MFN Youth Group
Project Name: Reconnecting With Our Land
$23,000 in 2018
Onoob

MFN lenn Youth Group consists of young people from the Mississauga First Nation. This grant will allow the youth the opportunity to regain access to traditional cultural practices including wild-rice harvesting and medicine walks and help prevent the loss of cultural knowledge. Activities will be supported by Elders and knowledge keepers and take place in the Mississagi Provincial Park located within the Mississauga First Nation's traditional territory.

Sacred Seeds Collective / Mno Wiisini Gitigaanan
Project Name: Two Spirit Youth Sustenance Sovereignty Expansion Project
$51,932

Sacred Seeds Collective is a Two Spirit youth centred traditional gardening space and food distribution strategy that organizes Two Spirit youth-led community engagement activities at the gardens, delivers workshops for local youth groups, hosts ceremony, and sugarbushing (maple syrup making). In partnership with Four Windz Stables, an Indigenous-run farm, it has been expanding its sustenance sovereignty work to include ecological restoration and protection efforts. This grant will support the development of a formal native seed bank and storing traditional native seeds, organizing an Indigenous seed exchange and attending seed exchanges to build up its Indigenous and Heirloom seed bank.

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig (SKG)
Project Name: Walking With Waynaaboozhoo: The Road To Knowledge Is Essential
$63,505 in 2018; $58,905 in 2019; $58,617 in 2020

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig, an Anishinaabe post-secondary institution, is committed to the restoration of the original spirit and intent of Chief Shingwauk, who envisioned a teaching wigwam where his people could acquire the necessary educational tools in modern society without comprising the values of their culture and traditions. Its students include First Nation and Metis people from Northern Ontario and across Anishinaabe Aki and beyond. This multi-year project will be coordinated by the SKG’s Director of Student Services, Mitch Case (Buffalo Clan), in collaboration with Indigenous SKG students and volunteer and support the development and implementation of various activities centred around land-based teachings, language immersion and knowledge revitalization.

Sudbury Three Fires
Project Name: Akinoomaage Enwehying (Learning Our Sound)
$50,000 in 2018

Sudbury Three Fires is a group of Indigenous youth who came together over the past year with their families to learn their language and ceremonial responsibilities in the medicine lodge that they are all
a part of. Based in the community of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, which is about 20 km west of Sudbury, this grant will support a group of young people to learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language) in a mentor – apprentice model over a two-year cycle at Akinoomoshin Wiigwam (teaching lodge). Youth apprentices will submerge themselves in the language, organize weekly language immersion classes for the children, youth, families and elders who attend the teaching lodge and participate in ceremonies and land based cultural activities that will help enhance their learning.

The Wolves Den
Project Name: Earth and Moon
$48,700 in 2018

Led by a young Haudenosaunee couple, Skyler and Kahsenniyo Williams, and supported by other 12 young Haudensonee women, this project will provide land based opportunities for Haudenosaunee youth aged 14-29 to connect with their culture. The project will take place at The Wolves Den Community Center on Six Nations Territory.

Tungasuvvingat Inuit
Project Name: Tarralikitaq Council - TI Youth Council
$59,513 in 2018; $59,513 in 2019; $59,513 in 2020

Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) is an Inuit-specific, provincial service provider that provides social support, cultural activities, counselling and crisis intervention as a one-stop resource centre to meet the rapidly growing, complex and evolving needs of Inuit in Ontario. With the support and mentorship of TI, the TI Youth Council will be working towards creating a safe space and providing a friendly community for Inuit youth. With this multi-year grant, the Youth Council will host two land-based camps each year where Inuit youth from Ottawa and Toronto will come together.

Waaseyaakosing Language Nest
Project Name: Waaseyaakosing Language Nest
$55,000 in 2018; $55,000 in 2019; $55,000 in 2020

Waaseyaakosing Language Nest, is an Ojibwe immersion space in Wasauksing First Nation in the Parry Sound-Muskoka area. With this multi-year grant, the Nest will offer land-based education (i.e maple syrup making, trapping, making wigwams, building a birchbark canoe, tanning hides, cooking fish and wild game), workshops and programming in Indigenous arts and crafts (i.e. beadwork, sewing, regalia-making, quillwork, black ash basket making) and develop Anishinaabemowin resources (i.e. bilingual books, songs, posters, teaching resources, and signage). Working closely with fluent Elders and knowledge keepers, Indigenous youth will be immersed in the unique Ojibwe/Odawa/Potawatomi dialect of Anishinaabemowin, develop land-based skills and knowledge, and improve their overall holistic well-being.