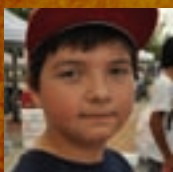


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Thank You for Contributing to 30 Years of Strengthening Native Economies!



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American Indian Economies*

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2010 Board of Directors – First Nations Development Institute & First Nations Oweesta Corporation

First Nations Development Institute and its wholly-held subsidiary, First Nations Oweesta Corporation, have a nine-member board of directors, eight of whom are Native American. The board consists of a diverse representation of Indian Country, geographic areas, community and tribal leaders and business and professional representatives. We thank our board for their steadfast commitment and sound stewardship to strengthen Native communities. For more information on our board members, visit our website at www.firstnations.org.

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First Nations Development Institute

Our Guiding Principle

We believe that when armed with the appropriate resources, Native Peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual and cultural well-being of their communities.

Our Mission

We strengthen American Indian economies.

Our Approach

We invest in, support and develop innovative economic development strategies for asset control within these sectors:

1. Tribal Nonprofits
2. Tribal Governments
3. Tribal For-Profits

Our Strategy

Working within the tribal nonprofit, government and for-profit sectors:

1. We **Educate** Grassroots Practitioners
2. We **Advocate** Systemic Change
3. We **Capitalize** Indian Reservation Communities

Our 2010 Focus Areas

Institutional Capacity Building

Tribal Community & Economic Development

Family Economic Security



Celebrating the Future With an Eye to the Past!

2010 Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

From the very start, we agreed to certain ideals at First Nations Development Institute, to work towards filling that niche, reaching that last milestone. A tribe wants to do something, but they need that little bit of help to get them over, or that little piece that is missing, that we will try at First Nations to fill that piece. **The cornerstone of all that is this idea ... Indian people, you are sovereign.**

We have to find a way to utilize the people's talents, their ingenuity and their energy. If we are going to be recognized, let us not do it because we told the world how great we are; let the world recognize us for what we have done, not for what we have said.

It is our belief, through our work at First Nations over the past thirty years since we were founded, that we have truly helped strengthen Indian Country. Since 1993, we have provided 711 grants to Indian tribes and Native communities and organizations, totaling \$16.6 million in direct support. Through your generosity, this support has made First Nations one of the largest providers of private philanthropic resources to Native communities. First Nations has honored our commitment since the very beginning to help fill that niche, to help tribes and Native people reach that milestone.

I have been honored to serve as the board chairman of First Nations for many years, and I look forward to continuing my service to Indian Country. There have been many individuals along the way who have supported our organization, and I thank you for your advocacy and dedication to our mission. Our work at First Nations does not end with reaching our 30th anniversary. In fact, it feels like it is just the beginning, as there are many vital efforts in Native communities that still need help to fill that niche.

On behalf of the board and staff of First Nations Development Institute and First Nations Oweesta Corporation, I humbly thank all of the individuals, organizations and tribes that continue to make our work possible through their generous support. We look forward to another thirty years of helping Native communities reach that milestone.

Sincerely,



B. Thomas Vigil (*Jicarilla Apache/Jemez Pueblo*)
Chairman, Board of Directors
First Nations Development Institute



30 Years of Throwing the Proverbial Pasta Against the Wall

2010 President's Letter

"A 100 pound Cherokee lady walks into the world's largest foundation." And while this may sound like the beginning of a great Indian joke that my friend Rick Williams at the American Indian College Fund would tell, it is actually the introduction to First Nations Development Institute's creation story.

The actual story is of Rebecca Adamson, First Nations' founder and leader for 25 years, who back in 1980 showed up at the offices of the Ford Foundation in New York, unannounced and requested to talk to someone about getting a grant. As luck would have it, she was passed along to someone within the foundation who was impressed with Rebecca's chutzpah, Siobhan Oppenheimer-Nicolau, who would, upon leaving the Ford Foundation, become a member of First Nations' board of directors.

In Indian Country we are particularly fond of creation stories, because they grant great insight into cultures and behaviors, as well as societal norms. For First Nations, the lessons that Rebecca's story teaches us guide much of our work today.

Rebecca's story teaches us that, while information is good, information that impedes informed actions can at times lead to paralysis. Her propensity for action was based not on what was perfect for Indian Country, it was motivated by securing resources in order for tribal communities to learn ways in which to develop when challenged by an economy and capitalistic rules it did not understand. Had Rebecca fully understood the impossibility of raising money for Indian Country from private foundations, she probably would not have made the attempt. Thirty years later, private foundations only contribute less than 1/2 of one percent of their grantmaking to Indian organizations and projects, and even less to those governed and controlled by Native people.

Furthermore, when asked what she was going to use the money for and how she was going to change Indian Country and its economies for the better, Rebecca did not profess to know. Her response was that, while she may not know, the people in the reservation communities would be able to offer informed solutions to the economic challenges they faced.

Historically, economic development strategies that were forced on reservation communities and economies looked like the worst of the failing Soviet-style central planning models – a 'one-size fits most' model that failed to take into account the geographic, demographic and cultural conditions unique to each of the 565 tribes. The failure was the inability to recognize that economic success had to be driven by local thinking and local control. Even if we are to take as a given that the U.S. government and its agent, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), were benevolent with regard to Indian Country, it cannot be ignored that these thinkers and planners in the BIA did not believe that Indian communities had the wherewithal to create anything of value themselves. The U.S. government's treatment of Native economic development was paternalism, at best.

Thirty years later, First Nations is seen as a "think and do tank." And while we know the importance of empirical data, we find that a propensity for action is often times only gained from taking calculated risk and action without perfect information - this creates momentum, it creates hope, and it creates more data points that inspire more action.



We have been throwing the proverbial pasta against the wall to learn what works in tribal communities, always with a propensity for action, followed up by strong research, policy and advocacy.

Our investment in various collaborations to support the informed views of our community partners has shown incredible results. Within our relatively short history, we have had the enviable opportunity to be part of the most promising practices and achievements of Indian Country, including:

- Helping to produce the fastest growing sector in the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) industry: from two Native CDFIs to more than 100 (59 certified) in the past decade, leveraging more than \$30 million in Department of Treasury resources.
- Creating the Eagle Staff Fund grantmaking program, which has often been the ‘first-in,’ high-risk investor by providing 711 grants to Native organizations, totaling nearly \$17 million. Our grantees leverage grant dollars at a rate better than 1:1; making the total impact of our grantmaking more than \$35 million to date.
- Becoming the largest American Indian economic rights organization based in the United States, with First Nations researchers conducting investigations into economic rights abuses in all regions of the United States.

