**Accountability to OUR SUPPORTERS & the COMMUNITIES we SERVE**

You can be sure your donation will be used effectively and wisely to promote strong, healthy and culturally vibrant Native communities.

For the third year in a row, First Nations has received the highest rating of Four Stars from Charity Navigator. Only 1.5% of the nonprofits it rates in the U.S. achieve this highest distinction for three or more consecutive years. Further, 86% of your donated dollars to First Nations goes directly to our programs and the communities that need this support the most.

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**TODAY**

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**Our Mission**

To strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy, Native communities. We invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.

**Our Guiding Principle**

We believe that when armed with the appropriate resources, Native Peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual & cultural well being of their communities.

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**Digital versions of First Nations’ full annual report can be found at www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center.**
Building Assets

First Nations Development Institute approaches asset-building like a construction project, which begins with a solid foundation.

First Nations empowers strong, grassroots Native organizations and tribal programs to build from the ground up on a solid underpinning of identified need, community buy-in and cultural relevance. Because these grassroots-based solutions show great potential, First Nations provides Native communities with financial resources, technical assistance, professional training and moral support. In many cases, the assistance of First Nations is the last little piece of the puzzle that these efforts need to get off the ground.

Our Approach

Since 1980, First Nations has been exclusively committed to control of tribal assets. We have been working with Native nations and communities to restore control and culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.

Asset-Building Defined

Assets in tribal communities can range from human capital, and physical assets, to social capital, political assets, cultural heritage or natural resources. A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build healthy, vibrant Native communities.

Why It Works

We believe that Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and the needs of their own communities better than outsiders. Asset-building strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to find solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms.

First Nations' Knowledge Center

We believe in widely sharing best practices, key findings and successful or promising models with practitioners in Indian Country, government entities (federal, state, local and tribal), philanthropic institutions, and the public at large. As such, our online Knowledge Center hosts a wide variety of research publications, reports and other resources like the 1114 that we produced in 2014 that can be accessed through our website at www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center.

Building Futures

The Communities We Served 2014

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Community Investment

Less than $25,000

$25,000-$50,000

$50,000-$100,000

$100,000-$250,000

Unmet Need

Total Grants Requested

461

$12,765,439

Number of Grants Awarded

73

$1,865,606

Number of Grants Not Funded

388

$10,899,833

Impact by the Numbers

EDUCATING GRASSROOTS PRACTITIONERS

1114 PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

61 COALITIONS SERVED

2,409 PEOPLE EDUCATED BY CONFERENCES, WEBINARS & CONVERSATIONS

135 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED FOR CONFERENCES & CONVERSATIONS

CAPITALIZING NATIVE COMMUNITIES

$1,865,606 TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED

6 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS