



## Native CDFI Network Annual Policy Priorities

The Native CDFI Network, founded in 2009, is the only national member coalition of Native CDFIs in the country. The NCN mission is *to grow and strengthen Native CDFIs through policy advocacy, capacity building and access to capital that supports the economic prosperity of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities*. NCN is governed by a 9-member national board of directors elected by NCN members.

*This Annual NCN Policy Priority Listing is based on input by NCN Members & its Board of Directors. It consists of 2 Basic Priorities – 1) Adequate Capital Access of NCDFIs; and 2) Partnerships & Capacity of NCDFI Industry*

### **I. Adequate Capital Access by NCDFIs to Serve Native Peoples & Areas**

1. Increase NACA Program Appropriations to \$30M to meet the Needs of NCDFIs and Native Communities
2. Establish a Native NMTC program for NCDFIs to Serve Indian Country at 10% of NMTC Appropriation
3. Adequately Fund Federal Loan Guarantee & Direct Lending Programs (HUD 184, USDA 502, BIA, etc) and implement approaches for NCDFIs to directly originate in Native Communities.
4. Increase Appropriations to ANA, to establish a program for NCDFIs to grow economic prosperity

### **II. Partnerships & Capacity of the NCDFI Industry to Serve Native Peoples & Areas**

1. Engage with Department of Interior to improve Indian Country services
  - a. Lease Processing by Department of Interior on Mortgages & Security Instruments
  - b. Advance NCDFI methodologies to promote IEED Programming
  - c. Advance NCDFI methodologies to promote Indian Education Goals
2. Engage with U.S. Treasury CDFI Fund & Related Taxation Issues to improve Indian Country services
  - a. Strengthen Criteria of NACA Program to Ensure NCDFIs are Native Missioned & Controlled
  - b. Monitor Native American Tax Committee & Input Where Relevant
  - c. Advance CRA regulatory updates to improved Indian Country services
3. Engage with HUD/USDA to improve NCDFI in serving Indian Country
  - a. Establish a National HUD Counseling Program for NCDFI Delivery
  - b. Make Direct 502 Origination pilot permanent and national
4. Engage with LISC, NeighborWorks America, Enterprise & Habitat for Humanity
  - a. Establish Partnerships to Grow Impact of these 4 Federally Funded Agencies in Indian Country

*For more information contact*

*NCN Executive Director, Jackson Brossy (Navajo) at [jbrossy@nativecdfi.net](mailto:jbrossy@nativecdfi.net),  
NCN Board Chairman, Pete Upton (Ponca) at [pete@native360.org](mailto:pete@native360.org), or  
NCN Policy Chair, Robin Danner (Hawaiian) at [robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org](mailto:robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org).*

*NCN - Advancing Economic Prosperity for American Indians, Alaska Natives & Native Hawaiians  
Through a Healthy and Thriving Native CDFI Industry*