

# YOLCHICAHUA



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# FROM OUR TEAM

Before responding to the challenges of last year, we were called to assess our mission, our resources, and our needs. What we heard in those moments was an ancestral whisper of **“Yolchicahua”—the Nahuatl word for “courage.”** Translated, Yolchicahua means “one’s heart becoming strong by the acts of others.”

We did not have to look far for the inspiration and ample examples of courage that made our hearts strong and nourished our own courage to stay true to Wildseeds Fund’s work, intention, and mission. We look to the vast creativity that drives cultural memory, the history of our communities and resistance to harmful forces. Whether the storytelling and guidance is spoken, written, quilted onto fabric, preserved with a seed, or echoed in a landscape shaped by relationship and stewardship, we see the courage, love and dreams of a thriving future.

We hold immense gratitude for the opportunity to do meaningful work at such a critical political moment. Looking back at 2025, we are proud to say that **at a time when some funders have scaled back their impact and toned down their outreach, we were anchored by the purposeful work of our grantee partners.**

**We witnessed our grantee partners adapt, persist, and remain accountable to their communities.** Their commitment is a reminder that this work does not pause in difficult moments; it strengthens and carries on. This means prioritizing safety, dignity, and collective care while staying rooted in the values that guide our movement. It also means maintaining the foundation and resources for collective action—primarily the relationships, trust, and infrastructure that make long-term change possible. At our best, this is what Wildseeds Fund does.

## In 2025, our resistance looked like:

Providing an investment of \$1.4 million in coordinated and strategic communications and capacity building grants, and capacity workshops to 53 grantee partners.

Becoming the title sponsor for [A People's Climate](#) podcast, Counterstream Media's partnership with The Nation.

Ensuring powerful narratives reach a greater national audience by deepening our partnerships to **create a storybank for food system workers and farmer advocacy.**

**Increased national travel to grantee communities to hear how rural communities** are responding to policy changes and the political climate.

**We have a firm commitment as movement partners alongside our grantees.** In fact, we are certain that the high degree of trust with our grantee partners is why **we are having outstanding impact in the field.** Center for Effective Philanthropy's recent Grantee Perception Report, compared Wildseeds Fund results against 60,000+ responses from grantees from 350 funders nationally and found that Wildseeds Fund is in **the top 1% of national funders demonstrating our values of diversity, equity and inclusion, the top 4% of national funders for our impact in public policy, and the top 6% of national funders for our impact in the field of philanthropy.**

We continue to stand in community with our 181+ grantee partners, past and present, and have witnessed together the atrocious acts of a tyrannical U.S. administration that is impacting the entire globe. **Instead of despair, we have tried our best to embody intentional and deliberate courage.** Not the kind that announces itself with bravado, but the kind that is built from daily acts of resistance to oppressive and harmful tactics against our communities. This courage is not fearless. It is often sorrowful, undertaken in the face of emotional distress. It is a practice and discipline of weaving together the faith in a just future and a very present love for community.

In 2026, we continue this tradition of resistance, in the spirit of Yolchicahua, by building new partnerships, nurturing old ones, and always taking our lead from impacted communities. We dedicate the 2025 Impact Report to our incredible community of grantee partners who make our hearts strong every day.



ESPERANZA, SHAVAUN, AND SABRINA

## The Wildseeds Fund Team



# OUR PROGRAMS



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2025 CAPACITY GRANTEE



## OUR PROGRAMS

Wildseeds Fund firmly believes that **strategic communications and journalism are essential levers for democratic resilience and social change**. Now more than ever, philanthropic support for independent, values-aligned media and communications infrastructure is a direct investment in the health of democracy itself. We remain grounded in our work, certain that the civic engagement made possible through the many brilliant approaches of our grantee partners is a core muscle of democracy.

Our programmatic offerings reflect strategies that support community participation, civic engagement, and collective action. Our hope is to spark national awareness of our movements' urgency and build stronger connections between our communities and organizers leading the charge to protect food chain workers, preserve indigenous lands and practices, and ensure climate justice—all in service to our food and agricultural systems. **Our grantee-led counter-narratives share visionary solutions by highlighting innovative practices, cultural wisdom, and community-led approaches that pave the way for transformative change.**

**We leverage a range of programs that integrate resourcing, capacity building, media innovation, training, and coaching.** Together, these programs support grantee partners in building power and fostering critical change.

<b>Wildseeds Grants</b>	Resource movement organizers by investing in solutions that support idea development, message amplification, and long-term movement infrastructure.
<b>Capacity Grants</b>	Provide grassroots and frontline organizations with catalytic support for movement-building activities and communication strategies.
<b>Blue Deer Grants</b>	Promote community and climate resilience through ancestral agricultural practices and traditional medicine. This program supports storytelling and advocacy efforts that highlight Indigenous leadership.
<b>Impact Media Awards</b>	Recognize and support media makers that are working to revolutionize the media landscape of food and agriculture and cultivate transformational systemic change.
<b>Capacity Training</b>	Exists to build power. We work alongside organizations to strengthen organizing strategy, advance campaigns, and sharpen organizational and campaign communications, pairing digital and media support with personalized coaching so leaders can move people and shape narratives for lasting change.

