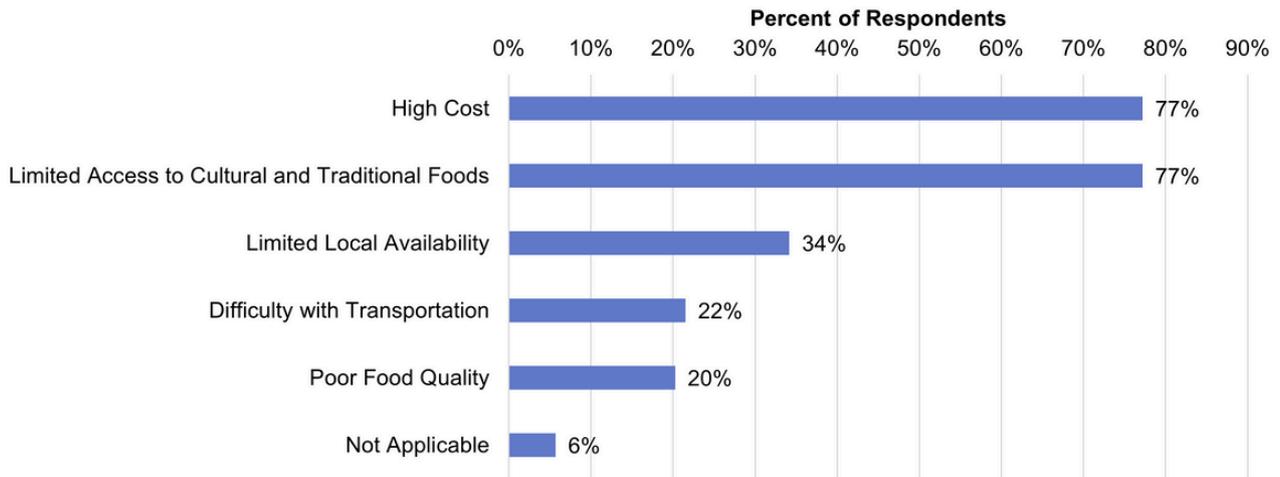


The Program received 158 responses from participants. Ninety-three percent of responses were from participants enrolled in 7 of the 11 participating Tribes. The full breakdown of responses by Tribal Nations is represented in Figure 1 above. The overall feedback was positive with Elders expressing satisfaction with both the distribution and food options. In open-ended comments, many also expressed gratitude to the Program for making traditional foods from Native producers more accessible.



Supporting Food Access

Fig. 2. Food Access Challenges Addressed by the TEFBP

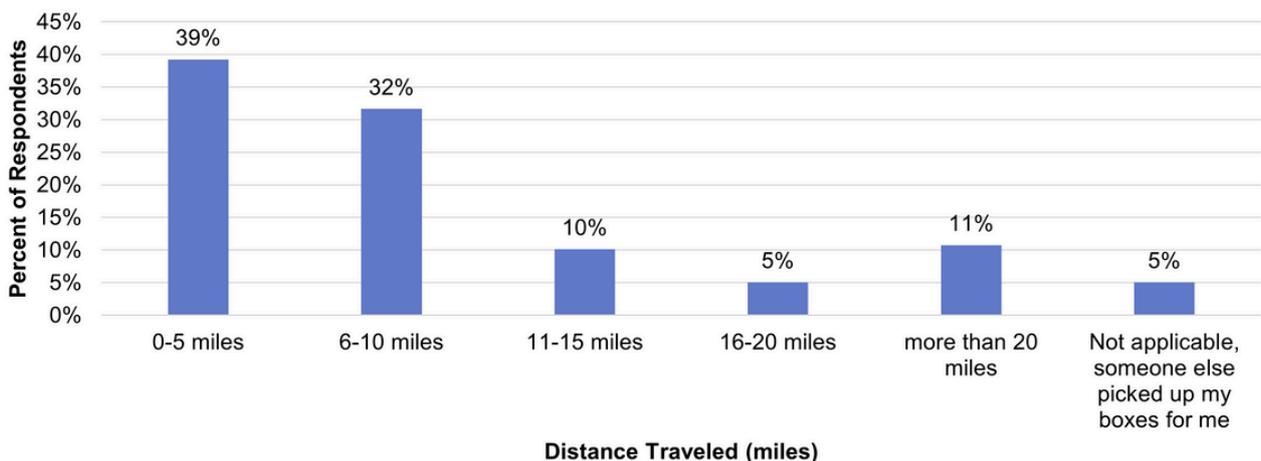


One of the primary aims of the TEFBP is to increase access to healthy, traditional foods. In doing so, the Program hopes to foster cultural connection and improve the overall health and well-being of Elders in Tribal communities. The TEFBP supported food access with majority of the Elders driving short distances to retrieve their boxes (Figure 3). It also helped address issues with cost and access to fresh, healthy, and traditional foods.

