

First Nations Oweesta Corporation

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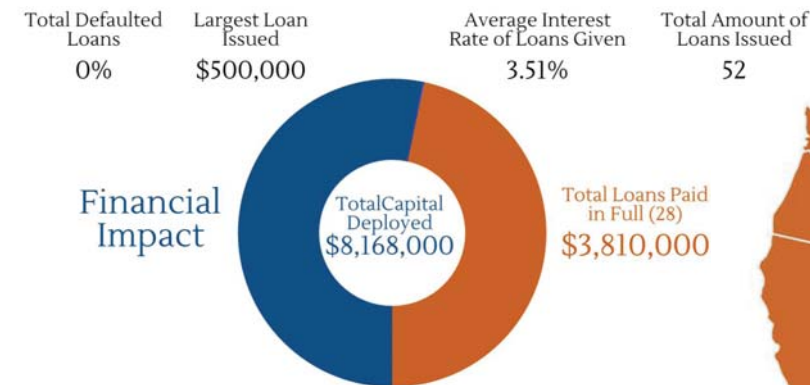
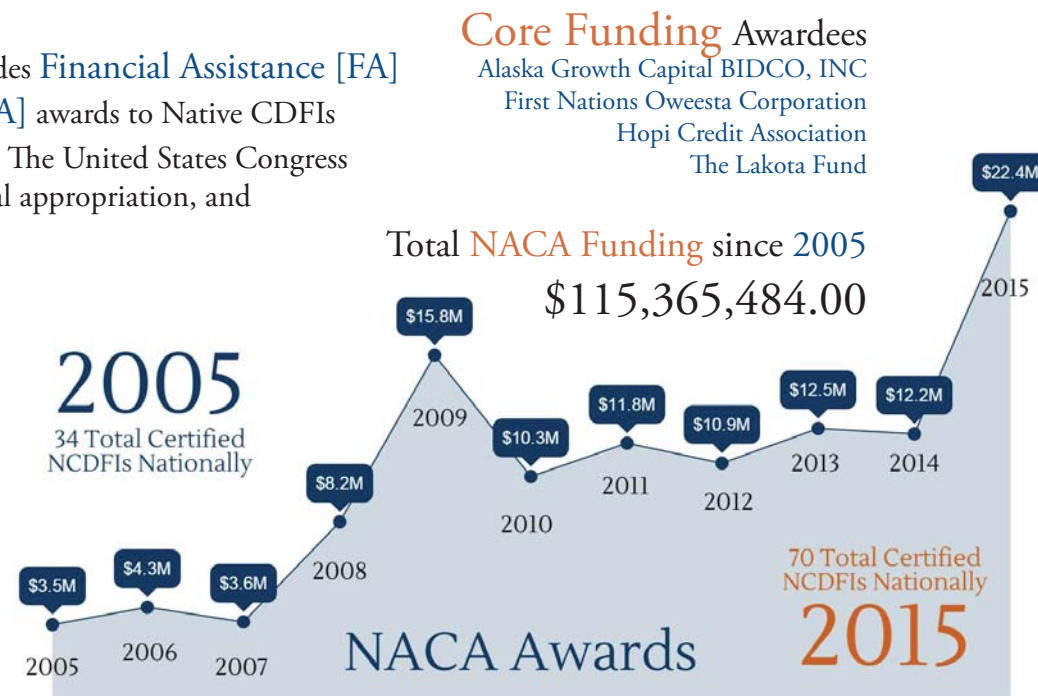


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"Our dream is that all Native people have access to equitable capital and economic opportunities that foster healthy, sustainable and culturally vibrant communities."

Annually the CDFI Fund provides **Financial Assistance [FA]** and **Technical Assistance [TA]** awards to Native CDFIs through the **NACA Program**. The United States Congress provides funding through annual appropriation, and the NACA Program distributes these funds through a competitive process that spans several months. Since its birth in 2001, the NACA Program has awarded more than **100 Million** dollars to certified NCDFIs.



Financial Education and Asset Building

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First Nations Oweesta Corporation was created 15 years ago to address the lack of **capital** and **financial infrastructure** holding back economic development in Native communities. Oweesta is the only existing Native CDFI intermediary offering financial products and development services exclusively to Native CDFIs and Native communities. Specifically, Oweesta provides **training, technical assistance, investments, research** and **policy advocacy** to help Native communities

FNOC Community Impacts

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Jobs Created or Retained	237	16	202	219	201	344	222	528	213
Small or Micro Business	68	84	89	83	108	97	161	99	71
Affordable Housing Units	40	4	9	21	10	10	4	6	4



Honoring Industry Leaders

Every year at the annual OFN Conference First Nations Oweesta honors our industry leaders through the "Circle of Honor" and the "Visionary Leader" awards. These awards represent exemplary leadership and progress towards our mission of ending financial and economic inequality in Native American Communities.



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“To provide opportunities for Native people to develop financial assets and create wealth by assisting in the establishment of strong, permanent institutions and programs contributing to economic independence and strengthening sovereignty for all Native Communities.”

In Memoriam



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