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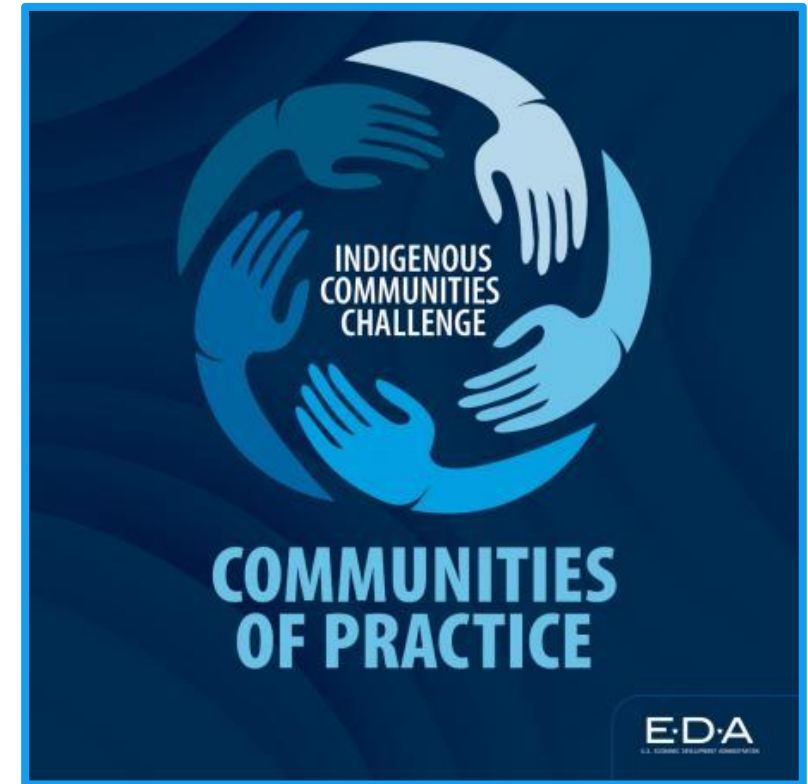
Introducing the EDA Community of Practice

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What is the Indigenous Economic Development Community of Practice (CoP)?

- A dedicated space for tribally-affiliated economic development practitioners to share knowledge, build capacity, and identify best practices.

- The CoP will meet for networking and training and will support the creation of tools and resources for ongoing economic development in Indigenous communities.

- The CoP is funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

What are the goals of the CoP?

- Providing new opportunities for networking and engagement for Indigenous economic development

- Generating recommendations to improve access and implementation for EDA grants in Native communities

- Creating a permanent space for Indigenous economic development professionals, managed by a national Native organization (NAIHC)

Who should participate?

- Current grantees and potential applicants for EDA grants

- Tribal programs or enterprises

- Academic institutions

- Philanthropic organizations

- Anyone interested in supporting economic development in Native communities

How will it work?

- Quarterly trainings and meetings for networking and capacity-building

- Regular virtual sessions in special topic areas

- Case studies and toolkits will be developed to benefit the larger Indigenous economic development community

Outreach + Sign-Up:	CoP Launch + Engagement	Meeting + Trainings:	Case Studies + Toolkits:
• Spring – Summer 2023	• Summer – Fall 2023	• Early 2024 – Fall 2025	• Early 2024 – Fall 2025

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Requesting input on the CoP

- What topics would you like to learn more about?

- What do you wish you had known earlier?

- Who would you like to hear from?

- Who might be missing from this conversation?

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How do I get involved and learn more?

- Email us at: IndigenousCoP@ bigwaterconsulting.net

- Visit the web page at: http://indigenouscop.org

- Or scan the QR code at the right to sign up for updates

Join the Indigenous Economic Development Community of Practice Network!

