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TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER ECONOMY
Invest in Indian Country

Speed Dating with Funders

This session is designed to provide you a chance to meet a large number of funders in one formalized process. Get to know your potential dates!

Northwest Area Foundation

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The Northwest Area Foundation is committed to the well-being of the people in our region. It supports efforts across our eight states to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable prosperity. It focuses on the work of proven or promising organizations — those that have demonstrated success and those that are on the cutting edge and poised to do innovative work in poverty reduction. www.nwaf.org

First Nations Development Institute

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First Nations is a national organization that works to strengthen American Indian economies and, thus, support healthier Native communities by investing in and creating innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development. Founded in 1980, First Nations began national grantmaking in 1993. Through mid-2014, it has successfully managed 936 grants totaling \$21.3 million to projects and organizations in 36 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territory American Samoa. www.firstnations.org

SBA Office of Native American Affairs

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The Office of Native American Affairs mission is to ensure that American Indians, Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians seeking to create, develop and expand small businesses have full access to the necessary business development and expansion tools available through the Agency's entrepreneurial development, lending and procurement programs. www.sba.gov

USDA Rural Development Office of Outreach & Community Engagement

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USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Its financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. It promotes economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. It offers technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. USDA Rural Development has a \$181.1 billion portfolio of loans and will administer \$38 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through its programs in the current fiscal year.

www.rurdev.usda.gov

Trillium Asset Management

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Trillium Asset Management is an employee-owned investment management firm with over \$1.6 billion in assets under management. Trillium integrates environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into the investment process as a way to identify the companies best positioned to deliver strong long-term performance. Trillium's investment process is focused on finding companies with strong growth prospects that are attractively priced. Its analysts conduct bottom-up fundamental analysis on the companies they cover, simultaneously reviewing both traditional financial metrics and ESG metrics that it believes may add value to the investment process.

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Wells Fargo Community Lending and Investment

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Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen communities. Through the efforts of its enthusiastic team member-volunteers and contributions, Wells Fargo shares its success within its communities by giving back to non-profits and educational institutions that address vital community needs and issues.

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DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development

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The Division of Capital Investment manages the Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program which breaks through the conventional barriers to financing for tribes and individual Indians. The loan program helps facilitate loan financing for borrowers that would not be able to do so otherwise. The Division helps secure reasonable interest rates and reduces risks for all parties involved. www.indianaffairs.gov

Department of Treasury CDFI Fund

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The CDFI Fund's mission is to increase economic opportunity and promote community development investments for underserved populations and in distressed communities in the United States. Since its creation, the CDFI Fund has awarded over \$1.7 billion to community development organizations and financial institutions; it has awarded allocations of New Markets Tax Credits which will attract private-sector investments totaling \$33 billion, including \$1 billion of special allocation authority to be used for the recovery and redevelopment of the Gulf Opportunity Zone. www.cdfifund.gov

Rasmuson Foundation

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Rasmuson Foundation is a private foundation that works as a catalyst to promote a better life for Alaskans. Since its founding and first grant of \$125 in 1955, Rasmuson Foundation has supported Alaskan non-profit organizations in the pursuit of their goals, with particular emphasis on organizations that demonstrate strong leadership, clarity of purpose, and cautious use of resources. The vision and values established by Elmer Rasmuson continue to guide the Foundation today. The Foundation awards approximately \$30 million annually to help improve the quality of life in Alaska. www.rasmuson.org