## OUR PROGRAMS

# MOVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE / SUPPORT / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



\* Colectiva Agroecológica de Masificación y Unidad (CAMU), 2025 Wildseeds Grantee

2025 was a pivotal year for Wildseeds grantmaking and movement support programs. **We sought to address three key challenges: sudden shifts in the funding landscape, a high volume of applicants that had not been funded in 2024, and long-term needs of grantee partners.** To do this we mobilized our response funding tactics and utilized our movement support.

**All one-year grantees were offered an extension of grants to provide them with the opportunity to receive an additional year of funding.** As we supported their second year of grantmaking, we also supported a second year of technical assistance and training, to ensure they received ongoing capacity-building support. Wildseeds also invited applicants who we were unable to fund in 2024 and offered both Wildseeds funding and strategic communications technical assistance.

All grantees had the option to participate in trainings led by our partners [Social Movement Technologies](#), [re:power](#), and [Yates Creative](#); and connect with other values-aligned organizations through our [Partner Network](#), a network of current and former Wildseeds Grantees.

## OUR PROGRAMS

In Total:

42

Organizations participated in Wildseeds-sponsored trainings

135

Engaged in our Partner Network

## Partners Received:

### 1:1 digital communications training and coaching from Social Movement Technologies.

Coaching has supported organizations in developing organizational narratives, building digital campaigns, engaging new followers, and video storytelling.

### Support in honing storytelling skills through the re:power Storytelling Academy.

The 4-week Academy provided organizers with the tools to share their stories in compelling, impactful, and inspiring ways that move people to take action.

### Training in Digital Safety and Security from re:power

To assist organizations in making their campaigns and data more secure online.

### In-depth, half-day trainings on Organizational Messaging, Digital Campaigns, and Online/ Offline Communications from Yates Creative.

Partners began to build core organizational narratives; reviewed the steps necessary to develop and implement a strong digital campaign; and explored alternatives to online organizing as it becomes harder to find safe spaces online.

### Connection to 130+ other current and former grantees.

Partners reported connecting outside of Wildseeds-sponsored trainings to continue learning together and collaborating on grantee projects, including storytelling videos and advocacy trainings.



# OUR IMPACT



**OUR 2025  
IMPACT**



**181**

Unique Grantee  
Partners and

**270**

Projects Funded

**53**

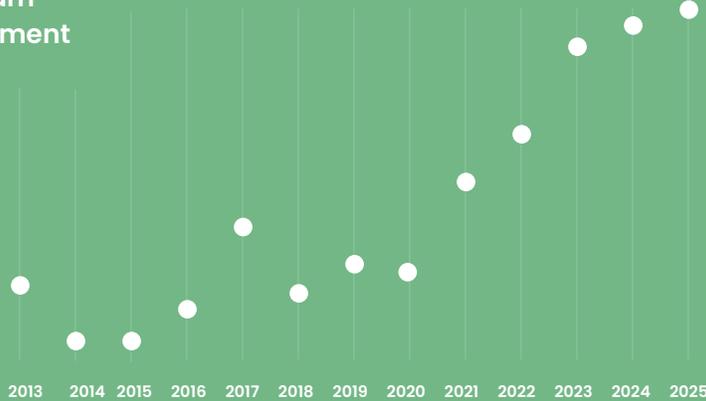
Total Grantees  
in 2025

Full Portfolio Program Investment:

**\$7,292,852**



Program  
Investment



Total Program Investment in 2025:

**\$1,378,363**



OUR 2025 IMPACT

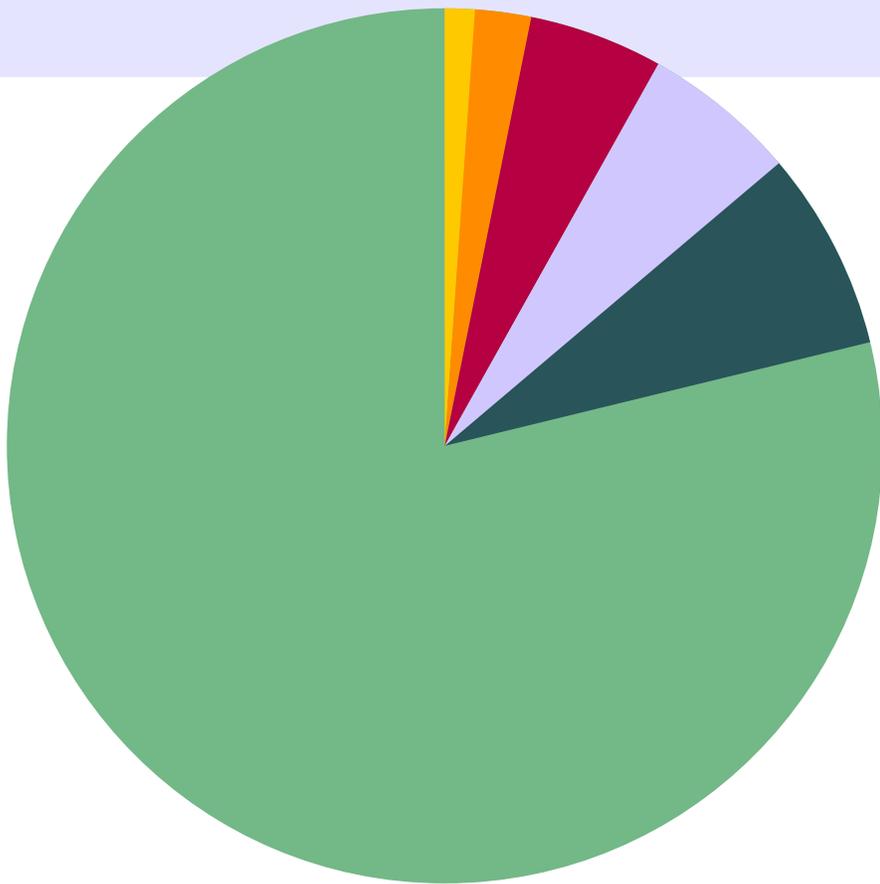
# PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Total Program Investment In 2025

# \$1,378,363

Total Grantees In 2025

# 53



- WILDSEEDS GRANTS**  
\$1,076,950 (34 grantees)  
\*including select 2024 payments
- CAPACITY GRANTS**  
\$110,000
- MOVEMENT JOURNALISM**  
\$75,000
- IMPACT MEDIA AWARDS**  
\$20,000
- BLUE DEER GRANTS**  
\$25,000
- ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT SUPPORT & COMMUNITY GIVING**  
\$71,413

Grantee Partners  
New To Fund In 2025

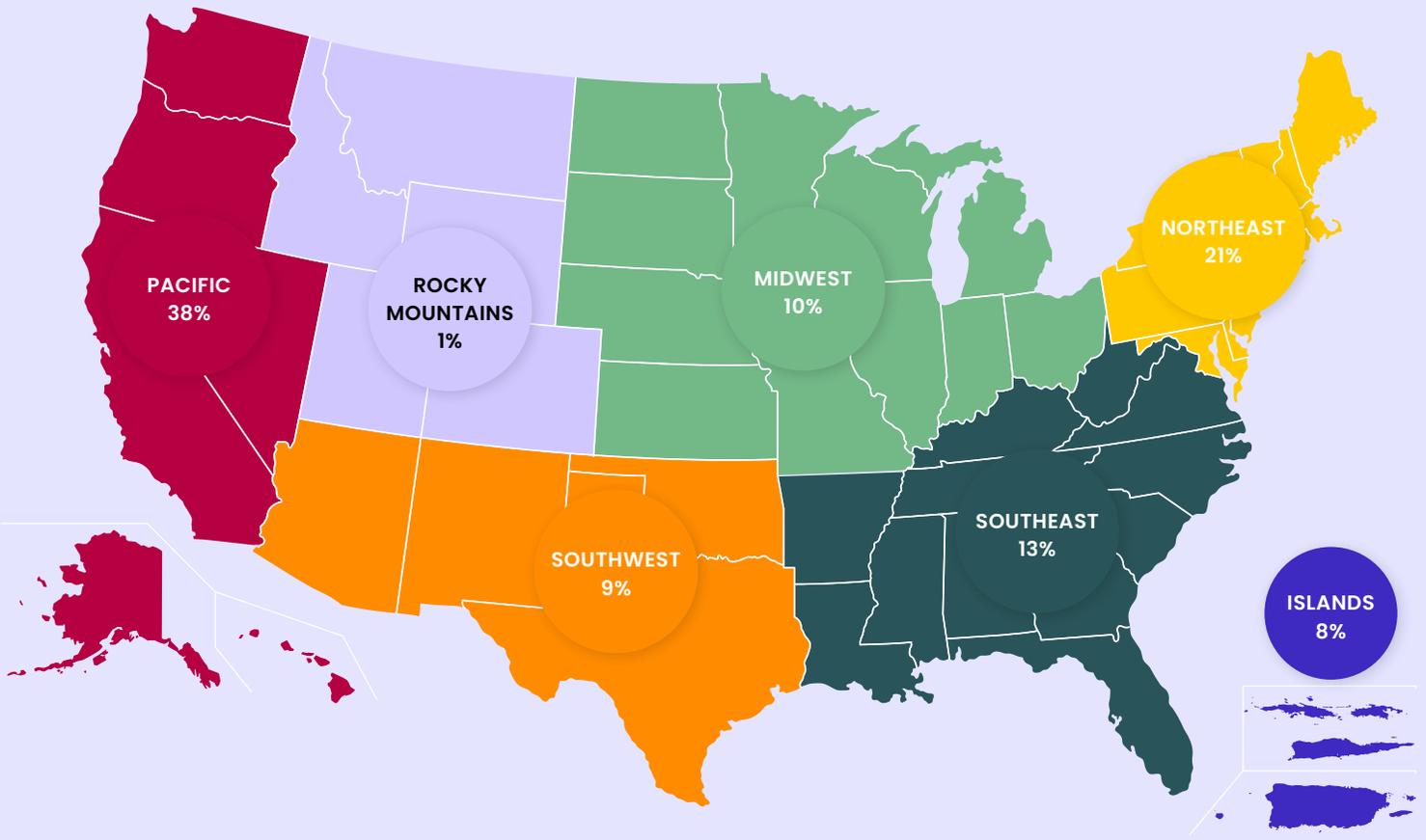
# 62%

Bipoc-Led  
Grantee Partner

# 95%

**OUR 2025 IMPACT**

# WILDSEEDS FUND: REGION INVESTMENTS



**Total Portfolio To Date**

**37**  
STATES

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**02**  
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**New 2025 Geographies (all grant programs)**

Total Portfolio:

**05**  
STATES

- COLORADO
- CONNECTICUT
- MAINE
- TEXAS
- WISCONSIN

**Rural Investments**

**77%**  
RURAL SERVING  
\*32% is rural based

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**23%**  
URBAN BASED & SERVING



# OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS



THE LOCAL FARM COOPERATIVE  
2024 WILDSEEDS GRANTEE



## OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS

# WILDSEEDS GRANTEES

- [4daSoil](#)
- [Black Church Food Security Network](#)
- [Black Fiber & Textile Network](#)
- [Esperanza Community Farms](#)
- [Food for the Spirit](#)
- [Hijas del Campo](#)
- [Liberated Land Cooperative](#)
- [Makoce Agriculture Development](#)
- [Moving Mountains](#)
- [Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation \(Ofi Nia Productions\)](#)
- [Saba Grocers Initiative](#)
- [Somali Bantu Community Association](#)
- [Tanka Fund](#)
- [Texas Tribal Buffalo Project](#)
- [Acta Non Verba](#)
- [Agri-Cultura Network](#)
- [Camposofía](#)
- [Four Corners Food Coalition](#)
- [Kentucky Black Farmers Association](#)
- [Pan Valley Institute](#)
- [Power4PuertoRico Education](#)
- [El Futuro Es Nuestro](#)
- [TruCulture Community Market](#)
- [Black Zocalo](#)
- [Central Coast Food Web](#)
- [Colectiva Agroecológica de Masificación y Unidad \(CAMU\)](#)
- [Fideicomiso de Tierras Comunitarias para la Agricultura Sostenible \(FITICAS\)](#)
- [Future Leaders of Change](#)
- [Idaho Organization of Resource Councils](#)
- [Not Our Farm](#)
- [Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network](#)
- [Song Community Development Corporation](#)
- [Wukchumni Tribe](#)

## MOVEMENT JOURNALISM

- [Counterstream Media](#)
- [Civil Eats](#)

## BLUE DEER GRANTEES

- [Miss Anne's Maypop Herb Shop](#)

## CAPACITY GRANTEES

- [Bidii Baby Foods](#)
- [Change Today Change Tomorrow](#)
- [CO-OP Dayton](#)
- [Landscapes](#)
- [Mi Oaxaca](#)
- [Partnership For Growth LA](#)



# OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS



BIDII BABY FOODS  
2025 CAPACITY GRANTEE

## OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

# MOVEMENT JOURNALISM: COUNTERSTREAM MEDIA

### About

**Counterstream Media** is a nonprofit media organization that uses journalism and storytelling to challenge harmful narratives and work towards climate and environmental justice.

### Project Objective

Wildseeds Fund was the **title sponsor** of **Counterstream Media's** new podcast, **A People's Climate**, hosted by **Shilpi Chhotray**. This strategic investment in narrative power strengthens independent journalism, civic engagement, and democratic participation.

This partnership expanded access to rigorous, people-centered journalism that counters disinformation, challenges oppressive systems, and centers frontline communities most impacted by climate change.

### Impact

Counterstream Media's journalism reaches audiences at scale. A People's Climate podcast's Listen Score ranked in the **top 3–5% of all podcasts across platforms**, demonstrating the power and demand for movement-rooted storytelling. This partnership expanded access to rigorous, people-centered journalism that counters disinformation, challenges oppressive systems, and centers frontline communities most impacted by climate change.



## OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

# WILDSEEDS GRANT: AGRI-CULTURA NETWORK

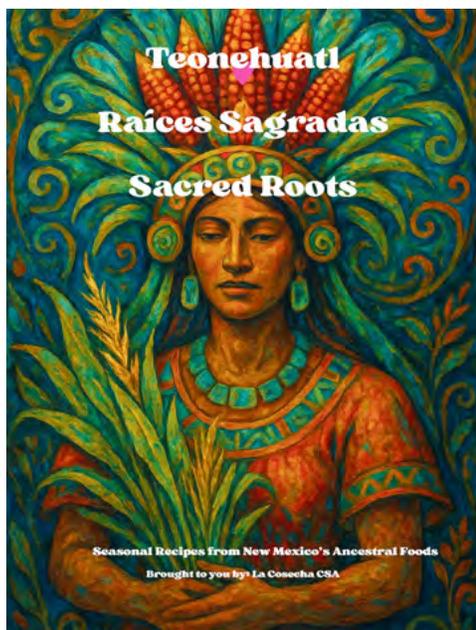
### About

**Agri-Cultura Network** creates a community-driven model that supports and strengthens New Mexico's small farming economy through sustainable and regenerative food justice.



### Project Objective

Wildseeds Fund's grant supported **Agri-Cultura Network** in establishing a clear, cohesive brand identity for **La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture** and the broader **Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network**. The objective of this project was to ensure that Agri-Cultura Network's public-facing identity authentically reflects the depth of their work: cooperative economics, land stewardship, and Indigenous-centered food systems.



### Impact

Agri-Cultura Network has been able to more clearly communicate the values behind La Cosecha CSA—values rooted in collective care, regeneration, and food sovereignty. Additionally, their English/Spanish cookbook, **Raíces Sagradas**, serves as both a cultural archive and a living resource, highlighting Nahua practices through seasonal recipes that connect food, land, and community.

## OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

# CAPACITY GRANT: CO-OP DAYTON

### About

**Co-op Dayton** utilizes popular education and cooperative business development to help neighbors build the businesses they need—including a worker- and community-owned grocery store and other food systems cooperatives—that are rooted in local history and provide dignified jobs through shared ownership.



### Project Objective

**Wildseeds Fund’s capacity grant supports Co-Op Dayton in developing and implementing a community-led strategic communications plan.** This included documenting their work, producing videos, facilitating popular and political education sessions, and creating accessible materials that clearly communicated their work to the broader community.

### Impact

With stronger communications tools in place, Co-Op Dayton more clearly shared what cooperative ownership looks like in practice and why it matters. Also their videos, workshops, and storytelling help break down big economic ideas into something tangible so neighbors can see themselves not just working in a business but shaping and owning it.

This project shows how telling the story well supports the work itself by building trust, growing leadership, and creating real opportunities for dignified, community-rooted livelihoods.

## OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

# BLUE DEER GRANT: MISS ANNE'S MAYPOP HERB SHOP

### About

#### Miss Anne's MayPop Herb Shop

is a Lakota woman-owned enterprise that serves as a community resource for herbal education, healing, and social change.



### Project Objective

Wildseeds Fund's Blue Deer Grant supported Miss Anne's MayPop Herb Shop to expand media and communications through the Medicine Trail campaign. The funding helped to develop outreach materials and engagement efforts that connect rural Indigenous communities to plant knowledge, remedies, and cultural healing practices. The project aimed to strengthen visibility and accessibility of Indigenous herbalism by sharing teachings rooted in relationships with Plant Nation relatives and honoring the legacy of Indigenous healers and medicine makers.

### Impact

Through the Medicine Trail campaign, more rural Native community members accessed culturally grounded knowledge about plant medicine and care practices that have long supported community wellbeing. By centering Indigenous leadership and knowledge sharing, the project supports both cultural continuity and collective health.

## OUR GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

# MOVEMENT SUPPORT: KENTUCKY BLACK FARMERS ASSOCIATION



### About

#### Kentucky Black Farmers

Association advocates for BIPOC farmers and displaced and/or marginalized persons in agriculture by creating a solid leadership foundation.

### Project Objective

Wildseeds Fund has supported Kentucky Black Farmers Association across multiple offerings, providing resources that strengthen communications, storytelling, and movement strategy. This particular support helped to coordinate messaging, expand education efforts, and document the work happening across their farmer network. The overarching goal was to shift the narrative about Black farmers and urban agriculture in Kentucky while increasing the number of Black farmers in the state.

### Impact

By pairing communications strategy with organizing and education, KBFA has been able to connect more people to agriculture as a viable and empowering pathway. Their coordinated messaging highlights both the historical erasure of Black farmers and the leadership they continue to hold in building resilient local food systems. This collaboration reflects how movement aligned communications can reinforce organizing efforts and help grow a broader ecosystem of Black agricultural leadership across Kentucky.



# OUR IMPACT MEDIA AWARD RECIPIENTS



JAMES SHIELDS  
2025 IMPACT MEDIA AWARDEE

## OUR IMPACT MEDIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Wildseeds Fund’s Impact Media Award spotlights emerging and influential media makers and platforms that are amplifying the voices and stories of everyday folks working to build more sustainable and resilient agricultural systems—addressing the cultures, narratives, and challenges that significantly impact our communities and ecosystems.

Impact Media Award recipients are shifting narrative power through compelling storytelling that fosters collective empathy and understanding that activates audiences. Each year the Wildseeds network of grantees and partners nominate provocative voices.

01



### James Shields

**James Shields** was recognized for blending creativity and activism through his docu-series, [Watermelon Couch](#). This multimedia project began in 2022 with a watermelon-shaped couch built for Juneteenth. With wit and a deep care for the wisdom of community stories, James took the watermelon couch on a road trip across the U.S. to amplify the voices of Black farmers, artists, activists, and business owners. Through storytelling, art, and community building, [Watermelon Couch](#) uplifts Black culture, addresses food justice, and raises awareness about the climate crisis. James has already traveled to over 15 states, collecting powerful narratives and creating drawings, designs, and prints inspired by the journey. In 2026, we plan to continue furthering this tradition of resistance, in the spirit of Yolchicahua, by building new partnerships, nurturing old ones, and always taking our lead from impacted communities. We dedicate the 2025 Impact Report to our incredible community of grantee partners who make our hearts strong every day.