First Nations has become synonymous with strengthening families, growing sustainable rural and reservation economies, and cultivating leadership and philanthropy. We accomplish this while respecting

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*Michael E. Roberts
President,
First Nations Development Institute*

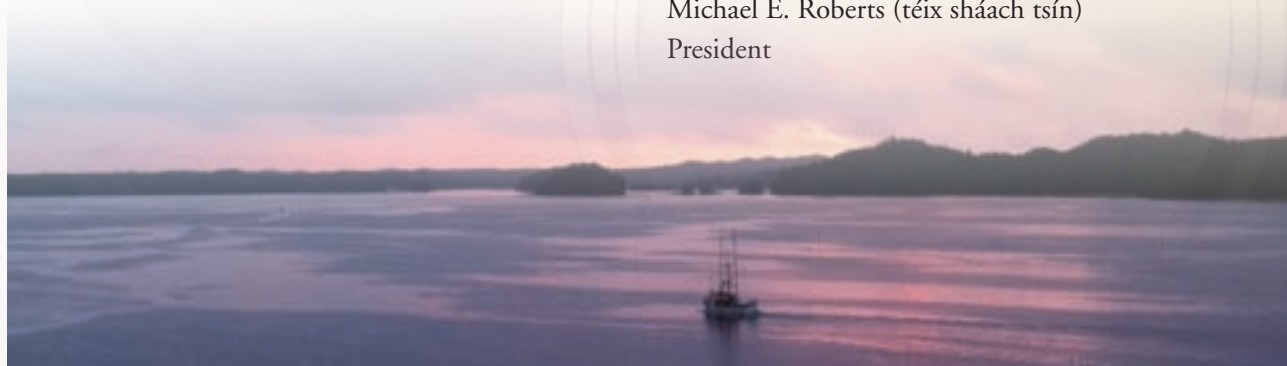
the cultures and traditions of the people and the communities in which we work. We expand economic liberty to Native communities by promoting the economic self-reliance of individuals and families through financial literacy, financial services and entrepreneurial education. We also provide both financial capital and technical assistance to Native nonprofits working to eliminate barriers to credit and increasing wealth through entrepreneurship.

I have always found this definition to be one of my favorites, that luck is defined as the point in time in which opportunity meets preparedness. We have been extremely lucky to have great partners in our work and our achievements, be they staff, tribal and community partners, our financial supporters. But much of this luck has come about because of our continued dedication to deliver the highest quality of work and professionalism to both the communities we serve, as well as those social investors who continue to believe in and reinvest in our mission and our work.

Gunalchéesh (Thank you),



Michael E. Roberts (téix sháach tsín)
President



Celebrating Key Events in First Nations' 30-Year History

1980 **1980 First Nations Financial Project** is founded. Funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, the project was later renamed First Nations Development Institute. The organization becomes the first nonprofit social enterprise exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets. First Nations establishes a strong network within the world of private finance and philanthropy and brings tribes into the circle.

1982 **1982 First Nations Begins Research for Oweesta Program.** Policy research and community organizing begins for the development finance program later named *Oweesta* (Mohawk word for money).

1984 **1984 Saginaw Chippewa Trust Fund Investment Management Project** is formed by First Nations in conjunction with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan to address the challenge with tribal trust funds management at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

1985 **1985 The Lakota Fund is founded**, the first micro-enterprise peer lending fund on a reservation. First Nations continues to research the BIA Office of Trust Funds Management, confirming tribal charges of fiscal abuse and lack of accountability. First Nations submits comments and recommendations to Congress, four of which form the basis of a congressional inquiry into the BIA's record on Indian trust funds management.



1986 **1986 First Nations Establishes the Oweesta Program** to address the lack of access to development capital and credit in Native communities, and becomes the first model of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in Indian Country.

1990 **1990 First Nations is a Founding Member of Native Americans in Philanthropy**, created to increase the effectiveness of philanthropy related to Native people. First Nations forms the precursor committee to the InterTribal Monitoring Association on trust funds management.

1991 **1991 First Nations Financial Project becomes First Nations Development Institute**, reflecting the need to provide long-term institutional infrastructure for increasingly sophisticated strategies that emerged from a decade of capacity building for Native communities.

1993 **1993 First Nations Begins Nationwide Grantmaking and Technical Assistance.** The Eagle Staff Fund is launched as the first Native-led grant program to support reservation-based economic development.



1994 **1994 First Nations Makes its First Grants** supporting InterTribal Bison Cooperative and Alaska Native subsistence.

1995 **1995 First Nations Teams with Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell** to counter false perceptions that casino revenues create wealth for all tribes and end poverty in Indian Country; Start of a successful three-year effort to support the CDFI Fund in its compliance with CDFI legislation.

1997 1997 First Nations Establishes First Peoples Worldwide to assist Indigenous communities globally. **Strengthening Native American Philanthropy** program is launched to support creation of tribal foundations and philanthropy in Indian Country.

1998 1998 First Nations forms Native Assets Research Center (NARC) consolidating First Nations' concentration on research as an instrument of policy reform in Indian Country.

1999 1999 Oweesta Program becomes First Nations Oweesta Corporation, a wholly-held subsidiary of First Nations Development Institute.

2002 2002 First Nations Establishes Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative, with primary support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to address the health and well-being of Native peoples.

2003 2003 First Nations Launches Native Youth and Culture Fund to preserve, strengthen and renew Native culture among youth.

2004 2004 Eagle Staff Fund Celebrates 380 Grant Awards Totaling \$10.8 Million, making First Nations one of the largest providers of private philanthropic resources to Native communities.

2005 2005 First Nations Celebrates 25th Anniversary and Creates a Permanent Endowment.

2009 2009 First Nations Oweesta Corporation Celebrates 10th Anniversary.



2010

2010 First Nations Celebrates 30th Anniversary and 711 Grant Awards Totaling \$16.6 Million.



*Celebrating 30 Years of Strengthening
American Indian Economies*

First Nations Development Institute – Grantmaking Results and Key Organizational Accomplishments

First Nations Development Institute is a thirty-year old American Indian led organization that works with Native communities throughout the United States. We capitalize Native communities by making grants and helping tribes create their own philanthropic organizations. First Nations is focused on listening to Indian people and helping them to address and solve their own challenges.

We work with tribes to advocate for systemic change.

First Nations Development Institute has provided grants since 1993, and thanks to your support, we have awarded a total of \$16.6 million for various programs and initiatives throughout Indian Country. **We could not have done this without your generosity!**

Our Grantmaking Results:

Total Amount of Grants Awarded:	\$16,676,549.06
Maximum Grant Amount:	\$359,411
Minimum Grant Amount:	\$250
Average Grant Amount:	\$23,455.06
Total Number of Grants:	711

Organization Accomplishments:

