First Nations Oweesta Corporation

Ten Years Investing in Native Communities
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.

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Financial Education and Asset Building

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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

A. David Lester
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