

NADC HISTORY

Native American Development Corporation is a certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) established in 1996 by the Montana Indian Manufacturers Network Board of Directors, tribal enterprises business managers in Montana and Wyoming.

In 1997, NADC established a revolving loan fund for small Native-owned businesses in partnership with the Economic Development Administration.

Since that time, NADC has loaned over \$2M to Native Owned Businesses.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Native American Development Corporation is to be a high quality sustainable business consulting and financial entrepreneurship center for the Native American Community.

- Assist in the creation and operation of Native Community Development Corporations, empowering Native communities towards economic and social stability.
- Create and administer a revolving loan fund to finance business creation or expansion, building the economic infrastructure in Native communities
- Provide technical assistance and training to new or expanding Native-owned businesses
- Act as a liaison for state, regional, national, and international economic development organizations and agencies
- Provide educational information for tribal governments in economic, business and community development and technology.

GOALS FOR PROGRAM

Goal 1: The Project will develop a set of policies and codes that can be reviewed, analyzed, and potentially adopted to create a policy framework capable of supporting strong, sustainable, and resilient food systems in Indian Country.

Objective 1: To work in each site and develop the policies and codes with the assistance of the local extension office and is reviewed, analyzed and adopted by each Tribal Council to create policies that support the Economic Development Healthy Foods Financing Initiative. NADC will work with

Goal 2: The project will increase the educational capacity of each through the local colleges and extension office in regards to Ag-related systems and products.

Objective 2: To assist each site in developing educational tools to assist with the success of the market, distribution, and business plan for each site. The project will also assist with financial education as well as business best practices. NADC will work with other partners such as Wells Fargo to assist with other financial education mechanisms.

Goal 3: Increase small business ownership among Native Americans by increasing access to capital. By providing access and financial education by the CDFI within NADC.

Objective 3: To fund new and expanding Native businesses. Utilize the Revolving Loan Fund as a mechanism of potential financing for small business to help with startup costs.

Goal 4: Increase private sector jobs and salaries for Native Americans. The FY16 HHS-Community Economic Development Health Foods Financing Initiative Projects (HHS-CEDHFFIP) request will find 40 full time jobs, 100% will be filled by low-income Native Americans.

Objective 4: Create jobs for low income individuals. The HHS funds will be disbursed in the first two years and the cost per each position created or sustained for 40 jobs will a HHS federal cost of approximately \$25,000 per job.

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HHS HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE



Needs



- 1) To increase small business ownership among Native American by increasing access to jobs.
- 2) To develop food codes on American Indian Reservations in Montana.
- A) Bring produce to market through farmers markets, c-stores, trading posts.
- B) Create a job tracking system for jobs created at each site.
- C) Develop business plan/implementation plan for each site.

Potential WorkForce Development

- 1) Staff/Volunteer training and coordination including horticulture skill
- 2) Meaningful work and career opportunities
- 3) Prison release workers
- 4) Spawn entrepreneurship
- 5) Internships

Goals

- 1. Develop, maintain and continually improve community gardens/orchards
- 2. Increase service capacity through land management and acquisitions
- 3. Update operational practices
- 4. Engage and educate

1 family garden – 1 permanent full time position & 1 part time position
1 community garden/orchard – 10 full time positions - 5 sites (50 jobs)

Community Gardens Business Plans

- 1) Bring managers together to share ideas
- 2) Build partnerships with growers
- 3) Build partnerships to assist with fundraising capacity
- 4) Provide “how to” gardening classes for all ages
- 5) Teach people where food comes from
- 6) Teaching gardeners and winter gardening potential
- 7) Horticulture therapy
- 8) Provide tours of community gardens



Milestones

- Connect residents to land/nature
- Change lives
- Build community through gardening
- Facilitate cultural understanding
- Family time
- Community relations
- Providing nutrition information
- Food shed issues with all participants
- Maintain gardens and garden infrastructure
- Build raised beds
- Assign garden plots
- Manage enrollment of new, continuing, and retiring gardeners
- Provide opportunities to grow food
- Acquire land for gardens
- Utilize existing and for gardens
- Develop new garden and garden plots

Environmental Stewardship

- 1) Habitat
- 2) Open, green space
- 3) Conservation efforts and experiments
- 4) Mitigate/Adapt to climate change effects

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