Council on Foundations

1996 Robert W. Scrivner Award for Creative Grant Making

Wilmer Shields Rich Awards for Excellence in Communications

Annual or Biennial Reports

Silver: 2010

Special Programs

Silver: 2010

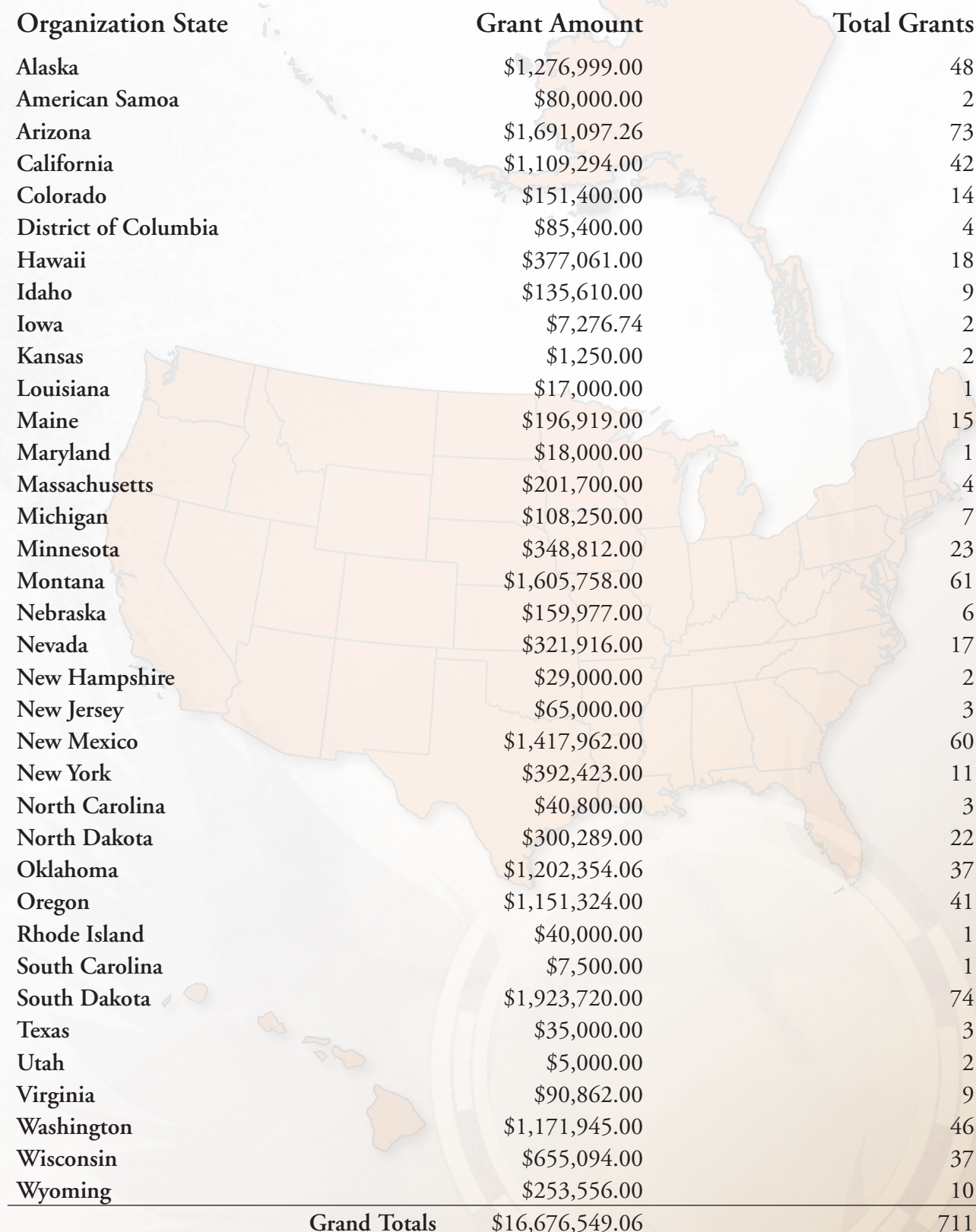
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2007 National Leadership in Action Award

Philip Morris Companies, Inc.

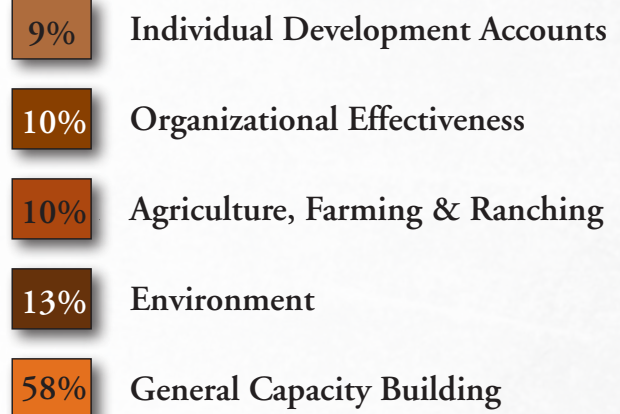
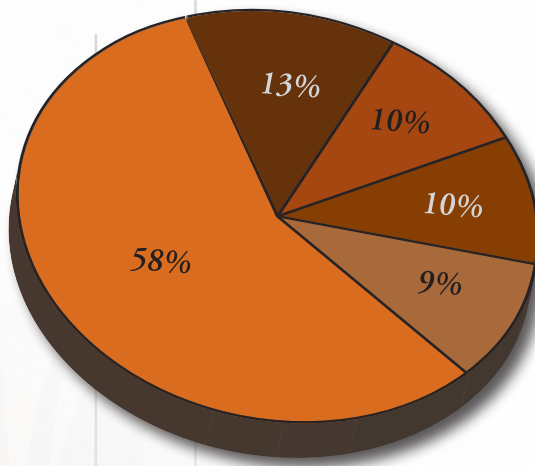
1999 Native American Hunger Program Award

First Nations Development Institute - Grant Awards by State



Organization State	Grant Amount	Total Grants
Alaska	\$1,276,999.00	48
American Samoa	\$80,000.00	2
Arizona	\$1,691,097.26	73
California	\$1,109,294.00	42
Colorado	\$151,400.00	14
District of Columbia	\$85,400.00	4
Hawaii	\$377,061.00	18
Idaho	\$135,610.00	9
Iowa	\$7,276.74	2
Kansas	\$1,250.00	2
Louisiana	\$17,000.00	1
Maine	\$196,919.00	15
Maryland	\$18,000.00	1
Massachusetts	\$201,700.00	4
Michigan	\$108,250.00	7
Minnesota	\$348,812.00	23
Montana	\$1,605,758.00	61
Nebraska	\$159,977.00	6
Nevada	\$321,916.00	17
New Hampshire	\$29,000.00	2
New Jersey	\$65,000.00	3
New Mexico	\$1,417,962.00	60
New York	\$392,423.00	11
North Carolina	\$40,800.00	3
North Dakota	\$300,289.00	22
Oklahoma	\$1,202,354.06	37
Oregon	\$1,151,324.00	41
Rhode Island	\$40,000.00	1
South Carolina	\$7,500.00	1
South Dakota	\$1,923,720.00	74
Texas	\$35,000.00	3
Utah	\$5,000.00	2
Virginia	\$90,862.00	9
Washington	\$1,171,945.00	46
Wisconsin	\$655,094.00	37
Wyoming	\$253,556.00	10
Grand Totals	\$16,676,549.06	711

Top Five First Nations' Program Areas - Grantmaking



Focus the Lens: Celebrating 30 Years of Strengthening Native Economies



In recognition of First Nations Development Institute celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2010, we are proud to announce that, along with a new organizational video, we have produced four online grantee videos on the Notah Begay III Foundation, Santa Fe Indian School's Leadership Institute, Gallup Central High School and Navajo Partnership for Housing. Each of our grantee profiles and videos have been highlighted in our programs section, where you will learn more about the impact of your support. In the programs section, you will find a summary of our 2010 focus areas. First Nations has recently expanded its program areas in 2011, and to learn more about these extended efforts in Indian Country, visit our website at www.firstnations.org.

