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## Policy Developments & Discussion

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### Welcome to Our Webinar

- Keep Background Noise to a Minimum
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- Interacting With Presenters
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### We're Hiring

- Executive Director
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- Deadline July 3, 2015

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## 2015 Membership

- Get your applications in!
- Download applications at <http://nativecdfi.net/membership/application/>

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## INTRODUCTIONS

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## Meeting Overview

- 2015 Policy Efforts
- Match Waiver Advocacy
- Listening Session
- Wrap Up

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## Tanya Fiddler



- Chairperson of Native CDFI Network
- Executive Director of Four Bands Community Fund
- Member of CDFI Fund's Community Development Advisory Board
- [tfiddler@fourbands.org](mailto:tfiddler@fourbands.org)

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## Alison Feighan



- Founding Partner of The Feighan Team
- Seasoned lobbyist and economic development advocate
- Extensive knowledge of the federal legislative, budget and regulatory process
- [Alison@Feighan.org](mailto:Alison@Feighan.org)

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## Kim Pate



- 15 years experience in Native CDFIs and nonprofit field
- Focus on financial inclusion, asset-building, and entrepreneurship services
- Provides consulting services to Native CDFIs
- [kimwpate@gmail.com](mailto:kimwpate@gmail.com)

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Federal and Statewide  
**2015 POLICY EFFORTS**



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**2015 Policy Brief**

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**CDFI Coalition Institute**

- February 24-25, 2015
- Washington, DC
- Panel: “Expanding the Reach of CDFIs”



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## Community Development Advisory Board Meeting



- May 20, 2015
- Washington, DC
- Tanya Fiddler elected Chair of Native Communities Subcommittee
- Network member feedback

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## CDFI Fund Focus Group

- Annual Certification and Data Collection Report Form Focus Group
- May 21, 2015 in Washington, DC
- Tanya Fiddler and Kim Pate participated
- Streamline process for the CDFI certification
- Focus on potential modifications of metrics and clarity of the materials

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## Financial Inclusion Policy Initiative

- Policy development strategy that focuses on Native American financial inclusion and economic opportunity in states and with tribes.
- Partner with Montana network member Native American Development Corporation to help move state and tribal policy efforts forward.
- Year One: passage of a key Native American financial inclusion bill in the Montana legislation, the Native American Gap Financing Revolving Loan Program.
- Part of Montana Governor Bullock's broad plan to fund programs that help create jobs, improve the success rate of Native American businesses and address chronic issues of access to capital.
- Will provide support for tribal member-owned businesses that do not have sufficient collateral and equity to access a commercial business loan.
- In partnership with traditional and tribal lending institutions, will provide collateral/equity support in the form of a cash deposit as security to the lender to offset remaining collateral requirements to initiate a business loan.
- The state budget includes \$500,000 of state special revenue to fund the program.

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Critical funding policy for Native CDFIs

## MATCH WAIVER

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### Overview

- Typically, awards from the CDFI Fund require a non-federal match.
- For the past four years that requirement has been waived for Native CDFIs.
- Waiving the match requirement creates greater access to CDFI Fund programs for Native CDFIs.

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### Current Status

- House Appropriations for FY 2016
  - Appropriation, fiscal year 2015 \$230,500,000
  - Budget request, fiscal year 2016 \$233,523,000
    - \$16,000,000 for Native Initiatives
- Match waiver language **NOT** in appropriations bill for FY2016 budget

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## Call To Action

- Make sure match waiver is included in FY 2016 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill
- Contact Members of Congress from your state!
- Follow up information on timing to come

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Supporting your efforts in joining our collective voice

## POLICY & ADVOCACY TOOLS

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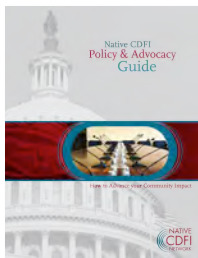
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## Policy & Advocacy Guide



- <http://nativecdfi.net/policy/policy-advocacy-toolkit/>
- For hard copy contact Kim Pate at [kimwpate@gmail.com](mailto:kimwpate@gmail.com)

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# List of Members of Congress



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# Letter Template



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# Telephone Script



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Share challenges and victories

## LISTENING SESSION

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## Questions

- Did you participate last year with CDFI Fund appropriations or match waiver advocacy?
- What are your most pressing policy issues?
- What kind of tribal, state, and federal policy work are you doing?
- How can the Native CDFI Network be helpful?
- Any other questions?

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## Wrap Up

- Stay Connected
  - Join us on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Native-CDFI-Network/171505889536418>
  - Subscribe to the email list, <http://eepurl.com/bV771>
- Next Webinar – August 20, 2014
  - What topics are you most interested in?

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