“[As a] limited mobility receiver of the food boxes, (it) was great...some of the items included I would not be able to get myself.” -2023 TEFBP participant

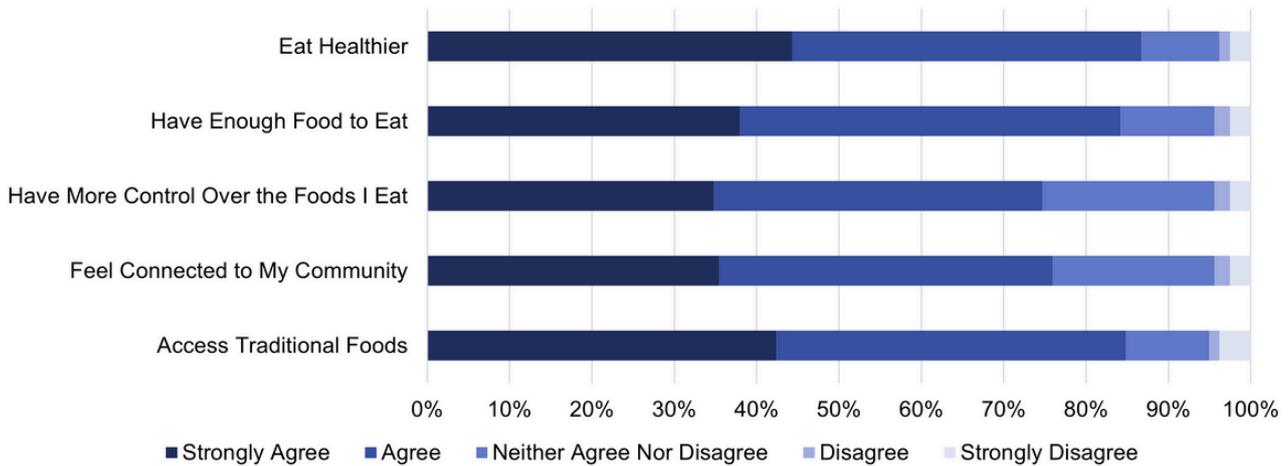
Twenty percent of TEFBP participants cited cost as one of their greatest food access challenges, followed by physical access to food (distance to store, local availability of fresh, healthy, or traditional foods) (13%), and transportation (9%). Nearly 80% of participants shared that the TEFBP has helped them cope with the cost of food and access to cultural and traditional foods (Figure 2). As one participant put it *“It’s lowered my grocery bill and allowed me to use traditional foods I don’t have access to.”* While Program participants are required to pick up their boxes, 22% of participants reported that the TEFBP helped them access food despite transportation issues. This included more than 2/3 of those who cited transportation as one of their greatest challenges. As shown in Figure 3, 71% of TEFBP participants traveled 10 miles or less to pick up their boxes, highlighting the accessibility of the Program.

Fig. 3. Distance Participants Traveled to Distribution Sites



Fostering Health and Cultural Connection

Fig. 4. TEFBP Participants’ Level of Agreement with the Following statement “The TEFBP has helped me...”



Participants felt that the TEFBP helped support their health, ability to access food, and connection to their communities and cultures. At least eighty-four percent of participants agreed that the TEFBP had helped them eat healthier, have enough food to eat, and access traditional foods, while 75% agreed that the Program has helped them feel more

“I have a multitude of medical issues and eating healthy foods provided in the Elder boxes has helped immensely.” -2023 TEFBP participant

connected to their community and have more control over what they eat. (Figure 4). One Elder shared how the boxes have helped them avoid having to purchase unhealthy foods: *“receiving this food is a relief. I sometimes pass up healthy food because it is getting more expensive. I sincerely appreciate this program.”* Another spoke to how accessing traditional foods has helped to strengthen their relationship with traditional foods: *“It helps by keeping you grounded to your culture...Before (it was) hard to get traditional foods and they’re expensive.”*

The TEFBP also helps teach Elders how to cook the food in the boxes. A weekly newsletter and Native Wellness Magazine distributed with the boxes both include recipes. The newsletter highlights recipes specific to ingredients in that week’s box. In addition to recipes, the Native Wellness Magazines offer nutrition articles, preservation techniques, and information about other Tribes’ food sovereignty initiatives. Testament to the Program’s education component, a number of Elders shared how the boxes have given them the chance to *“try new things”* and learn to cook with them. One participant shared that the boxes *“gave me the opportunity to try foods like kale and spaghetti squash,”* while another said they *“introduced new traditional foods and taught (me) how to use them.”*

