



Members of Wells Fargo's Invest Native Team pose for a picture at the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition Summit last summer.

# Invest Native Newsletter

## Important Dates

**January 17** - Webinar: Planning Your Grant Applications

**February 14** - Webinar: Writing the Grant Narrative

**February 21** - Webinar: Writing the Grant Budget & Timeline

**April 1** - Invest Native Letter of Interest Submission Begins

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## First Year Down...

Our reflections on the inaugural year of Invest Native have us beaming with hope and joy. The positive, progressive and potentially life-changing work that each Native organization is leading is nothing short of inspiring.

We can't wait to see your collective impact! For now, we look back with joy and look forward to all that 2024 will bring.

View a video summary of our work by searching "Invest Native First-Year Reflections" on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVK0QH4mxPk>



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# INVEST NATIVE SUCCESS STORIES

## LAGUNA HOUSING | TDHE | HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & ACCESS

Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise will use Invest Native funding to complete pre-development for a 10-20 unit apartment complex and 2-3 quadplexes for their Section 184 Skilled Workers Demonstration Project.

As a grantee, LHDME is able to leverage their Indian Housing Block Grant, Section 4 grant and Tribal funds to accelerate and advance the projects. They are one of the very first Tribally Designated Housing Entities to be funded with private philanthropy, which became a strong part of their development capital stack.

## RED CLOUD RENEWABLE | NON-PROFIT | HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & ACCESS

Red Cloud Renewable is using their grant to fund the Thiyuha Project. The Thiyuha Project supports the construction of 22 hyper efficient homes that are sustainably built by a local trained workforce on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

In partnership with Lakota Funds, they will introduce home-buying options and provide financial literacy materials to tribal members, defining within their communities a path toward homeownership and creating intergenerational wealth.

## INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER | NON-PROFIT | SMALL BUSINESS

IPCC will be using their grant to help develop a complex that focuses on forging collaboration between Tribal Entrepreneurs and businesses to help group the New Mexico Agriculture market.

Last Fall, IPCC broke ground on the Entrepreneur Complex (EC). This multi-faceted, 7500 square-foot community space will support primarily Native entrepreneurs in the food and agricultural industries. The Complex will benefit by providing new ways to fortify the local food system and address food insecurity.

## Grant Writing Tips

When writing grant proposals, remember that the reviewer may not know your organization well. Help them understand by telling a clear, specific story. Avoid acronyms and talk about the impact you are trying to achieve!

For instance, “A \$1,000 donation to support our backpack drive will ensure that 300 low-income school children are able to start the school year with the supplies they need to achieve their full potential as students on day 1,” is a better response than “\$1,000 will help us buy 300 backpacks.”