THUNDER VALLEY GROCERY STORE AND FOOD HUB FEASIBILITY STUDY
A FOOD SYSTEM BASED ON VISION, SOVEREIGNTY, AND HEALTHY FOODS
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ABSTRACT
Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation and Sweet Grass Consulting LLC partnered to develop three communities' (Oglala Lakota, Standing Rock, and Yankton) grocery store and food hub proposals. The feasibility study was designed to guide decision making by assessing the potential for project implementation, the fiscal viability of the project, and the impact of the project on the local economy.

BACKGROUND AND MOMENTUM
Our community members shared numerous stories about the need for a local grocery store and food hub. This need was due to a lack of healthy food options and increased costs. The community health survey conducted by Sweet Grass Consulting LLC in 2016 found that the top health concerns were high blood pressure and diabetes. The feasibility study was designed to guide decision making by assessing the potential for project implementation, the fiscal viability of the project, and the impact of the project on the local economy.

WAKÍGNAKAPI FOOD HUB
Wakígnakapi means “standing for future use,” stored food supplies, cache.

A FOOD HUB
A food hub connects locally produced foods with local producers, organizations which distribute and market the products, and local consumers. Food hubs have been used to promote local economic development, as well as improve the social and environmental health.

WAKÍGNAKAPI FOOD HUB: THE OGLALA OYÁTE HYBRID MODEL
The Wakígnakapi Food Hub Model has been designed to ensure the long-term success of the Wakígnakapi Food Hub. It incorporates several key elements to ensure the success of the project.

METHODS
METHODS ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THE PROJECT'S SUCCESS.

RESULTS
The results of the feasibility study indicate that the Wakígnakapi Food Hub is a viable project that can provide healthy food options to the community. The project is expected to generate revenue and provide employment opportunities. The project will also promote the local economy and improve the health of the community.

BROADER IMPLICATIONS
The Wakígnakapi Food Hub will provide economic and social benefits to the community. It will also contribute to the overall health and well-being of the community.

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