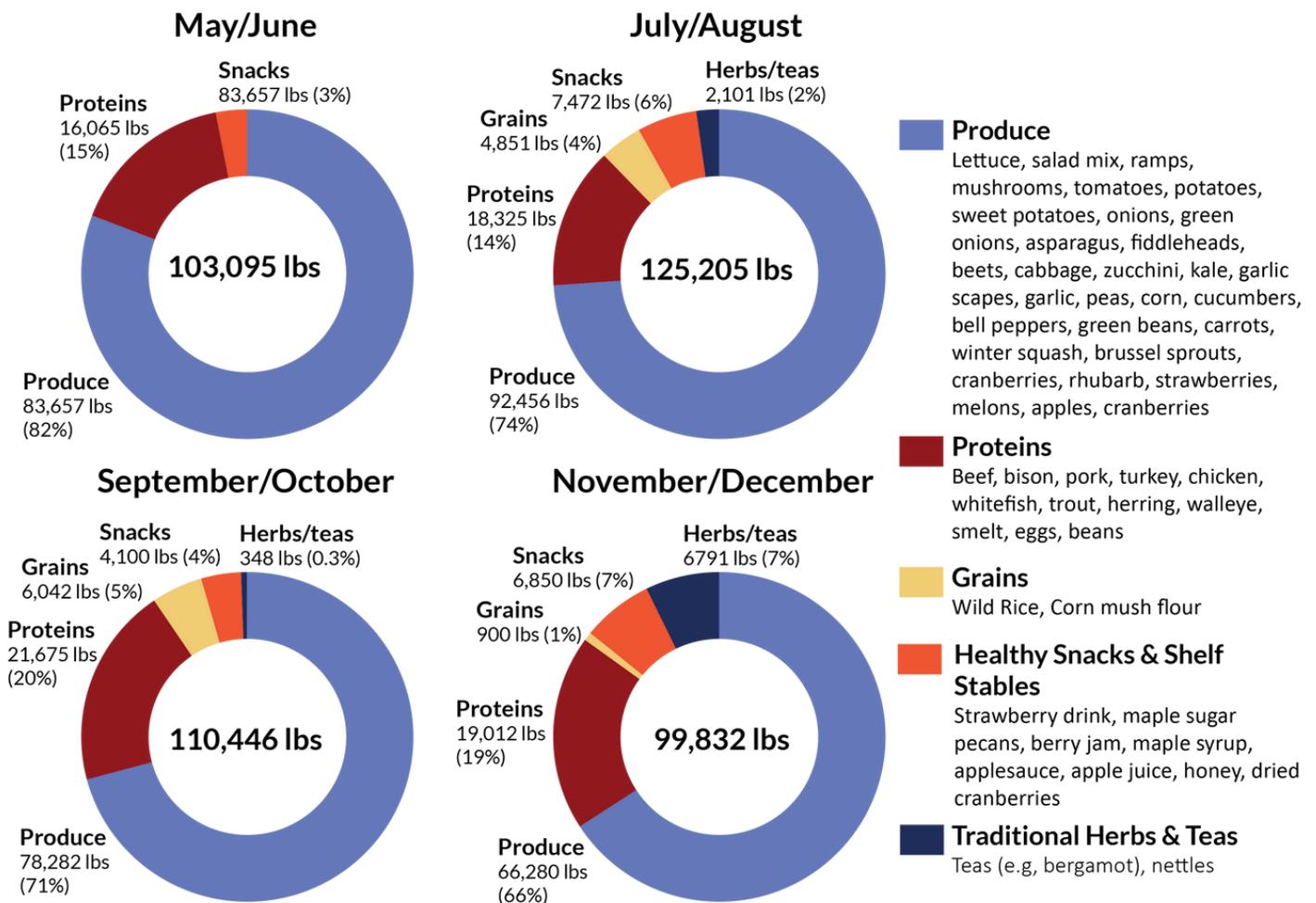
*“Infusing traditional foods into my everyday living has helped myself and family grow stronger in connection to our culture.”
-2023 TEFBP participant*

*“I need to eat healthy and make better choices by cutting processed foods out of my diet. Tribal Elder food boxes help me to make positive changes.”
-2023 TEFBP participant*

Supporting Nutrition Security

In addition to improving access to traditional, healthy foods the TEFBP has helped Elders address food and nutrition security concerns. In 2023, an estimated 365,482 meals were provided for Elders from the 28,050 boxes distributed during the 15-week season. With a focus on nutrition security, the TEFBP has provided a wide variety of healthy, traditional foods to support optimal health and nutrition throughout the distribution season (May-December). This has included an intentional mix of produce, proteins, grains, and herbs as well as both perishable and shelf-stable items (e.g., maple syrup, nuts, dried cranberries, tea, corn mush flour) to be utilized for meals and snacks. The Program has managed to maintain a stable mix of these products even while purchasing exclusively local and seasonal food items. Additionally, the nutritional quality and variety of foods included in the TEFBP are also meant to help with chronic disease prevention and management. GLIFC is also participating in the Wisconsin Food Is Medicine Coalition and is tracking a new In Lieu of Services benefit focused on medically tailored meals that will be offered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Division of Medicaid in January 2025.

