FUNDING BROADBAND IN INDIAN COUNTRY

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A PANEL-LED DISCUSSION
PRESENTED BY FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
WELCOME

Please Introduce Yourself in the Chat

- Participants muted for duration of webinar
- Share your questions in the Chat at anytime
- All slides & resources will be shared on our website after the webinar
OUTLINE FOR TODAY’S DISCUSSION

- Intro to First Nations & Pre-Discussion Poll
- Panelist Intro’s
- Panel Discussion + Real Time Q&A via Chat:
  - New Developments in Federal Funding
  - Standing Funding Opportunities
  - Strategy & Planning
- Post-Discussion Poll, Resources, Adjourn
Our mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. First Nations Development Institute invests in and creates innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.
WHAT

EDUCATE
Grassroots Practitioners

ADVOCATE
for Systemic Change

CAPITALIZE
Native Communities

HOW

DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT through GRANTMAKING

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING

MOVEMENT-BUILDING

POLICY & RESEARCH

ADVOCACY

WHY

We believe...

When armed with the appropriate resources, Native peoples hold the capacity & ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual & cultural well-being of their communities.

~ OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE ~
THE CORE OF ALL OUR WORK

First Nations Development Institute
PRE-DISCUSSION POLL

Enter your answers in the Chat:

How would you rate your current knowledge of how to fund tribal broadband projects?
Panelist Introductions

Matthew Rantanen, Director, Tribal Digital Village Network

Forest James, CEO, EnerTribe

Sascha Meinrath, Palmer Chair Telecommunications, Penn State
NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- New Administration
- HEROES Act
- CARES Act
- Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)
- Haaland-Warren Bill
ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
  - Community Connect
  - Community ReConnect
  - Distance Learning/Telemedicine
- FCC Planning Grants
- NTIA grants
- State Funding
- Private Partnership Options
STRATEGY DISCUSSION

- Assess the needs of the community
- Consider a feasibility study
- Create a business plan + budget
- Devise a phased plan for deployment
- Set a calendar based on funding and project needs
- Apply for and secure funding
- Launch Phase 1: Engineering, Procurement, Construction
POST-DISCUSSION POLL

Enter your answers in the Chat:

After attending this webinar, how would you rate your knowledge of how to fund tribal broadband projects?
THANK YOU

Slides and resources from this webinar can be found at https://www.firstnations.org/webinars/previous-webinars-in-2020/

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