

Advancing Native CDFIs' Impact

Understanding How You Can Engage in the Congressional Appropriations Process

NATIVE CDFI NETWORK

Welcome to Our Webinar

- **Keep Background Noise to a Minimum**
 - Mute and Unmute Functions
 - Please Do Not Put Your Phone on Hold
- **Interacting With Presenters**
 - Raise Hand
 - Chat Function
- **Feedback**
 - Yes or No
 - Too Fast or Too Slow
 - Laughter and Applause

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Introductions

LEGEND

- Location of Certified Native CDFIs
- States with Federally Recognized Tribes / Hawaiian Trust Lands and Certified Native CDFIs
- States with Federally Recognized Tribes / Hawaiian Trust Lands
- States without Federally Recognized Tribes / Hawaiian Trust Lands

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Meeting Overview


- Update from Capitol Hill
- Overview of Appropriations Process
- What You Can Do
- Q&A
- Announcements



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What's the Good News?


For the first time since FY 2009,
Congress is considering an
appropriations increase for Native
CDFIs!



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CDFI Fund Funding History

	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	Senate FY 14 Proposed
CDFI Fund Appropriation	\$ 107	\$ 247	\$ 227	\$221	\$221	\$230
- CDFI Program (FA/TA)	60	107	150	146	146	
- Healthy Foods	0	0	25	22	22	25
- Bank on USA	0	0	0	0	0	
- Native Initiatives	9	12	12	12	12	15
- Bank Enterprise Award	22	25	22	18	18	
- Capital Magnet Fund	0	80	0	0	0	
- Admin Expenses	15	18	18	23	23	
- Pilot programs	2	4	0	0	0	



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Update from Capitol Hill

Sabrina De Santiago
Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Tom Udall (NM)
Chairman, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services


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Appropriations Process

- President submits Budget to Congress
- Congress adopts Budget Resolution
 - Sets budget totals for federal government for fiscal year
- House/Senate Appropriations Sub-Committees, then Committees establishes funding levels in 12 bills
- Full House/Senate votes on bills

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Appropriations Process (cont)

- House/Senate versions of 12 bills go to conference
- 12 conference reports go to floor of House and Senate
- President signs or vetoes


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Other Appropriations Measures

- Omnibus Appropriations
- Continuing Resolutions
- Supplemental Appropriations

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Where is Financial Services Appropriations Now?

- Passed both House and Senate Appropriations Committees
- To track bill status, visit:
<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app14.html>


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Native CDFI Appropriations

- House language
–\$12 million
- Senate language
–\$15 million - thanks to Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)

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Who is Most Important?

- Members of Financial Services Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Senate and House
- Members of Appropriations Committees
 - Senate and House
- Any Senator
- Any Member of House

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Senate Financial Services Subcommittee Members

Democratic Subcommittee Members

[Senator Tom Udall \(Chairman\) \(NM\)](#)
[Senator Dick Durbin \(IL\)](#)
[Senator Chris Coons \(DE\)](#)

Republican Subcommittee Members

[Senator Mike Johanns \(Ranking\) \(NE\)](#)
[Senator Jerry Moran \(KS\)](#)

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House Financial Services Subcommittee Members

Republicans

Ander Crenshaw, Florida, Chairman
 Jo Bonner, Alabama
 Mario Diaz-Balart, Florida
 Tom Graves, Georgia
 Kevin Yoder, Kansas
 Steve Womack, Arkansas
 Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington

Democrats

José Serrano, New York, Ranking Member
 Mike Quigley, Illinois
 Marcy Kaptur, Ohio
 Ed Pastor, Arizona

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What Can You Do?

- Contact your Congressional Delegation
 - 2 Senators from your state
 - 1 Member of House
- To look up, visit OFN' s **Policy Action Center:**
www.opportunityfinance.net/policy/


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What Can You Do?

- Identify key contacts.
 - Call office and ask for legislative assistant who handles financial services and Native American issues
- Send general updates by email or fax (not snail mail).
- Visit in district or DC offices.

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What Can You Do?

- Collaborate with other Native CDFIs in your state.
- Use NCN templates and other resources.
 - Look for new docs on NCN website next week!
- Share your stories, successes, and impact so they can brag about you!

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Why You?

- Native CDFIs can advocate for underrepresented groups and individuals
- Native CDFIs know community issues
- Native CDFIs are qualified to make policy recommendations
- You and your clients VOTE!

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Lobbying Restrictions for Federal Funding Recipients

- Promoting particular candidates for public office
- Supporting partisan political activities
- Influencing legislative action
- **Check your grant or contract agreements!**

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Following Lobbying Guidelines

- Expressing your view on specific legislation without a call to action
- Meeting with legislators to educate them on a broad social or economic problem
- Making research data available
- Providing testimony (if requested)
- Advocating general support for programs
- Commenting on regulatory actions

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For More Guidance

For more information, download

***Native CDFI
Policy & Advocacy Tool Kit***

<http://nativecdfi.net/policy/policy-advocacy-toolkit/>

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS


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Announcements

- **NCN Annual Member Gathering**
 - October 14 at 3 to 6 pm in Philadelphia at OFN conference
 - Board elections – 4 positions open
 - Must be an NCN member to vote and attend “members only” reception
- **2013 Native CDFI Financial and Community Impact Report**
 - To be released at Annual Meeting

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Get Involved!

Join NCN today!

Email info@nativecdfi.net
or visit www.nativecdfi.net
for a membership package.

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