We extend a special thank you to Lou Karsen and Tracy Rector of Longhouse Media, who helped us with video production, and to Victor Pascual of DGTL/NVJO who provided photography services.

We hope you enjoy watching the new online videos to learn more about how you have helped ensure economic security in Indian Country!



*Top & Bottom: Lou Karsen and Tracy Rector
Longhouse Media*

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Video on Your Smart Phone



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First Nations Development Institute 2010 Focus Areas

- I. Institutional Capacity Building
- II. Tribal Community & Economic Development
- III. Family Economic Security



Institutional Capacity Building | Focus Area I

Through grant support, technical assistance and training, First Nations Development Institute provides Native communities with the resources necessary to create new community-based nonprofit organizations and to strengthen the capacity of existing nonprofits. For more than 30 years, First Nations has supported hundreds of model projects that revitalize Native communities, while integrating social empowerment and economic strategies. An essential component of First Nations' nonprofit capacity building strategy is our Leadership and Entrepreneurial Apprenticeship Development (LEAD) program that is identifying and training the next generation of Native nonprofit leaders.

Our 2010 Institutional Capacity Building Grant Programs

Project	Project Description	Our Partners
Leadership and Entrepreneurial Apprenticeship Development Program (LEAD)	The LEAD fellowship program increases the number of young Native professionals identified as having the potential to become the next generation of Native nonprofit leaders, and utilizes targeted training that is critical to becoming a successful nonprofit leader. Partnering organizations included the Potlatch Fund in Seattle, WA and the Native American Youth and Family Center in Portland, OR.	The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Ford Foundation, American Express Foundation and the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado
Strengthening Native American Philanthropy (SNAP)	First Nations worked with tribal leaders at the White Earth Indian reservation in Minnesota to leverage a strategic planning process to create a tribal foundation.	Nathan Cummings Foundation
Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI)	NAFSI's main goal is to assist targeted rural and reservation-based Native communities to create or leverage an existing locally-controlled and locally-based food system to provide healthy foods to community members and support local food producers and the local economy.	Kresge Foundation
Capacity Building in Native America – Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)	First Nations' SCF grant was a one-time grant to increase the capacity of nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations, and to utilize nonprofit organizations' involvement in the economic recovery. Federal funds, leveraged by \$200,000 in matching funds from First Nations, are financing capacity-building services to 22 communities located in three U.S. regions.	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families - Office of Community Service - Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Program Management Capacity Building	First Nations' capacity building grant increases the capacity of nine national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. Grant activities included customized training and technical assistance and onsite visits to retain the growth and development of Native-led nonprofit organizations.	U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Community Foods Project	First Nations was awarded a three-year grant from the USDA Community Foods Project. Each year, 10 Native projects that increase community control of food resources are selected to receive cost-free training and technical assistance.	U. S. Department of Agriculture - National Institute of Food and Agriculture - Community Food Projects
First Nations Training and Technical Assistance Services	First Nations offers training and technical assistance to Native nonprofits to increase and retain their capacity. The American Indian College Fund in Colorado, and Cultural Diversity Resources in North Dakota received trainings on topics such as program development, strategic planning and program measurement.	Individual Donors & Partnering Agencies

How You Helped a Native Nonprofit Increase Capacity

Notah Begay III Foundation

Notah Begay III, the only full-blooded Native American on the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) tour, was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 2005, Notah launched the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation to positively impact the Native community. The NB3 Foundation works to battle obesity and diabetes, which are challenging health issues that are impacting Native American youth today.

The mission of the NB3 Foundation is to promote the health, wellness and leadership development of Native youth. NB3 accomplishes this mission by helping tribal nations build their capacity to design and manage effective wellness, sports and development programs. The two sports that NB3 currently utilizes, soccer and golf, help promote healthy lifestyles and build the self-esteem of program participants.

Native youth learn the fundamentals of each game, and focus on building healthy lifestyles. They learn important life skills, such as how to cultivate honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. The youth also develop crucial leadership skills through sports, which they take back to their communities to strengthen their families and tribal people.

Through your generosity, First Nations Development Institute supported the NB3 Foundation by providing vital capacity building services. The foundation is like many emerging Native nonprofits today that need assistance to increase their operational capacity, implement grantmaking and program services, and build sound financial systems. "First Nations has a very big commitment to creating capacity for the development of more Native nonprofits because of the great needs within our communities," shared Crystal Echo Hawk, executive director of the NB3 Foundation.



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“There is a real commitment at First Nations Development Institute to empower Native people. We need capacity and to bridge resources ... to build leadership and thought capital in Native communities. That is what is so innovative ... First Nations is not just putting grant dollars in, they are putting boots on the ground.”

*Crystal Echo Hawk
Executive Director
Notah Begay III Foundation*



Tribal Community & Economic Development | Focus Area II

To create systemic economic change, First Nations Development Institute works with Native American communities in reclaiming direct control of their assets. Working directly with grassroots community partners, individuals and tribes, First Nations supports and provides Native asset development strategies and models to help communities understand, create and control the way in which Native assets are valued, as well as the decision making process in deciding whether to monetize those assets. First Nations creates and supports sustainable economic development in Native communities.

Our 2010 Tribal Community & Economic Development Grant Programs

Project	Project Description	Our Partners
Native Youth & Culture Fund (NYCF)	First Nations partners with tribes and Native nonprofits to retain, perpetuate and strengthen Native culture among tribal youth. A total of \$400,000 in grants was awarded to more than 20 Native youth programs. The grants support tribal-based programs that increase cultural values, traditions and language use in Native communities.	The Kalliopeia Foundation and The Susan A. and Donald P. Babson Charitable Foundation
The Business of Indian Agriculture: A Tribal College Partnership	First Nations worked with four tribal colleges in Montana to conduct market research on, design, and customize an “agri-entrepreneurship” curriculum to leverage agriculture related businesses to help Native American farmers and ranchers succeed.	U. S. Department of Agriculture - National Institute of Food and Agriculture - Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
Native Asset Building Partnership Project	This project established an advisory committee that engaged tribes and Native organizations in targeted states to increase asset building and utilize regionally-relevant models. It leveraged mentoring relationships for selected tribes and/or Native organizations that strengthened their ability to implement asset-building projects.	Northwest Area Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business Opportunity Grants program
Intersection of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship Programs at Tribal Colleges.	The goal of this grant is to utilize agricultural business education at tribal colleges for the development and retention of small businesses on reservations. First Nations worked closely with First American Land-Grant College & Organization Network (FALCON) and an advisory group of tribal college business instructors to explore the development of a model small business/agribusiness curriculum.	CHS Foundation
Navajo Western Agency Training and Technical Assistance Project	First Nations received a one-time grant to ensure that disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who are operating or seek to increase agricultural activities can equitably participate in all USDA programs. First Nations provides capacity building information, services and strategies to prepare Navajo Nation Western Agency farmers and ranchers to control and operate their own farms and ranches.	U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Advocacy and Outreach - Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (OASDFR)
New Mexico All-Indian Community Foundation	First Nations has partnered with organizations and community representatives within New Mexico to launch the New Mexico All-Indian Community Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to create a community foundation to serve rural, reservation-based and urban American Indians in New Mexico.	W.K. Kellogg Foundation

