Thunder Valley CDC is excited to announce our upcoming Thunder Valley Food Summit on September 14th, 15th and 16th, 2023 at “The Box” Event Center in Box Elder, South Dakota. As a community development corporation focused on creating sustainable economic, social, and cultural systems for the Oglala Lakota Nation, we are committed to providing a platform for innovative approaches to promote healthy, locally sourced food systems and revitalize traditional Indigenous practices related to food cultivation, harvesting, and preparation. The Thunder Valley Food Summit is requesting proposals for workshops, film screenings, keynote speakers, and presenters to participate.

Background and Overview

Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation
Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation is a holistic organization that works for the liberation of the Lakota people. We do our work through eight interconnected initiative areas that are rooted in our lifeways and wellness equity work. Together, this whole community approach aims to serve the Lakota community as well as serve as an example for Indigenous communities throughout Turtle Island. Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation is an Indigenous-led, Native American 501(c)(3) non-profit public charitable organization based out of the Thunder Valley community of the Porcupine District on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Thunder Valley Food Summit 2023

The Thunder Valley Food Summit 2023 will bring together tribal members, community leaders, food experts, policymakers, and other stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and collaborative problem-solving. Through a series of workshops, panel discussions, interactive sessions, and traditional food activities, we will explore innovative approaches to promote healthy, locally sourced food systems and revitalize traditional Indigenous practices related to food cultivation, harvesting, and preparation.
Proposal Parameters

Your proposal should give us a clear idea of what you would like to present at the Summit, including but not limited to:

Presenter/presenters with short bios for each

Type of presentation: ie keynote, panel, interactive, etc...

Presentation title:

Summary of presentation:
How the presentation aligns with the Thunder Valley Food Summit
Intended audience: Indigenous youth, Indigenous community, non-Indigenous media, or open to all

Length of presentation:

Media type/equipment needs: ie slides, video, music

Proposal Deadline:

Please submit proposals by August 4, 2023, no later than 5:00 pm MST. Proposals will be reviewed and a decision will be made by August 18, 2023.

If selected, Thunder Valley CDC will provide lodging, stipends, and travel (travel for non-local presenters).

Other Proposal Instructions:

If you are interested in submitting a proposal or need additional information, contact Chance Weston at (605) 455-2700 or chance@thundervalley.org