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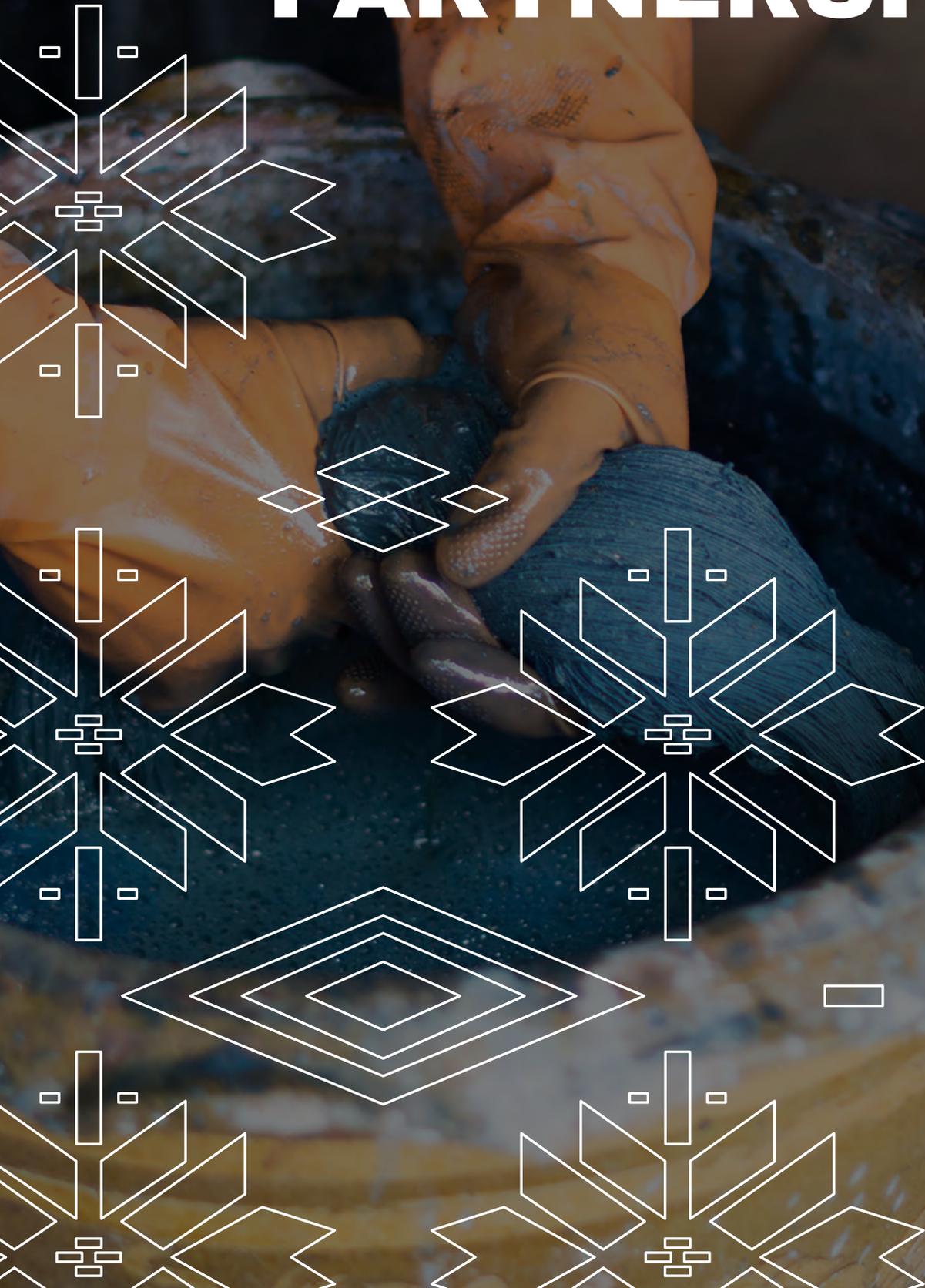


### Saqib Keval & Norma Listman

**Saqib Keval and Norma Listman** were recognized for the untiring ways in which they use their platforms to amplify the voices of restaurant workers, promote decolonization, and preserve food culture through sustainable practices. Their inspiring activism was featured on Netflix’s [Chef’s Table](#), Season 7, Episode 4, where they shared their journey as chefs and movement builders. In addition to opening the acclaimed [Masala y Maiz](#) restaurant, and the restaurant [Mari Gold](#), Saqib and Norma have captured participants’ imagination through community events with the [People’s Kitchen Collective \(PKC\)](#). Co-founded by Saqib, PKC is a project that merges art, activism, and food-centered political education.



# OUR PARTNERSHIPS



## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

In 2025, Wildseeds Fund became the proud title sponsor of Season 6 of Counterstream Media’s podcast, [A People’s Climate](#). Hosted by Shilpi Chhotray, an internationally-recognized advocate, narrative strategist, and podcast host, A People’s Climate is about real people standing up to oppressive systems and institutions to take grassroots action. We invite you to [listen to their messages](#) of resistance, hope and determination.

