

Indigenous Economic Development Community of Practice (CoP)

What is it?

The Indigenous Economic Development Community of Practice (CoP), funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), will bring together tribal EDA grantees and economic development practitioners in tribal communities to learn from each other and build capacity for project planning, and securing and implementing of project funds. The CoP will convene regular networking sessions, coordinate training and technical assistance opportunities for participants, and develop and share best practices and other economic development resources.

Who should participate?

The CoP will include current EDA Indigenous Communities grantees, current and prior recipients of EDA grants in tribal communities, and tribal programs and enterprises supporting economic development. The CoP also will engage with Tribal programs and enterprises, academic institutions, philanthropic organizations, and others supporting economic development in Native communities, including an advisory group of experienced professionals.

How do I get involved and learn more?

SIGN UP FOR THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE HERE:

https://urban.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bem2yd1slUdVX0

or scan the QR code →

Questions can be directed to:

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How will it work?

Quarterly trainings and meetings will provide opportunities for CoP members to engage with and learn from one another. Members can select training and meeting options that are relevant to their projects and communities. Sub-groups may be organized by project type, tribal size (resources and population); and rural vs. urban. Topics will evolve to reflect members' needs and interests such as planning and capacity building, sector-specific interests, partnerships, and access to capital.

The project team will compile learnings from the CoP and from other resources to produce best practices case studies and toolkits to support CoP members and other current and prospective Indigenous grant applicants to EDA.

Outreach + Sign-up:
Spring - Winter 2023

Meetings + Trainings:
Early 2024 - Fall 2025

Case Studies + Toolkits:
Early 2024 - Fall 2025

Who is leading the process?

This project is a partnership of the Urban Institute, Big Water Consulting, and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), with support from EDA. The CoP will be primarily facilitated by Big Water Consulting, a Seattle-based firm with over ten years of experience working with Tribes and Tribal organizations on economic development, planning, and housing issues.