TEFBP Composition by Food Type (lbs)



Care, Community, & Joy

The Program also supported the general well-being of Tribal Elders in a variety of ways. Several Elders shared how the boxes made them feel cared for and connected to their community. One participant said: *“We feel blessed and it's nice to feel more connected to the Tribal community.”* Another said *“It shows people do care about us and do what they can to provide for us.”* Many Elders also used the food to care for others. Forty-two percent of respondents said they shared food, and many fed multiple family members. Seventy-nine percent of respondents reported feeding more people than themselves, with 21% feeding 4-6 or more people. A few Elders mentioned explicitly sharing with other family members or *“others who didn't have”* and another said *“if I have others here to share a meal there is more on the table.”*

“I felt cared for. The food helped save money, and I was able to invite others to share a meal with us more often.”
-2023 TEFBP participant

Another function of the TEFBP is to foster connections between Elders and producers. The TEFBP newsletter that comes with each box also contains a list of the foods and the farms that produced it, as well as a producer spotlight. Eighty-six percent of respondents said that the list of farms and foods was their favorite part of the newsletter, and 50% listed the producer spotlights as one of their favorite parts. As one Elder put it: *“I'm grateful for the food and to see our people carrying on traditions. I feel more young people could benefit from knowing how to farm and grow our own food. Thank you!”*

Elders also shared how much joy the boxes had brought to their life. One Elder shared it's *“more fun than going to the store”* and another said it's *“exciting...It's like getting a surprise every other week.”*

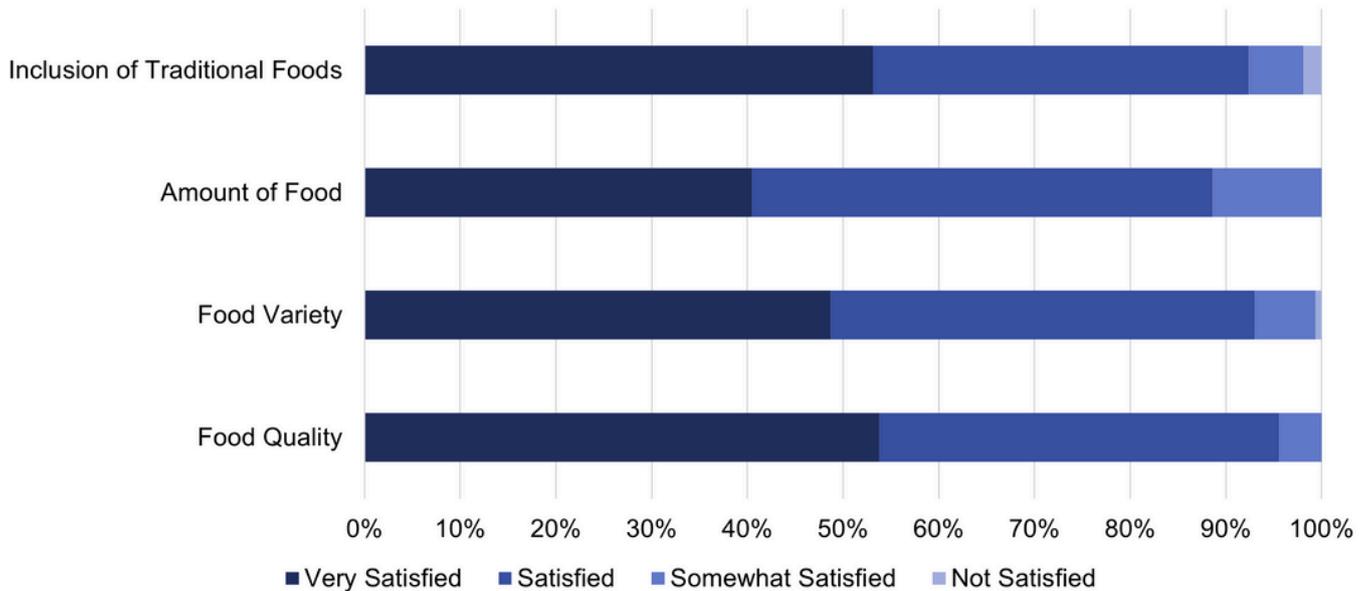
“It has made me happy to open the box and see what's in it. Some favorites are the fruits and vegetables. It is a gift, a surprise that makes a person smile.” -2023 TEFBP participant



Overall Satisfaction

“This food has brought cultural knowledge to my family. We enjoy being able to cook and eat traditional foods. This program has significantly lowered our need to go to the grocery store and lowered our grocery bill. We are very grateful for this program.” -2023 TEFBP participant

Fig. 5. Participants’ Level of Satisfaction with the Food Provided in Elder Boxes



Respondents of the survey were overwhelmingly satisfied with the food provided by the Program. As shown in Figure 5, 96% of respondents were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the quality of food, 93% with the variety, 92% with the inclusion of traditional foods, and 89% with the amount of food. Satisfaction with the amount of food may be lower because all families receive the same amount of food regardless of their family's size.