How You Helped Develop Tribal Communities

Santa Fe Indian School's Leadership Institute | Summer Policy Academy



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The Santa Fe Indian School's Leadership Institute developed the Summer Policy Academy to provide an academic and cultural program to increase Native students' abilities in leadership, policy, community service and critical thinking in the areas of tribal, local, state, national and international Indigenous politics. The academy is geared toward building capacity and awareness of these issues among Native American high school students, with the belief that they will grow into Native leadership positions. To date, the Summer Policy Academy has graduated 120 students from both urban and reservation areas, representing 22 New Mexico tribes.

Led by Carnell Chosa, co-director of the Leadership Institute and a First Nations LEAD Fellow, the Summer Policy Academy was recognized by Harvard University's Honoring Nations Program as one of the top ten programs of 2010 in Indian Country. Administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government, the national awards program identifies, celebrates and shares outstanding examples of tribal governance.

With your support, First Nations Development Institute funded the Summer Policy Academy, which has enabled this program to support 120 community service projects in tribal and urban communities. The positive outcomes of the Summer Policy Academy directly hit the core organizational goals of First Nations, and meet the objectives of our funders' investments. Each time First Nations funds projects like the Summer Policy Academy, we are developing the next wave of community leaders who will strengthen Native and non-Native communities.



"We work with students one-on-one to see what their interests are, and help them develop initiatives to give back. Developing and implementing the Summer Policy Academy has been an incredible experience. All the hard work from our staff, faculty, students, communities and partner institutions like First Nations Development Institute is critical to the success of the program."

*Carnell Chosa
Co-Director
The Leadership Institute
Santa Fe Indian School*



How You Helped Strengthen a Tribal Economy

Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc.

The Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc. (NPH), a Native community development financial institution, was created to provide innovative and flexible homeownership financing opportunities on or near the Navajo Nation, which sprawls across New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. NPH is committed to empowering Navajo families with new knowledge, skills and understanding which enable them to complete real estate transactions.

Led by Lanalle Smith, executive director, NPH has arranged or provided 482 loans and grants to 357 families to help tribal members buy, build or rehabilitate a home. Total financing facilitated by the organization amounts to \$39 million to date. The organization assists tribal members with the real estate market, which is unlike anything other Americans experience. According to a Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation study, between 25 and 43 percent of people on the reservation are unemployed, 40 percent of families are below the poverty level, and median household income is \$20,000. In response to the national mortgage environment, NPH obtained its mortgage license in New Mexico and is near completion of Arizona licensing requirements.

Based on your support, First Nations Development Institute provided resources to Navajo Partnership for Housing to help build the economic infrastructure of the Navajo Nation. NPH received assistance to help Navajo families successfully reach homeownership, to help families enroll in the Individual Development Account program and to help community members attend financial fitness classes.



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"First Nations Development Institute has provided a wealth of services to Navajo Partnership for Housing. Through training opportunities, grant funds and technical support, the work that First Nations does is so vital to any nonprofit that provides services in Native communities. With your support, we are able to provide important services to our people of the Navajo Nation. Thank you!"

*Lanalle Smith
Executive Director
Navajo Partnership for Housing*



Family Economic Security | Focus Area III

First Nations Development Institute works in partnership with tribes and Native communities throughout the U.S. to assist in creating and administering financial and investor education programs. Our projects range from helping individuals and families understand the basics of financial management – opening and maintaining a bank account and using credit wisely – to helping individuals understand financial markets and a variety of financial instruments for borrowing and saving. Learning how to manage finances ensures that Native people will be more likely to save and to challenge financial service providers to develop products that respond to their needs. Our programs result in increased investment levels and economic growth in Native communities, leading to increased family economic security.

Our 2010 Family Economic Security Grant Programs

Project	Project Description	Our Partners
InvestNative: Building Native Communities One Investment at a Time	First Nations is working with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin to create financial education programs for youth receiving minor's trust payments. First Nations utilizes a manual and a website that assists tribes in designing minor's trust programs.	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children & Families - Administration for Native Americans - Social and Economic Development and Strategies (SEDS)
Life on Your Terms: Building Native Communities One Investment at a Time	First Nations created and piloted financial and investor education curricula at Gallup Central High School in Gallup, New Mexico in the McKinley County School District, where approximately 90% of students are Native American.	Daniels Fund
Oklahoma Asset-Building Policy and Practice: Promoting Economic Security For Life	First Nations is working with the Oklahoma Assets Coalition, the Oklahoma Policy Institute and the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition to create an asset-building coalition for the state of Oklahoma and to increase family economic security.	The Ford Foundation
Promoting Stronger Consumer Protection in Native Communities – Combating Predatory Lending and Predatory Tax Services	First Nations produced reports for New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota and North Dakota on predatory lending products. We also created a report on the importance of tribal legislation in promoting consumer protection of tribal citizens, and produced a model tribal consumer protection code.	The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Training and Technical Assistance -Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions	First Nations provided training and technical assistance to 21 tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in 14 states. Training and services were focused on leveraging leadership and organizational development, program management and community engagement.	U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
Domestic Violence Financial Education Initiative	First Nations is enhancing financial literacy training for tribal domestic violence coalitions and their member organizations by expanding the <i>Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families</i> curriculum. This involves the creation of a new fourth edition of the participant's manual, updating the instructor's manual and utilizing a new module on financial abuse.	The Allstate Foundation and Ameriprise Financial

How You Helped Ensure Family Economic Security

Gallup Central High School

Although the state of New Mexico requires high schools to offer financial education, as of 2010 the state had not assigned a specific curriculum. Working with Donald Sparks, principal, and Arnold Blum, a math teacher, at Gallup Central High School, where more than 90 percent of students are Native American, First Nations Development Institute piloted an innovative financial literacy curriculum based on its *Building Native Communities* series.



“First Nations Development Institute has been essential in piloting this program and supporting how I have structured the course, and our vision of where this course is going to go,” shared instructor Blum. With great enthusiasm, Blum also said, “Without them, we wouldn’t be where we are now. This program is for Native students and for Native communities.”



With support from the Daniels Fund, First Nations and Gallup Central High School launched the “Financial Literacy: Life on Your Terms” curriculum, which instructed participating students on a number of topics such as learning how to budget their money, managing checking and savings accounts and making smart investments.