We continued our strategic partnership with [SENTIENT](#), a vegan fashion house based in Mexico City. Together, we proudly introduced the [Semilla Collection](#) – a stunning line of fashion that takes meaningful climate action. **SENTIENT is donating 5% of proceeds from the Semilla Collection to support Wildseeds Fund’s mission:** advancing frontline organizations and narratives that build power and embolden transformative change to our food and agriculture systems through climate, land, and labor justice. This bi-national partnership is a testament to what’s possible when culture, community, and sustainability come together.

Alongside [NDN Fund](#) (an initiative of [NDN Collective](#)), Wildseeds Fund resourced the communications strategies and storytelling of Indigenous leaders who are showing us what business looks like when people, healing, and climate are prioritized with our partnered program, Blue Deer. [Blue Deer Grants](#) range from \$5k - \$50k and are made available to displaced and diasporic Indigenous communities that reside in the U.S.





# OUR SUCCESSSES



MISS ANNE'S MAYPOP HERB SHOP  
2025 BLUE DEER GRANTEE



## OUR SUCCESSES

In 2025, Wildseeds Fund participated as a case study in the [Center for Effective Philanthropy's](#) recent [Grantee Perception Report](#). The report highlights how our inclusive governance and elevation of grantee leadership shift power to communities, deepen accountability, and sustain our proximity to the people we serve. With our movement-led participatory approach, we are achieving outsized impact in our field with a clear strategic approach and trusted partnerships with grantees.



### Changing Philanthropy

The report findings showed that out of **a dataset of 60,000+ responses from grantees of 350 funders nationally**, our grantee partners ranked us in the top percentile of funders for impact on public policy in our field.

**Wildseeds Fund was found to be in the:**



### Organizational Growth & Capacity

**Wildseeds Fund also celebrated the sustained growth of our revenue in the challenging fundraising landscape of 2025. Since 2022, we have seen a 30% increase in our revenue.** While political chaos has been disruptive to philanthropic giving, we have remained deeply dedicated to meeting the demand for support in strategic communications, movement journalism, and movement infrastructure. **We were thrilled to see that with our growing grantmaking capital, we were able to support 53 grantees in 2025.** This was our greatest number of grantees ever served in one year and a 29% increase from 2024 alone.

As an intermediary, we are reliant on our partnerships with funders to continue growing our capital pool. Our success also reflects the continued commitment of funders dedicated to shifting power and supporting BIPOC leadership and systemic change.



# RESOURCES



KENTUCKY BLACK FARMER ASSOCIATION  
2025 WILDSEEDS GRANTEE



## RESOURCES

In previous years, we have offered Wildseeds resources that help funders engage more directly with narrative shift and participatory practices.

**However, the story we need to tell now is one of protecting our communities and our children from government-funded violence.** We believe in the power of community to protect one another. So, we've compiled this list of invaluable resources to guide you in that.

01

### [Immigration Defense Project](#)

A comprehensive list of resources for a range of scenarios for communities, attorneys, and judges.

02

### [Know Your Rights & Make A Plan](#)

The Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition offers extensive resources for emergency preparedness.

03

### [Native American Rights Fund](#)

Resources for Tribal Members of the U.S. Approached by ICE.

04

### [CodePink](#)

Neighborhood response toolkit with resources to respond to ICE raids, protect neighborhoods, and take action against unjust deportation policies.

05

### [Find Local Immigration Resources](#)

A robust and growing list of resources provided by Advocate Resource Center which connects the advocate community to trainings and materials from national experts.

06

### [Resource Library: Mental Health](#)

Informed Immigrant - Mental health services and resources for immigrant communities.

07

### [California Rapid Response Networks](#)

An actively updated list of California rapid response networks specifically for immigrant communities.



# OUR PEOPLE



## OUR PEOPLE



### **Esperanza Pallana** | Executive Director

Esperanza was raised in California where she spent her childhood in the Bay Area, the Central Valley, and the Tuolumne mountains. She has worked with nonprofits for over 30 years with an emphasis in leadership, systemic change, and policy advocacy. Her priority is to use the power of movement-led investments, cultural organizing, and storytelling to strengthen the network of land-based practitioners who are fostering political leadership and community economic power through the lens of ancestral ecological practice. As Executive Director of Wildseeds Fund, a movement-led participatory grantmaker, Esperanza is committed to community-controlled capital structures, shifting narrative power, and emboldening transformative food and agricultural systems change.



### **Shavaun Evans** | Director of Programs and Movement Support

Shavaun, based in Louisville, KY, has over 15 years of experience in food systems, cooperative economics, and communications strategy, all rooted in justice, collective decision-making, and movement building. At Wildseeds Fund, she manages the participatory grantmaking process and works with movement trainers to provide communications training to grantee partners. Previously, she served as Interim Co-Director of the New Economy Coalition, supporting 210 member organizations, and co-led grassroots advocacy at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, securing federal wins for sustainable farmers. Shavaun is an Equity in Philanthropy fellow and a member of the Justice Funders Liberatory Governance cohort.