“Very grateful for the program. (We’ve been) able to enjoy a healthier diet and affordable (food), felt part of a community, enjoyed all products from all over Wisconsin! Thank you - Thank you all.” -2023 TEFBP participant



Tribal Elder Food Box Producer Impact

In November 2023, the TEFBP distributed annual evaluation surveys to Native producers who had worked with the Program to gain a better understanding of their experience (Appendix B).

The Program received 8 responses from returning producers and 10 responses from new producers (78% response rate). The overall feedback was positive with producers expressing gratitude for the opportunity to grow their operations and expand production capabilities. Of the returning producers, all responded that they'd expanded their production from working with the program the last 2+ years and almost all have future aspirations to continue expanding production.

“The program had provided the foundation to continue growing our farm on the beef and chicken operation. It provides a stable buyer of products at a fair price. The program has been instrumental in our growth the past two years.”
-Isaiah Skenandore (Skenandore Farm LLC)



Ohe'laku producer processing Heirloom White Corn for Corn Mush Flour product.

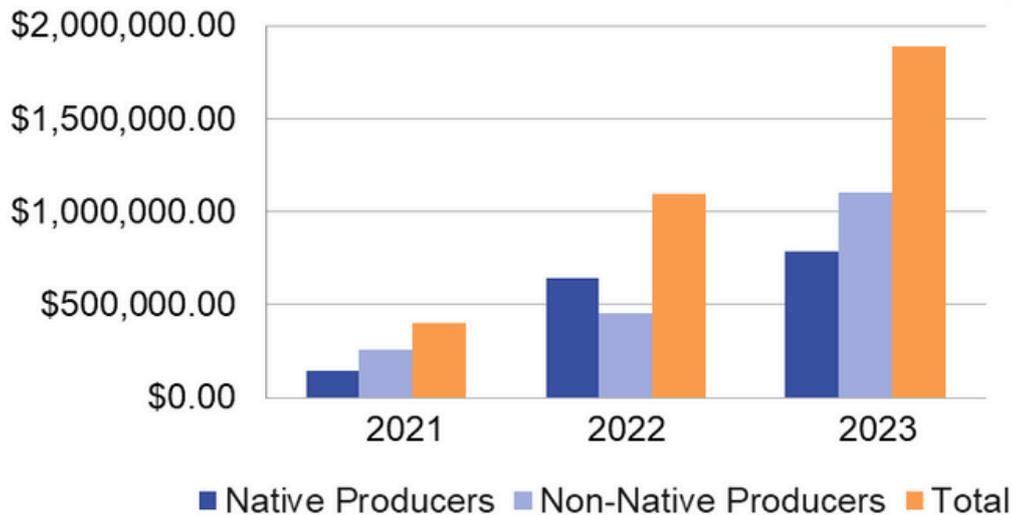
“I have never sold enough wild rice to load onto a pallet for delivery before.”
-Conrad St. John (wild rice harvester)



Spirit Lake Native Farms Producer processing maple syrup.

During the past three seasons, the amount of food purchased from Native producers has increased steadily creating important economic opportunities for Tribal farm businesses. In 2023, the TEFBP purchased \$808K worth of food from 23 Native producers. This amounted to nearly 54% of the total budget spent on food from Tribal producers, up from 35% in 2021, as shown in Figure 6 below.

Fig. 6. Purchase Dollars Allocated to Native and Non-Native Producers



The Distressed Communities Index (DCI), a composite ranking that measures the economic well-being of zip codes across the U.S., indicates that 46% of the Native producers live in counties classified as “at risk” or “distressed”. This index underestimates economic distress in many Native communities because vacation property is often mixed in with reservation land, increasing the average index score of that zip code.

The number of Native producers participating in the TEFBP has increased significantly over the life of the program. Starting with 4 Native producers in 2021, the program has seen a 475% increase in the number of Native producers selling into the program. This is partly due to GLIFC and FAEW’s active efforts to recruit and support Native producers in a variety of ways. In 2022, GLIFC and FAEW started the Native Producer Capacity and Investment Fund, which awards working capital grants to Native producers. GLIFC and FAEW have grown this fund from \$47,200 awarded through 10 mini grants to Native producers in 2022 to over \$120,000 awarded through 21 mini grants to Native producers in 2023. GLIFC and FAEW also work to connect producers with trainings and other support resources. GLIFC is actively collecting feedback on additional forms of assistance that may be needed so that they can expand support structures in the future.