After nine weeks of instruction, students took the National Financial Capability Challenge, which was an online exam sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to encourage students to take control of their financial futures. At least two students in the Gallup Central High School financial literacy class scored in the top 20th percentile.

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“If it wasn’t for First Nations Development Institute, there would not be a program on financial literacy that is culturally focused towards Native American students. The students can connect to the material. We look at how traditional communities handled their natural resources to survive. We look at that model so that we can look forward at how we are going to handle the resource of money ... so that we can not only survive, but prosper.”

*Arnold Blum
Teacher
Gallup Central High School*

First Nations Oweesta Corporation



CDFIs in Indian Country: More than a Decade of Momentous Growth

Beyond First Nations Development Institute's and its board of directors' wildest dreams! That is how First Nations characterizes the many achievements of its wholly-held subsidiary First Nations Oweesta Corporation in its very short history.

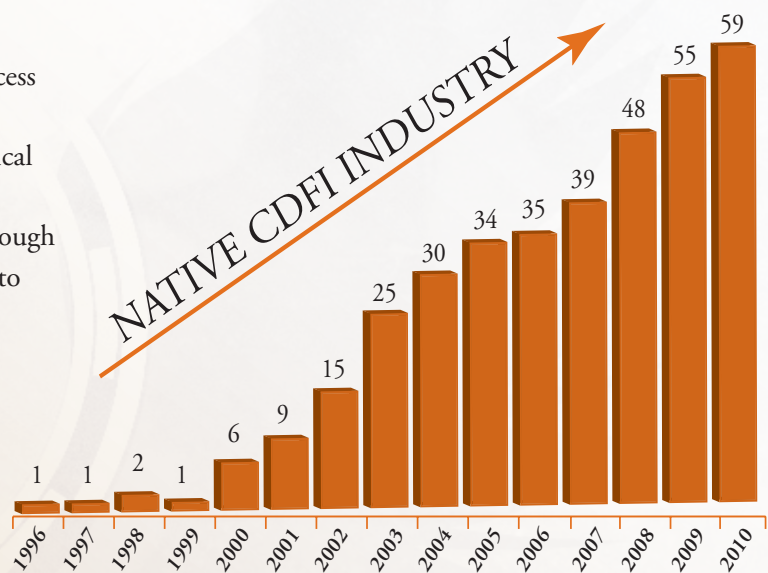
It has been 15 years since First Nations succeeded in retaining specific language in the CDFI legislation signed into law by President William J. Clinton. The language was initially placed in the bill by Roger Boyd and representatives from the Navajo Nation. The law set the wheels in motion for the creation of what is now First Nations Oweesta Corporation. Before the signing of the legislation, the Oweesta program under First Nations coordinated industry-wide initiatives to increase the availability of capital, credit and financial services to reservation communities across the United States.

And while the legislation signing was an important milestone, it was the hiring of an entrepreneurial team by the Oweesta board of directors 10 years ago that gave the newly formed subsidiary the zeal necessary for incredible growth. Native CDFIs have become an industry that not only works beside reservation communities to create institutions that provide access to 'right-sized' capital, but also do so much more. Oweesta provides both financial capital and technical assistance to reservation-based CDFIs working to eliminate barriers to credit and increase wealth through entrepreneurship, as well as provide capitalization to both established and emerging Native CDFIs.

What has this meant?

The sound stewardship of Oweesta's leadership has directly contributed to the rapid development of certified Native CDFIs. They have grown from two in 1998 to 59 in 2010, with another 50 in the development pipeline. For more than 10 years, Oweesta has been part of nearly 200 awards to Native CDFIs, totaling tens of millions of dollars in fruitful investment in Indian Country. Oweesta's work with Native CDFIs has served as a catalyst for incredible transformation in Native communities.

In 2010 alone, based on the efforts of the institutional development, financial education and asset building, and Native enterprise and entrepreneurial development departments, Oweesta provided 1,990 hours of training and technical assistance to Native CDFIs. The launch and growth of Oweesta has been nothing but a success.



First Nations Oweesta Corporation | 2010 Focus Areas

Institution

Creating a Native CDFI is becoming an increasingly popular way for Native people to build stronger, more self-sufficient communities and nations. Native CDFIs help develop local economies by creating entrepreneurs and businesses, increasing homeownership and empowering community members to reach their financial goals. Native CDFIs provide locally-based access to capital and the necessary capacity building services to bring permanent and positive change to Native economies.

Financial Education & Asset Building

Financial education programs in Native communities strengthen local economies one individual at a time. By teaching Native community members how to manage their assets, save towards financial goals, take advantage of resources and avoid predatory lenders, financial education programs contribute to the development of sustainable economies and healthy communities.

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Development

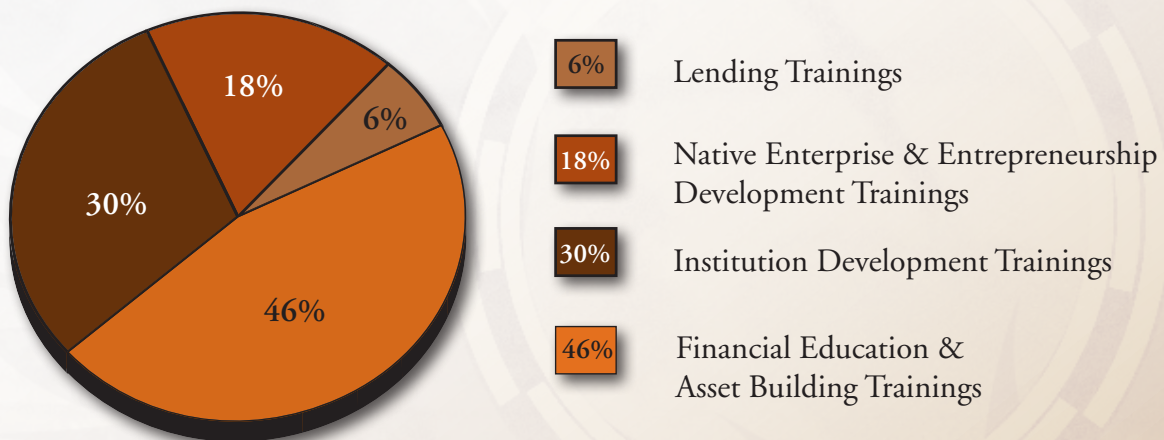
Creating strong and effective enterprise and entrepreneurship systems in Native communities is essential to building a healthy, thriving economy. By establishing, expanding and improving local systems and infrastructure, Native communities create an environment that supports tribal enterprise and private entrepreneurship, allowing businesses and the private sector to flourish.

Lending & Capitalization

Oweesta understands how crucial investment capital is to a Native CDFI; therefore investing in the communities we serve is a priority. We make every effort to provide loans to qualifying organizations, enabling them to reinvest the capital back into their communities and/or to use as leverage to attract other capital. Oweesta makes loans to various types of Native CDFIs, such as small business loan funds and credit associations that make consumer, business and housing loans. We also lend to housing loan funds that use the money to capitalize construction loan funds or for mortgage lending.

