



# SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EVENT

CONNECTING **HOUSING**, **JOBS**, AND **GREEN ENERGY**

NATIVE CDFI NETWORK / NATIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR HOUSING  
GALLUP, NEW MEXICO | AUG 9-11, 2023



## WELCOME TO NEW MEXICO

Hilton Garden Inn – Gallup  
1530 West Maloney Ave., Gallup, NM 87301



# Wednesday, August 9, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast**  
Gallup Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. Invocation and Welcome**  
Pete Upton (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska) | Native CDFI Network | CEO/Board Chair  
Rollin Wood (Cherokee) | Native Partnership for Housing | CEO
- 9:30 a.m. Changing the Game Against the Odds: Creating Something from Nothing**  
Gary Cunningham | Cunningham & Associates, LLC | Consultant
- 10:30 a.m. Housing and Homeownership Needs in Indian Country**  
Lisa Hasegawa | NeighborWorks America | Regional Vice President - Western Region
- 11:00 a.m. Invest Native Initiative – Wells Fargo**  
Tim Rios | Wells Fargo - Fresno, California | SVP
- 11:30 a.m. Project REACH Native American Homeownership Sub-Committee Update and Overview**  
David Black | Office of the Comptroller of the Currency | Community Development Expert
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**  
Gallup Ballroom
- 1:00 p.m. Heritage One Program**  
Catherine Houlihan | Freddie Mac | Manager of Single-Family Affordable Lending Strategy and Initiatives  
David Westfall | Freddie Mac | Affordable Lending Initiatives Senior
- 1:30 p.m. Opportunities to Expand Native Homeownership**  
Ben Navarro | Fannie Mae | Advisor – Affordable Housing Strategies for Rural and Native American Markets
- 2:00 p.m. Native Partnership for Housing’s Innovative Approach to Housing, Homeownership, and Job Creation**  
Rollin Wood (Cherokee) | Native Partnership for Housing | CEO  
Adrian John (Navajo) | Native Partnership for Housing | Loan Packager  
Wava White (Navajo) | Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development | Senior Project Manager  
Denise Zuni (Isleta Pueblo) | Sheh Wheel Law Office PC | Attorney-Owner  
Kris Beecher JD/MBA (Navajo) | Dickinson Wright PLLC | Attorney
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Comments and Adjourn**
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Networking Reception**  
Hilton Garden Inn – Gallup  
Gallup Ballroom



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# Thursday, August 10, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.**      **Breakfast**  
Gallup Ballroom
- 8:45 a.m.**      **Welcome**
- 9:00 a.m.**      **Department of the Interior Updates**  
Onna LeBeau (Omaha Tribe of Nebraska) | Office of Indian Economic Development - U.S. to Department of the Interior | Director
- 9:30 a.m.**      **Chief Marilyn Malerba (Mohegan Tribe) | U.S. Department of the Treasury | Treasurer of the United States**
- 10:00 a.m.**      **Energy Financing Opportunities through USDA**  
Jessie Huff | USDA Rural Development | Arizona Energy Coordinator and VAPG Contact
- 10:30 a.m.**      **Developing Clean Energy on the Navajo Reservation and Across Indian Country**  
Clara Pratte (Navajo Nation) | Navajo Power | Founder & Managing Director
- 11:00 a.m.**      **Grants, Loans, and Tax Credits: A Recipe for Building Housing & Energy Development Projects**  
Pilar Thomas (Pascua Yaqui Tribe) | Quarles & Brady, LLC | Partner
- 12:00 p.m.**      **Lunch**  
Gallup Ballroom
- 1:00 p.m.**      **Native CDFI Data: How It Can Inform Our Work and Support Policy Advocacy**  
Phil Gover (Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah ) | Center for Indian Country Development | Policy Fellow
- 1:30 p.m.**      **Innovative Approaches to Housing and Homeownership on Native Lands**  
Moderator: Andy Gordon | Clearinghouse CDFI | Executive Director  
Robin Puanani Danner (Native Hawaiian) | Homestead Community Development Corporation | CEO  
Ellen White Thunder (Oglala Sioux Tribe ) | Lakota Funds | Executive Director  
Sheila Herrera | Tiwa Lending | Executive Director
- 2:30 p.m.**      **Pilot Programs to Increase Affordable Homeownership Opportunities on Tribal Lands**  
Patricia Dominguez | USDA RD – New Mexico | State Director
- 3:00 p.m.**      **Fireside Chat**  
Rohit Chopra | Consumer Financial Protection Bureau | Director
- 3:45 p.m.**      **Closing Comments and Adjourn**



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# Friday, August 11, 2023

8:00 a.m.

## Breakfast

Gallup Ballroom

9:00 a.m.

## Welcome

9:15 a.m.

## Connecting the Silos: CDFIs & Tribes Working Together to Develop Housing and Support Native Homeownership

Denise Zuni (Isleta Pueblo) | Sheh Wheef Law Office PC | Attorney-Owner

Deborah Webster | Concept Consulting Group, LLC | Principal

Nancy Bainbridge | Chickasaw Community Bank | EVP/Director of Tribal & Construction Lending Department

Jim Van Winkle | Chickasaw Community Bank | AVP/Loan Officer

10:45 a.m.

## Thriving Native Economies: Then & Now

Robert J. Miller (Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma) | Arizona State University | Professor of Law

11:45 a.m.

## Recap, Farewell, and Lunch

Gallup Ballroom



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