### **Sabrina Torres** | Storytelling Content Manager

Sabrina Torres is a Los Angeles native with a master's degree in journalism, specializing in visual craft, from Columbia University (2023). Sabrina honed her expertise in visual storytelling, creating impactful narratives through film and media. Her work has been featured in publications like Rolling Stone, and during her time at Columbia, she developed a short documentary that showcased her skill in producing powerful, cinematic content. Sabrina is also the Chief Cinematography Officer and Executive Storytelling Producer for Anahjavi Media, a creative production company she co-founded with two graduate school classmates. Passionate about amplifying underrepresented voices, she is excited to bring her experience and creative vision to Wildseeds Fund, advancing its mission to support emerging leaders and changemakers.

## Current Members

**Megan Saynisch,**  
Steering Committee

**Rubi Orozco Santos,** Grants  
Advisor

**Juan Santiago,**  
Grants Advisor

**Edna Rodriguez,**  
Grants Advisor

**Onyx Ramirez,**  
Steering Committee & Grants  
Advisor

**Adam Hymans,**  
Steering Committee

**Masika Henson,**  
Steering Committee & Grants  
Advisor

**LaVon Colhour,**  
Steering Committee

**Sarah Bell,**  
Steering Committee



# GRATITUDE



## GRATITUDE

The theme of this year's report is Yolchicahua, the Nahuatl word for "courage," and it translates to one's heart becoming strong by the acts of others. **As we endure the intense uncertainty of our country's direction, we do it alongside brilliant thought leadership of community organizers and funding partners**

We are overwhelmed with gratitude, not only for your continued support, but also for your courage to persevere in the face of injustice, and do what you each can to protect all of our communities. We do not take this for granted.

Our hearts are strengthened by the sustained support of our community. We will not relent in our fight for a bold future that makes space for all of us. We are in this together.

## We extend special gratitude to our 2025 funders:



Clarence E. Heller  
Charitable Foundation





# SUPPORT OUR WORK



VILLAGE DE L'EST GREEN  
GROWERS INITIATIVE  
2025 WILDSEEDS GRANTEE



## SUPPORT OUR WORK

**In many ways, the last year showed all of us what is at stake in our country.**

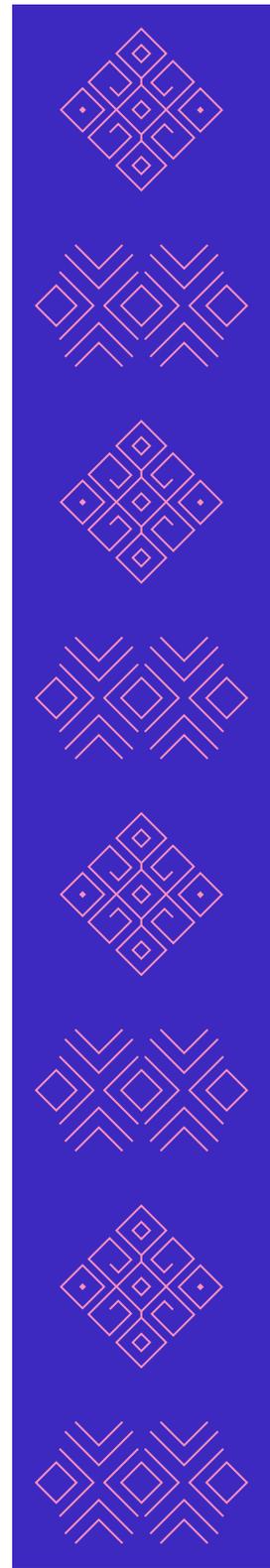
We saw treasured rights taken away and were told that they never existed. We witnessed families separated and our humanity questioned. We also saw countless folks showing up for one another by joining protests—regardless of the risk it posed—participating in mutual aid, and raising their voices in unity against authoritarianism, injustice and violence.

**We at Wildseeds Fund are heartened by our community’s willingness to prioritize community over profits**, especially as it relates to our relationship with the land, nourishment, economic solvency, and healing for our communities. We are encouraged by the organizations on the ground thinking of new ways to tell their stories that might resonate with people across communities, rural and urban, and show them that most importantly, they are not alone.

**As we move into 2026, we are fired up to keep going.** There is such an incredible need from frontline organizations to get their story out and enhance their work. Every year we are inundated with more requests for funding than we can resource. But we are not giving up until everyone’s needs can be met, and we ask you to join us in rising to the need. **We seek funding partners who are willing to listen to community leaders and support their voices. This is why we ask that you partner with us and support our work.**

We invite you to reach out to our Executive Director, [Esperanza Pallana](#), to start the conversation. And we thank you again for believing in us and supporting the Wildseeds Fund. We are immensely proud of our accomplishments from this past year.

**In community,  
Wildseeds Fund**





# DEDICATION



At Wildseeds Fund, each of us works in devotion to a thriving next generation. We are stewards of a legacy centuries in the making, carrying forward the enduring work of justice, liberation, and collective well-being. We celebrate every new and beautiful wild seed as it is nurtured toward its fullest, most powerful expression.

As we share the successes of our 2025 Impact Report, we root them in this deeper purpose, dedicating our efforts to the generations to come. And with full hearts, we celebrate new beginnings among us—joyfully welcoming baby Naima into the Wildseeds community!



# **Movement Led Grantmaking To Embolden Community Power**

**WILDSEEDSFUND.ORG**

