

First Nations Oweesta Corporation

Ten Years Investing in Native Communities



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*“Our dream is that all Native people have access to equitable capital and economic*

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.

## Core Funding Awardees

Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, INC  
 First Nations Oweesta Corporation  
 Hopi Credit Association  
 The Lakota Fund



## 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.

PAST WINNERS

### CIRCLE OF HONOR

- CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (2006)
- WIND RIVER DEVELOPMENT FUND (2007)
- FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND (2008)
- COOK INLET LENDING CENTER ( 2009)
- FOUR DIRECTIONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (2010)
- SALT RIVER FINANCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTION (2011)
- LAKOTA FUNDS (2012)
- NORTHWEST NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND (2013)
- HAWAII FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (2014)

PAST WINNERS

### VISIONARY LEADER

- SUSAN HAMMOND - FOUR DIRECTIONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (2006)
- TANYA FIDDLER - FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND (2007)
- JOHN SMITH - NII JII CAPITAL PARTNERS, INC. (2008)
- ANNA KNIGHT - CHEROKEE NATION SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER (2010)
- TED PICCOLO - NORTHWEST NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND (2011)
- ROBIN DANNER - COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT (2012)
- GERAL SHERMAN - INDIAN LAND CAPITAL (2013)
- MARVIN GINN - NATIVE COMMUNITY FINANCE (2014)

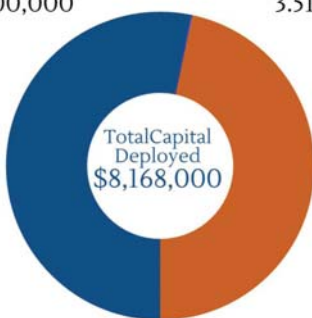
# n Native Communities



*opportunities that foster healthy, sustainable and culturally vibrant communities.”*

Total Defaulted Loans: 0%  
 Largest Loan Issued: \$500,000  
 Average Interest Rate of Loans Given: 3.51%  
 Total Amount of Loans Issued: 52

Financial Impact



Total Loans Paid in Full (28): \$3,810,000

## Financial Education and Asset Building Building Native Communities 4th Edition



**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

develop an integrated range of asset-building products and services, including financial education and financial products.

## 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



108  
Affordable Housing Units



2180  
Jobs Created or Retained



860  
Small or Micro Business

## Board of Directors

Michael Roberts | *Tlingit*  
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Indian Reservation*

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Jemez Pueblo*

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of Nebraska/  
White Earth Chippewa*

Susan Jenkins | *Choctaw*

Benny Shendo Jr. | *Jemez Pueblo*

Gelvin Stevenson | *Cherokee*

“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  
*Muscogee Creek*  
BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS



Siobhan Oppenheimer-Nicolau  
BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS



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