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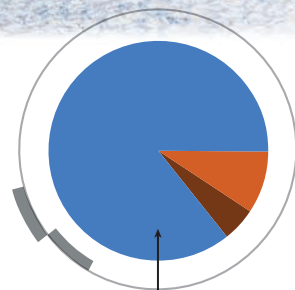
to OUR SUPPORTERS & the COMMUNITIES we SERVE

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 12% 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.



How We Use DONATED DOLLARS



86% **PROGRAM**
9% **ADMINISTRATIVE**
5% **FUNDRAISING**

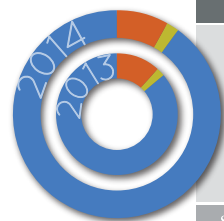
TOTAL ASSETS

2014	2013
CASH & EQUIVALENTS	
\$2,569,617	\$1,620,118
GRANTS RECEIVABLE	
\$3,096,566	\$2,176,953
ENDOWMENT FUND	
\$2,309,270	\$2,280,083
FIXED ASSETS >> NET	
\$853,159	\$851,771
OTHER ASSETS	
\$95,306	\$59,724
\$8,923,918	\$6,988,649



CONDENSED STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION

YEARS ENDING
June 30, 2014 & 2013



TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

2014	2013
GRANTS PAYABLE	
\$735,746	\$821,800
OTHER LIABILITIES	
\$173,073	\$157,888
NET ASSETS	
\$8,015,099	\$6,008,961
\$8,923,918	\$6,988,649

PLEASE VISIT WWW.FIRSTNATIONS.ORG/KNOWLEDGE-CENTER TO VIEW OUR FULL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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.

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BUILDING Assets BUILDING Futures

[IMPACT REPORT]
2014

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

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



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BUILDING *Assets*

BUILDING *Futures*

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

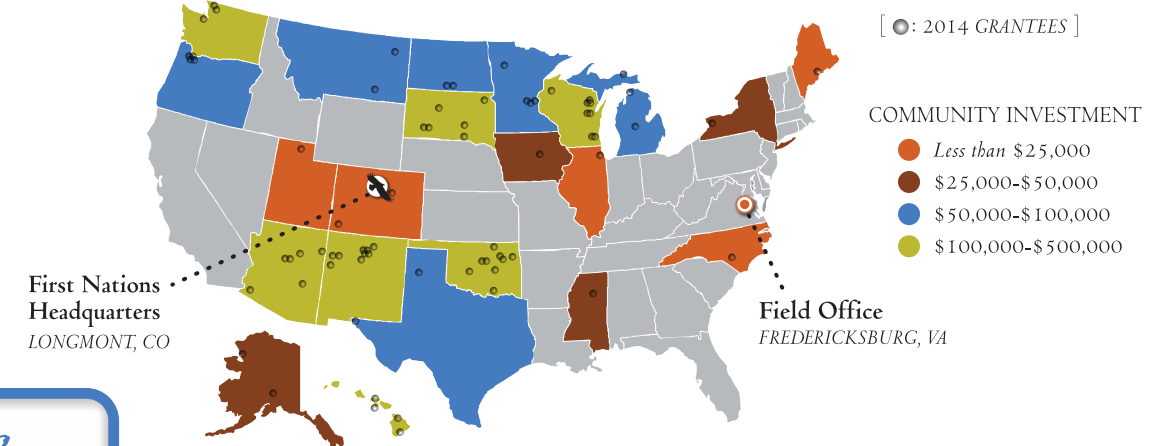
First Nations empowers strong, grassroots Native organizations and tribal programs to build from the ground up on a solid underpinning of identified need, community buy-in and cultural relevance. Because these grassroots-based solutions show great potential, First Nations provides Native communities 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.**

5 STRATEGIES

First Nations utilizes to achieve success in our focus programs:

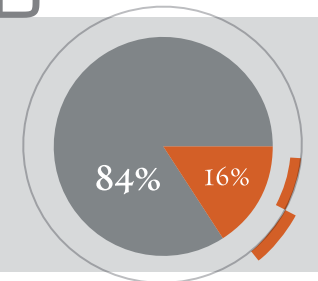
- DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT •
through GRANTMAKING
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING
- COALITION-BUILDING •
- ADVOCACY •
- POLICY •

The Communities We Served 2014



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

COALITIONS SERVED

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT PROVIDED 61

2,409 PEOPLE EDUCATED BY CONVENINGS, WEBINARS & CONFERENCES

ADVOCATING for SYSTEMIC CHANGE

NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED 73

\$1,865,606 TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED

135 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED FOR CONFERENCES & CONVENINGS

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS 6

CAPITALIZING NATIVE COMMUNITIES

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 outside agencies. 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.

Achieving Native Financial Empowerment

Native financial & investor education, consumer protection & financial fraud education, combating predatory lending, and research.

Nourishing Native Foods & Health

Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition, and food sovereignty efforts.

Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies

Native Family Empowerment, Individual Development Accounts, Native Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and Native American business and asset development.

Investing in Native Youth

Native Youth & Culture Fund, college scholarship/internship programs, and youth-oriented financial education, among other programs.

Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions

Nonprofit & tribal capacity-building activities including the Urban Native Project, Native Arts Capacity Building Initiative, and coalition-building work, among other programs.

ASSET-BUILDING: a long-term vision.

First Nations' Knowledge Center

SHARING OUR RESEARCH, MODELS AND PUBLICATIONS

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 11 we produced in 2014 that can be accessed through our website at www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center.