



14th Annual Native CDFI Awards

2019 Visionary Leader for Outstanding Achievement

Nominations Due: 08/23/2019

Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) provide access to capital and create economic opportunity for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. The Native CDFI Awards recognize excellence in the Native CDFI industry. For the Visionary Leader Award, one individual who has impacted the Native CDFI industry through integral leadership will be selected and honored before the Native CDFI industry at the Native CDFI Awards Ceremony.

The Native CDFI Awards are sponsored and presented by First Nations Oweesta Corporation, Opportunity Finance Network, and Wells Fargo. The awards and eligibility criteria are described below, followed by the Nomination Form. You may nominate any Native CDFI employee or individual that meets the eligibility criteria, including yourself. You may also nominate as many individuals as you wish.

The award winner will be announced at the Native CDFI Awards Ceremony hosted by First Nations Oweesta Corporation, Opportunity Finance Network, and Wells Fargo on the evening of Monday, October 21st at the 2019 OFN Conference in Washington, D.C. The winner will be invited to speak and highlight their achievements at this ceremony.

About Native CDFIs

Native CDFIs are dedicated to providing development services (training and technical assistance) and various types of financial services (consumer loans, business loans, housing loans, checking accounts, savings accounts, etc.) to Native communities, thereby helping them to become strong and self-sufficient. Native CDFIs include loan funds, banks, credit unions/associations, and venture capital funds. Native CDFIs build local capacity and provide powerful tools to advance the economic development of the communities they serve. Native CDFIs can be located anywhere there is a significant Native population, whether it is on a reservation (federally-recognized and non), in an Alaska Native village, across the Hawaiian Islands or in a metropolitan area anywhere in the fifty states or beyond — as long as the institution is truly serving a Native population.

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Visionary Leader Award for Outstanding Achievement

This award recognizes a person who has made a long-term contribution to the Native CDFI industry and whose local financing and asset building efforts make them an inspiration for others. Nominees for the Visionary Leader Award should demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Has a commitment to Native opportunity finance, community development, and asset building activities.
- Is continually an advocate for Native CDFIs and Native asset building efforts at the local, regional, and/or national level.
- Has worked with Native CDFIs throughout much of his/her professional career.
- Is recognized by peers as a contributor in Native communities.

To be eligible, an individual must:

- Attend and be present at the Native Awards Ceremony at the Opportunity Finance Network Conference;
- Provide individual information upon request; and
- Previous winners are ineligible.

Instructions:

For the Visionary Leader Award, you may nominate yourself or another individual that meets the eligibility criteria.

Native Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nomination Statement

(Please submit statement in separate document)

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership in one or more of the following ways:

- Designing and/or managing innovative financial products or technical assistance services which are replicable in other communities.
- Developing community partnerships and collaborations that increase organizational capacity and promote community wellness and nation building.
- Demonstrating the ability to diversify sources of operating funds and loan capital.
- Is an advocate for Native CDFIs and Native asset building efforts at the local, regional, and/or national level.
- Is recognized by peers as a contributor in Native communities.

Your Information (if nominating another organization and/or individual)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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