“The TEFBP has allowed us to grow our operation...by being [both] a reliable customer [and] a reliable partner. They frequently share information and resources that will help growers and they frequently help to connect growers with other individuals and organizations that can help growers be successful.” -Sterling Schreiber (Sterling Sports LLC)

Supporting local producers and other producers of color

In addition to Native producers, the program prioritizes non-Native producers of color - in 2023, 63% of program producers (including Native producers) were producers of color, up 50% from 2021. The Program prioritizes purchasing from producers within Wisconsin first - over 90% of program dollars went to Wisconsin producers in 2023.

Producers in their own words

"I just want to say Thank You for all you do. During Elder Box season I often think back to getting commodities with my Grandma, and how resilient her generation was. I take so much pride in providing high quality food to the program knowing a grandson like me out there is eating high quality food with his Grandparents rather than the processed government food that has led to many of the health crises Natives face."

-Isaiah Skenandore (Skenandore Farm LLC)



"The opportunity to work with TEFBP has positively impacted Ohe.laku in many ways. It forced us to build upon our internal capacity, build relationships with outside vendors, learn how to use new equipment, build relationships with our own Tribal programs and businesses, meet our mission to provide more traditional foods to our community...introduce Indigenous Producers to the program, and (given us) an endless amount of pride."

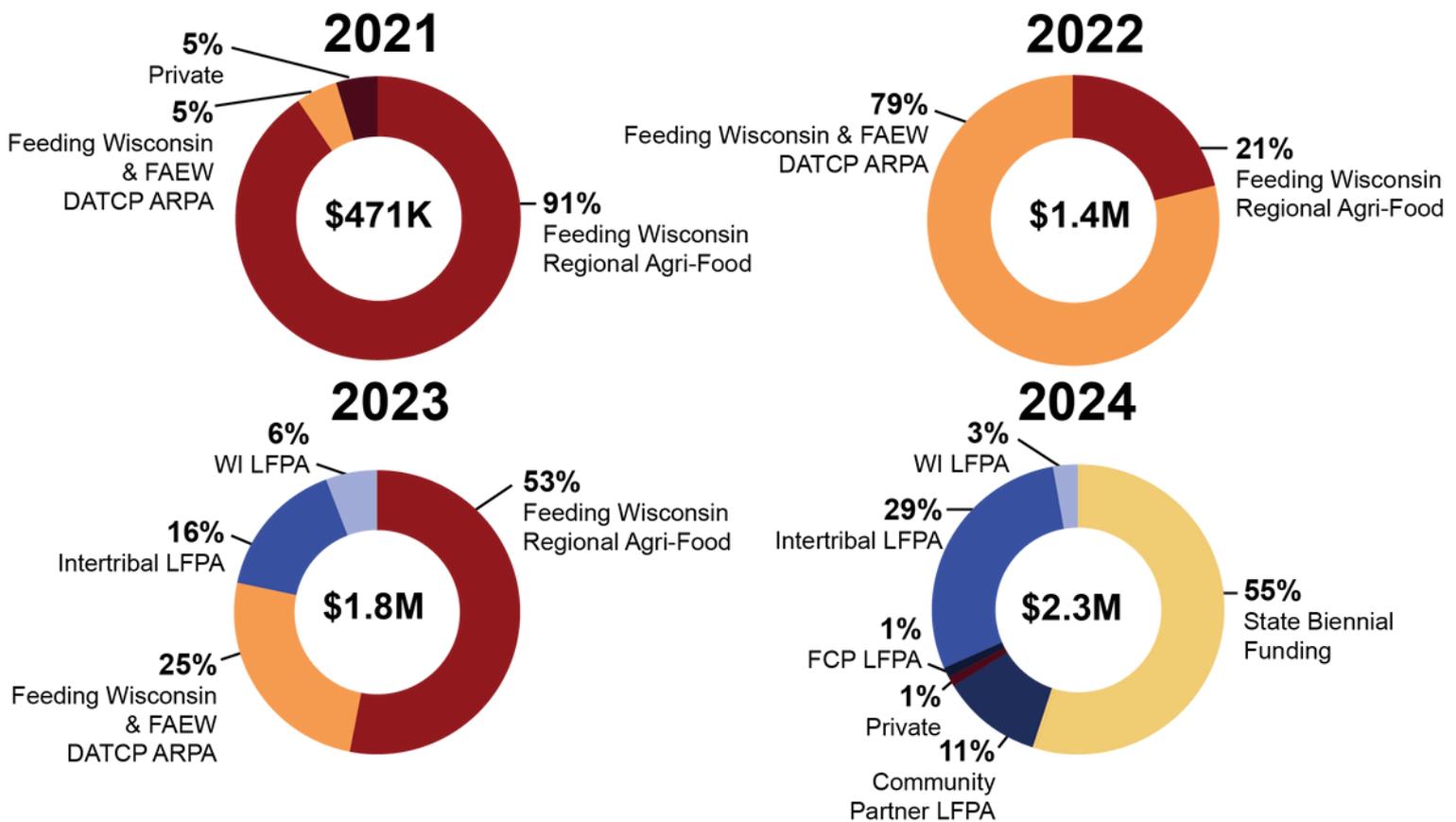
-Laura Manthe (Ohe.laku Among the Cornstalks)

Working with the TEFBP has "been a good experience...I have never sold that much quantity in one sale. It was a bit of a challenge but a good learning experience and I do believe it has prepared me to go to a larger market."