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First Nations Oweesta Corporation | 2010 Training Focus Areas



First Nations Oweesta Corporation | Emerging and Certified Native CDFIs

-  CERTIFIED
-  EMERGING

Alaska

United States

Hawaii

For more information
on Oweesta's work with Native CDFIs,
visit: <http://www.oweesta.org/ps/id>.

Together We Can Build a Stronger Native America

Public Education

In 2010, First Nations Development Institute strengthened its public education efforts to tell stories about Indian Country that reflect the accomplishments and voices of Native communities. The public education department launched a complete rebranding of First Nations' wholly-held subsidiary, First Nations Oweesta Corporation. We also developed new organizational messaging, which will appear in First Nations' and Oweesta's new websites that will be launched in 2011.



First Nations also dedicated resources to develop a new video of our organizational history, including videos of four grantees that have recently received support. We are pleased to feature our new organizational video with the 2010 online annual report. You can also view our grantee profiles on our website at www.firstnations.org.

First Nations was also named a SILVER award winner for excellence in communications by the 2010 Wilmer Shields Rich Awards Program. Sponsored by the Council on Foundations, the awards program recognizes effective communications efforts to increase public awareness of foundations and corporate giving programs. First Nations previously received the award for its 2008 annual report.



"Our organization recognizes that through our communications, whether online or in print, we have a responsibility to tell a story about Indian Country in which Native people are cultivating and growing their communities, and that reflects the best in Indian creativity and self-sufficiency."

*Michael E. Roberts, President
First Nations
Development Institute*

Grant Application Procedures

How to Apply for a Grant from First Nations Development Institute

First Nations Development Institute's grantmaking program provides both financial and technical resources to tribes and Native nonprofit organizations to support asset-based development efforts that fit within the culture and are sustainable. First Nations offers grant support through the Eagle Staff Fund (ESF) including special initiatives within ESF, as well as other donor-advised and donor-designated funds. First Nations is currently managing the following grant funds:

Eagle Staff Fund (ESF)

Native Youth & Culture Fund (NYCF)

Little Eagle Staff Fund (LESF)

Native Agriculture and Food
Systems Initiative (NAFSI)

Native American Asset Watch Initiative (NAAWI)

Raymond James Native American
Development Fund (RJF)

Grant funding opportunities are listed on our website (www.firstnations.org). To receive grant availability updates, please sign-up for email notifications through our website. For additional information about our grantmaking program, contact Tina Farrenkopf, senior program officer, at tfarrenkopf@firstnations.org.



First Nations Development Institute | 2010 Grants

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Total Number of 2010 Grants Awarded

\$1,172,437

Total Amount Granted in 2010

Organization	Location	Grant Amount	Project Description
Eagle Staff Fund - Discretionary			
Boulder Valley School District	Boulder, CO	\$500	Increase leadership skills among Native high school students by utilizing training and mentoring.
Ecotrust	Portland, OR	\$1,000	Increase leadership development by supporting the Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Award program.
Institute of American Indian Arts	Santa Fe, NM	\$1,600	Provide support for a Native foods and farms conference to increase Native control of local food systems.
Native American Youth & Family Center	Portland, OR	\$1,500	Leverage organizational resources to increase resource development efforts.
ONABEN, A Native American Business Network	Tigard, OR	\$5,000	Create a Native entrepreneurs business plan competition and awards program.
Potlatch Fund	Seattle, WA	\$1,900	Leverage operational support and gala sponsorship to increase capacity.
Leadership and Entrepreneurial Apprenticeship Development (LEAD) Program			
Potlatch Fund	Seattle, WA	\$40,000	LEAD Host Organization
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Financial Empowerment			
American Indians Against Abuse, Inc.	Hayward, WI	\$1,200	Leverage a travel scholarship for coalition members to attend a financial literacy train-the-trainer institute.
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women	Albuquerque, NM	\$1,000	Leverage a travel scholarship for coalition members to attend a financial literacy train-the-trainer institute.
First Nations Women's Alliance	Tokio, ND	\$1,750	Leverage a travel scholarship for coalition members to attend a financial literacy train-the-trainer institute.
Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition	Phoenix, AZ	\$1,000	Leverage a travel scholarship for coalition members to attend a financial literacy train-the-trainer institute.
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Strengthening Communities Fund			
Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud	Mission, SD	\$24,000	Enable the organization to increase its work in leadership, human resources, community engagement and program development.
Browning Community Development Corporation	Browning, MT	\$24,680	Enable the organization to increase and retain its technology infrastructure, accounting and financial management, and business development programs.
Cherokee Nation Foundation	Tahlequah, OK	\$24,785	Increase program efficiency and effectiveness through training and revenue plan development.
Gila River Indian Community	Sacaton, AZ	\$16,053	Increase the organization's effectiveness in leadership and board development, including strategic planning.

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Hasbidito	Cuba, NM	\$24,000	Retain the organization's effectiveness in board development and management, auditing services and community engagement.
The Hopi Foundation	Kykotsmovi, AZ	\$24,680	Increase the organization's ability to leverage community and leadership programs and program evaluation and measurement.
Lakota Waldorf School	Kyle, SD	\$24,180	Utilize training to support board members in their development roles to help raise money for the organization.
Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial, Inc.	Pine Ridge, SD	\$24,680	Support the organization in utilizing stronger fundraising efforts, financial management and community engagement.
Montana Indian Business Alliance	Great Falls, MT	\$24,425	Enable the organization to create a three-year strategic plan.
Native American Community Board	Lake Andes, SD	\$24,000	Increase professional development for key staff in fundraising, human resources and policy advocacy.
Native Disparities No More	Tahlequah, OK	\$24,680	Enable the organization to leverage their board policies and program development to create a strategic plan.
Oglala Oyate Woitanan Empowerment Zone	Porcupine, SD	\$24,000	Increase capacity and strategic planning to help the Pine Ridge reservation create and utilize a tourism model.
Okay Area Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	Ft. Gibson, OK	\$24,830	Increase leadership development within the organization to create a strategic plan.
Pueblo of Acoma	Acoma, NM	\$24,000	Create and retain board and related policies as a \$7871 tribal organization.
Shonto Community Development Corporation	Shonto, AZ	\$24,299	Enable the organization to leverage its social and economic development efforts.
Spade Mountain Cherokee Community Organization, Inc.	Tahlequah, OK	\$24,680	Enable the organization to increase and retain its work in leadership, human resources, community engagement and program development.
T'iinasbas Dah' da' a' k' eh	Teecnospos, AZ	\$24,680	Increase capacity in board development, management, technology and community engagement.
Tolani Lake Enterprises Inc.	Leupp, AZ	\$24,680	Utilize leadership and community engagement programs to strengthen organizational capacity.
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa for Pathways to Prosperity	Belcourt, ND	\$24,680	Enable the organization to increase its work in leadership, human resources, community engagement and program development.
White Eagle Christian Academy	Mission, SD	\$24,000	Leverage strategic planning to engage board, staff and community members.
Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative			
Blackfeet Community College	Browning, MT	\$3,375	Conduct market research on, create and customize an agri-entrepreneurship curriculum to assist Native farmers and ranchers to implement, control and retain agriculture related businesses.

