



Native Community Development Training

NeighborWorks America is proud to serve Tribal communities in a variety of capacities and to center their voices in our shared work. A primary area of support is in training – training both Native professionals as well as the staffs of organizations that partner with Tribal communities. State and local government, clean energy funders and other community-focused organizations all work closely with Native organizations. And NeighborWorks can help.

At the upcoming Pittsburgh NeighborWorks Training Institute (NTI) – August 26-30 – we're excited to offer:

Developing Successful Partnerships with Native Organizations (ML251)

Is your organization planning to partner with a Native community or organization? Do you have a Native community in your service area that you would like to serve? Would partnering with a Native organization fit and support the mission of your organization? Presented by Seven Sisters Community Development Group, this course will examine the ingredients necessary to create successful partnerships in Native communities. We will begin by looking at the differences between Western and Native cultures, and the impact of these differences on partnerships. We will take an in-depth look at the history of Native America, sovereignty and federal trust relationships, and Native economies. On the second day of training, we will learn a step-by-step process to develop an actual partnership. This process will include learning about the potential partner community, developing internal capacity, and conducting effective outreach. By the end of the training, we will develop draft partnership plans that are tailored to participants' specific situations.

Round out your week of learning at the NTI with these courses:

- ▶ **Multifamily Clean Energy Investment Playbook (AH230):** Explore ways affordable housing developers can leverage IRA funding and tax credits to increase housing opportunities on Tribal land.
- ▶ **Climate Mitigation: A Toolkit for Community Developers (NR235):** Check out this deep dive into getting started with IRA opportunities – whether as a lender, affordable developer, asset manager or consumer-facing professional like housing counselors and financial coaches.
- ▶ **Effective Board Governance for Lending Operations (LE230):** Examine best practices in board governance, from inclusive representation to structuring lending and other activities that help Native CDFIs thrive!

With more than 80 courses on offer, you'll find classes ideally suited to helping you grow your Native community-focused work and your career. And you'll want to take advantage of the networking, peer learning and other professional development activities to bring your classroom learning to life.

Limited scholarships are available. Learn more and register at NeighborWorks.org/Training. Registration deadline is July 29.