-Conrad St. John (wild rice harvester)

Sustaining & Expanding Program Funding

In addition to expanding the Program’s budget over its 4 years, GLIFC and FAEW have worked together to identify new funding sources and diversify funding streams to promote long-term program sustainability. For the first 2 years the majority of funding came Feeding America. By 2023, just over 50% of funding came from Feeding America, and in 2024, all funding came from other sources. GLIFC leadership advocated for the Program and were able to secure funding from the state government (Governor Evers’ Biennial Budget) in 2024.



Appendix A: Participant Feedback Questions

1. Where did you receive a Tribal Elder Food Box? Check all that apply.
 - Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
 - Oneida Nation
 - Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Forest County Potawatomi
 - Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Ho-Chunk Nation
 - Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
 - Mole Lake (Sokaogon Chippewa Community) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Saint Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
 - Gerald Ignace Indian Health Center (Milwaukee Urban Distribution)
2. What Tribal Nation do you belong to, or affiliate with?
3. How far away is the Tribal Elder Food Box distribution site from your home? Check all that apply.
 - 0-5 miles
 - 6-10 miles
 - 11-15 miles
 - 16-20 miles
 - More than 20 miles
 - Not applicable, someone else picked up my boxes for me
4. What county do you reside in?
5. Approximately how many Tribal Elder Food boxes have you received since May 2023?
 - 1-2 boxes
 - 3-5 boxes
 - 6-8 boxes
 - 9-11 boxes
 - 12 or more boxes
 - other
6. How many people are you typically feeding with these boxes?
 - 1 (self)
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6+

7. Please choose the top 3 ways you use products from the boxes.
- Cooked with products for myself
 - Cooked with products for my household
 - Cooked with products and added food I already had
 - Stored food for later (examples: froze, dehydrated, canned, etc.)
 - Shared foods with others
 - Didn't get used
 - Other:
8. If any foods from boxes went unused, what was the main reason? Check all that apply.
- Didn't know how to cook something (please list items)
 - Didn't like the options (please list items)
 - Didn't like the quality of something (please list items)
 - Was unfamiliar with something (please list items)
 - Spoiled before I could use (please list items)
 - Not applicable
 - Other
9. Below, please rate your satisfaction with the food you received in your boxes.
- Food quality
 - Food variety
 - Amount of food
 - Inclusion of traditional foods
10. What foods would you like to see in future boxes? This could include fresh produce (eg: lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, etc), protein types (eg: ground beef, pork chops, fish, beans, lentils, etc), non-perishable items (eg: wild rice, maple syrup, corn mush flour), or other.
11. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements: Receiving food boxes has...
- a. Helped me access traditional foods
 - b. Helped me feel connected to my community
 - c. Given me more control over the foods I eat
 - d. Helped me and/or others I share the food with have enough food to eat
 - e. Helped me eat healthier
12. What food access challenges has the Tribal Elder Food Box program helped you with? Check all that apply.
- a. Have access to food despite transportation challenges
 - b. Have access to better food despite poor food quality available
 - c. Have access to better food despite cost challenges
 - d. Have access to food despite low local availability
 - e. Have access to culture and traditional foods
 - f. Not applicable
 - g. Other:

13. Current distributions are May-December. As we invest in Indigenous food production, we are trying to determine whether to prioritize funding to create a winter growing season (greenhouses), to build commercial kitchens to dehydrate and can locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats, grains, etc, or other.

If we were able to invest in necessary infrastructure and extend the Tribal Elder Food Box season, what foods would you prefer in the winter?

