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Development of a Tribal College Land Grant Department

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- Chartered by the Bay Mills Indian Community in 1984
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• First Land Grant-related proposal was submitted and funded in 2001 (TCEP)

• Submitted by non-College staff with support from 1862 institution

• Funding supported initial development of a Community Recreation and Health Promotion Department

• A subsequent TCEP Special Emphasis proposal was funded to support the development and participation of a team from Michigan in the 2002 North American Indigenous Games held in Winnipeg
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- In 2004 a full time Research and Extension Director was hired by BMCC
- 2005 – 2010 BMCC Strategic Plan institutionalized Land Grant activity:

As a tribally controlled community college and land grant institution, the mission of Bay Mills Community College is to provide quality educational opportunities, promote research, and facilitate individual development in an accessible, community-based, and culturally diverse environment that supports and maintains the Anishinaabek culture and language.
In late 2010 Equity, Research, and Extension programs were brought together under the newly formed Land Grant Department:

In order to increase overall capacity, coordinate efforts, and better utilize the skills of our college staff, the Land Grant Department has been established at BMCC to manage our extension, research, equity, and related agriculture and natural resources and health promotion projects and programs. Many of these efforts are funded by USDA’s National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA); BMCC is eligible for this funding due to its status as a 1994 Land Grant Institution.
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Land Grant Director

**Job Summary:** As a 1994 Land Grant Institution, it is expected that Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) will as part of its normal functioning, and as it relates to its mission, develop capacity in the areas of research, education, and extension. As such, a cabinet level administrator is needed to provide administrative leadership and support for land grant services and activities at BMCC.
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Current Areas of Focus:

- Health Promotion
- Small Scale Sustainable Agriculture
- Renewable Energy
- Recruiting and Retention
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Health Promotion
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Current Research

• American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey
• Tribal Colleges and Universities: Drugs and Alcohol Problems and Solutions Study
• Grass-based Fuel Pellet Initiative
• Decision Support Systems for Regional Planning and Impact Assessment of Bio-Refineries
• Grass Fed Beef Project
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Integration of Land Grant Resources

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Challenges Moving Forward

• Do We Connect More with Academic Affairs
• Land Grant Department Strategic Plan
• Resources for Full Time Staff
• Training for Staff
• Pursuit of More Private Sector Support
• Communicating Programs and Impacts
• Establish a Meaningful Advisory Board