Fort Belknap College	Harlem, MT	\$3,375	Conduct market research on, create and customize an agri-entrepreneurship curriculum to assist Native farmers and ranchers to implement, control and retain agriculture related businesses.
Fort Peck Community College	Poplar, MT	\$3,375	Conduct market research on, create and customize an agri-entrepreneurship curriculum to assist Native farmers and ranchers to implement, control and retain agriculture related businesses.
Hunkpati Investments, Inc.	Fort Thompson, SD	\$25,000	Create and retain a community and school gardening network on the Crow Creek Indian reservation.
Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority	Kyle, SD	\$25,000	Create a bison meat distribution program for low-income and elderly tribal members on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation.
The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	Oneida, WI	\$25,000	Increase food preservation through mechanical upgrades to equipment, and host the Indigenous women's studies program.
Tohono O'odham Community Action	Sells, AZ	\$25,000	Leverage peer-to-peer Native foods educational activities, plant school gardens and retain tribal agriculture in school curriculum.
Native Coalition Building			
Oklahoma Assets	Oklahoma City, OK	\$80,000	Support Oklahoma Assets in identifying, increasing and retaining programs and policies that achieve economic security for Oklahoman families.
Oklahoma Policy Institute	Tulsa, OK	\$40,000	Create a series of webinars and publications on financial education.
Native Youth and Culture Fund			
Bishop Paiute Tribal Council	Bishop, CA	\$20,000	Hire qualified Paiute language instructors to teach in after-school and summer programs, and leverage field trips to local areas of cultural significance to retain tribal knowledge.
Brave Heart Society – Running Strong for American Indian Youth	Lake Andes, SD	\$20,000	Increase and retain the Dakota/Lakota/Nakota culture by creating strong families through programmatic engagement.
Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation	Shawnee, OK	\$20,000	Host the <i>Shonyakewan Nigansweun</i> (leadership and asset building camp) to increase and retain leadership development, asset building and perpetuation of Citizen Potawatomi culture among tribal youth.
Fond du Lac Tribal College	Cloquet, MN	\$19,500	Create programming, curriculum and instruction at Camp of the Ottertail Ojibwe Language Immersion Training.
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.	Sault St. Marie, MI	\$19,500	Utilize development activities that encourage mental, physical, spiritual and cognitive growth amongst Native youth.
Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana	Kamuela, HI	\$19,500	Hawaiian youth live together with extended families within the community, where they learn to retain traditional protocol and integrate spiritual practices into daily life.
La Plazita Institute	Albuquerque, NM	\$20,000	The Cultural Healing for Youth Project focuses on incarcerated and previously incarcerated Native youth by providing services – within the prisons, detention centers, schools and community – to create cultural healing and a reconnection to traditional ways of life.

Santa Fe Indian School's Leadership Institute – Summer Policy Academy	Santa Fe, NM	\$20,000	The Summer Policy Academy is an academic and cultural program designed to increase and retain students' abilities in leadership, policy and community service in tribal, local, state, national and international Indigenous politics.
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Keshena, WI	\$9,000	Menominee youth learn to retain and perpetuate their tribal heritage through teamwork, problem-solving strategies and activities that build self-esteem.
Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition	St. Paul, MN	\$20,000	Host the sixth annual Native Girls Retreat, where young Native women create, retain and learn how to utilize their leadership skills.
Native American Community Board	Lake Andes, SD	\$19,500	Increase tribal control and documentation of the Dakota language and traditional knowledge to create and retain fluent young Dakota speakers.
Native American Language Teacher Training Institute	Pablo, MT	\$20,000	Document and leverage Native language use and history through video interviews with elders.
Native Village of Mary's Igloo	Teller, AK	\$17,000	Support tribal youth and elders with recording the place names of traditional and contemporary land sites utilized by the Kawerak people.
Nipmuk Nashauonk, Inc.	Quincy, MA	\$20,000	Increase interest in science among tribal youth and create a new cultural framework for science education in Native communities.
Northwest Indian College	Bellingham, WA	\$19,000	The Coast Salish Institute documents the Lummi language through digital recordings to retain and perpetuate tribal language and culture.
Potlatch Fund	Seattle, WA	\$20,000	Support the InterTribal Canoe Journey through the purchase of equipment and help youth with creating ceremonial regalia.
Pueblo of San Felipe	San Felipe Pueblo, NM	\$19,000	San Felipe Keres language classes teach tribal members to retain and perpetuate the Keres language.
Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce	Denver, CO	\$850	Increase Native educational assets by supporting the Colorado Indian Scholarship Program.
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	Mt. Pleasant, MI	\$20,000	Utilize cultural programming to revitalize and retain cultural identity and traditional ways of life for tribal members.
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Sault Ste. Marie, MI	\$20,000	Utilize Warrior Society teachings to create interaction between Anishinaabeg youth with elders, storytellers and professionals.
Sipaulovi Development Corporation	Second Mesa, AZ	\$19,000	Hopi youth create and retain a foundation for their community and tribal roles.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Ignacio, CO	\$19,000	The LeadLife program increases the mental and physical health of Native youth while decreasing drug and alcohol abuse, and leverages activities to improve cultural perpetuation.
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Total Amount of Grants Awarded in 2010: \$1,172,437			

First Nations Development Institute's Grantmaking and Philanthropic Services



What We Believe

At First Nations Development Institute, we believe that only solutions provided by Native peoples, for Native peoples, through the control of their assets, and within the values of their own cultures, will succeed. In harmony with this philosophy, First Nations works with Native communities where we are welcomed and invited – ensuring that our assistance will help projects move forward and be created in accordance with Native community values and priorities.

What We Do

Beginning in 1993, First Nations launched its first grant fund, the Eagle Staff Fund, to bring critically needed funding to projects and organizations in Indian Country. Since then, First Nations has managed multiple grant programs with a myriad of foundation and corporate partners and, to date, we have successfully awarded and managed more than 700 grants valued at more than \$16 million. In addition to providing grant support, First Nations also offers specialized training and technical assistance workshops, convenings and conferences to Native nonprofit and tribal organizations.

How We Can Help

First Nations works closely with each foundation/corporate partner and individual donor to ensure that we connect the appropriate strategies, issues and resources to create, manage and/or expand effective and efficient programs that serve Indian Country. For more information on our grantmaking and philanthropic services, including how to partner with our organization, please visit our website at www.firstnations.org.

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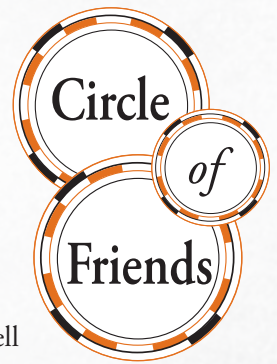
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