- Storage vegetables (potatoes, onions, winter squash, etc)
- Fresh vegetables (greens, tomatoes, etc)
- Locally canned fruits and vegetables
- Locally produced shelf stable packaged foods (wild rice, maple syrup, dry beans, etc)
- Frozen proteins (ground beef, chicken, bison, elk, fish, etc)
- Frozen fruits and vegetables

14. Please share your food access challenges.

15. What has receiving this food meant to you, or how has it helped you?

16. What about the Tribal Elder Food Box Newsletters did you find interesting or useful? Check all that apply.

- List of foods and farms represented in the box
- Recipe spotlight
- Producer spotlight
- Feedback forms
- I do not read the newsletters
- Other:

17. Did you like receiving the Native Wellness Magazines?

18. If yes, what was your favorite part of the magazines? Check all that apply.

- Preservation Techniques
- Recipe Ideas
- Articles about food sovereignty
- Nutrition Articles/Facts
- Learning about food sovereignty efforts from other tribes
- Other

19. Please provide additional comments or feedback about the Tribal Elder Food Box Program.

Appendix B: Producer Interview Questions - New Producers

1. Your name
2. Name of your operations
3. How did you hear about the TEFBP?
 - Tribal government
 - Another producer
 - A friend or family member
 - Other...
4. Why did you choose to participate in the TEFBP?
 - To access a stable market
 - To provide food for Tribal elders
 - To support community health
 - To support traditional food production
 - Other...
5. What foods did you produce for the TEFBP this year?
 - Proteins (meat, fish, eggs, dry beans)
 - Fruits
 - Vegetables
 - Wild harvested product (ramps, fiddleheads, etc)
 - Grains (wild rice, corn)
 - Other shelf stable products (maple products, jams, drinks, snacks)
6. How has working with the TEFBP impacted you (positively or negatively)?
7. Do you have any stories of successes or surprises you encountered in producing food for the TEFBP?
8. The TEFBP hasn't found many Native producers interested in growing fruits/veg, corn, and (dry) beans. Do you have an interest in growing any of the following?
 - Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - Corn (for hominy)
 - Dry Beans
 - Other
9. If you checked any boxes above, would you need additional support or resources (e.g., technical support, equipment) to start growing those things?

10. Would you be interested in producing any of the following preserved product?
- Jams or pickles
 - Dehydrated foods
 - Freeze dried foods
 - N/A
 - Other...
11. What would you need to produce more preserved foods?
12. What are your other markets?
- Trade/barter
 - WI LFPA
 - Tribal LFPA
 - FDPIR
 - Tribal entities (e.g., government, food pantry, casinos)
 - Schools, childcare facilities, other institutions
 - Retail (grocery stores or other)
 - Restaurants
 - Direct to consumer (e.g., CSA, farmers market)
 - Direct sales off farm (pick up from farm)
 - Other...
13. Beyond the TEFBP, would you be interested in selling to any of the following Tribal food initiatives? *Note: these are aspirational
- Farm to school / farm to early care
 - Elder meal sites
 - Mother and Infant programs
 - Produce prescription program for health clinics
 - Tribally-run CSA
 - Other...
14. What are your future aspirations for your operation?
15. What additional support or resources would help you in the future?
- Technical support (production, harvest)
 - Farm business planning (accounting, business, taxes, insurance)
 - Info on grant opportunities
 - Production equipment
 - Harvesting equipment
 - Support with packaging
 - Cold or freezer storage
 - Support with transportation
 - Other...

16. Is there off-farm infrastructure that would be helpful to you?
- Processing facilities
 - Place to produce value-added products (prepared, preserved, dehydrated)
 - Food storage facilities
 - Distribution and transportation
 - Other...
17. Are you partnering with other producers to meet larger orders? (e.g., 2 producers growing carrots or collaborating to put together a soup mix)
18. Would you be willing to partner with other producers to meet large orders in the future?
19. Would you be interested in participating in an equipment sharing program with other producers?
20. What are your hopes for the future of Native food production?
21. Anything you'd like to add?

Returning Producers

1. Your name
2. Name of your operations
3. How long have you been producing for the TEFBP?
 - o 2021
 - o 2022
 - o 2023
4. What foods did you produce for the TEFBP in 2023?
 - o Proteins
 - o Fruits
 - o Vegetables
 - o Wild harvested produce (ramps, fiddleheads, etc)
 - o Grains (wild rice, corn)
 - o Other shelf-stable products (maple products, jams, drinks, snacks)
5. Why did you decide to produce the food(s) you produced for the TEFBP?
6. Did you expand production of certain foods or produce new foods this year as a result of the TEFBP?
7. How has the TEFBP impacted you (positively or negatively)?
8. Did you receive funds from the Native Producer Capacity fund in 2022 or 2023? If so, what did you purchase and how did it help?
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 - o Vegetables
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 - o Dry Beans
 - o Other
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 - o Freeze dried foods
 - o Other...
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- Support with transportation
- Other...

17. Is there off-farm infrastructure that would be helpful to you?

- Processing facilities
- Place to produce value-added products (prepared, preserved, dehydrated)
- Food storage facilities
- Distribution and transportation
- Other...

18. Are you partnering with other producers to meet larger orders? (e.g., 2 producers growing carrots or collaborating to put together a soup mix)

19. Would you be willing to partner with other producers to meet large orders in the future?
20. Would you be interested in participating in an equipment sharing program with other producers?
21. What are your hopes for the future of Native food production?
22. Anything you'd like to add?