Any Questions about the Community of Practice?
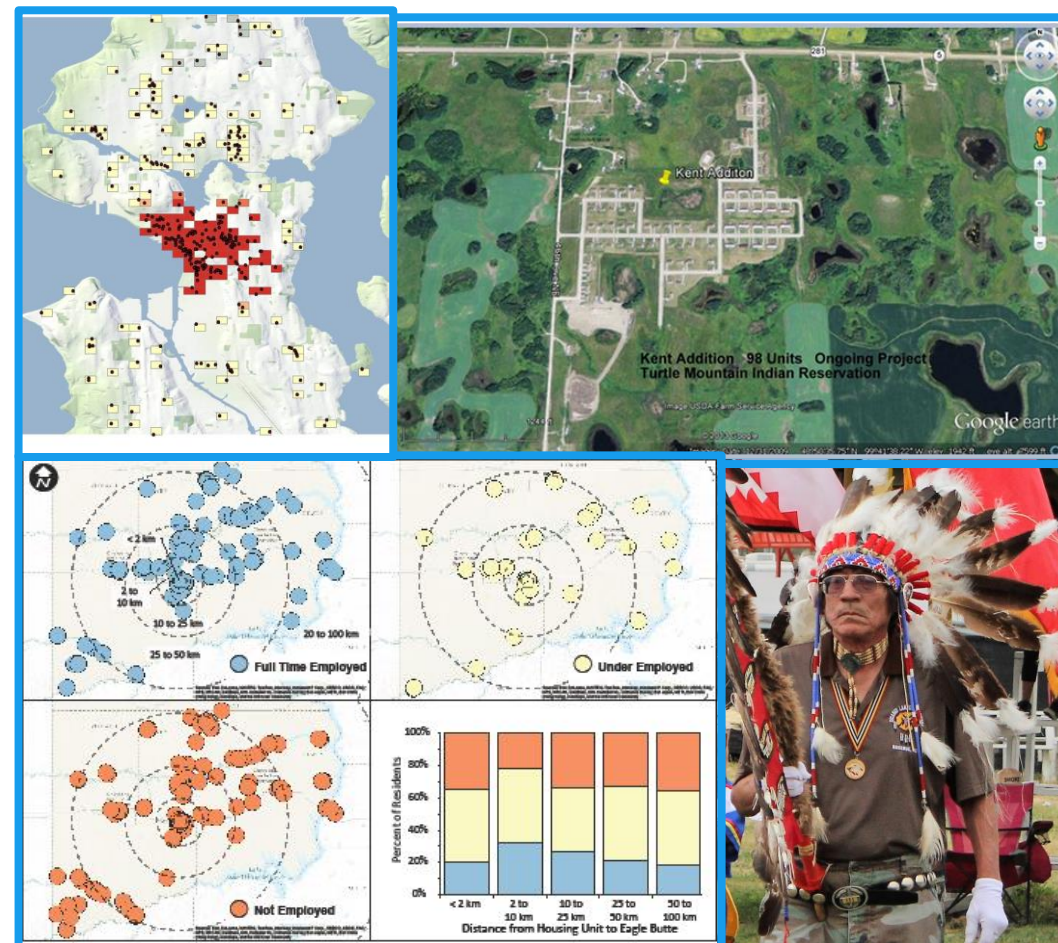
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Data Sovereignty

The Importance of Tribal Data Collection

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What is Data Sovereignty?

- Spans issues of data collection, analysis, management, use, dissemination and ongoing capacity-building

- Includes exclusive (or at least joint) ownership of data by tribe/tribal organization

What are the impacts of having good data?

- Plan for changes
  (and adapt over time)

- Pursue new funding
  opportunities

- Tell an accurate story of
  your community (and correct
  story being told)

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Why should tribes collect their own data?

- Many non-tribal data sources are seen as inaccurate, for a variety of reasons:

  - Lack of trust in collectors

  - Inappropriate measurement techniques

  - Unable to match data collection to tribal programs

  - Uniqueness of tribal geographies

What types of data collection methods should you use?

- Qualitative

- Quantitative

- Spatial

- Administrative
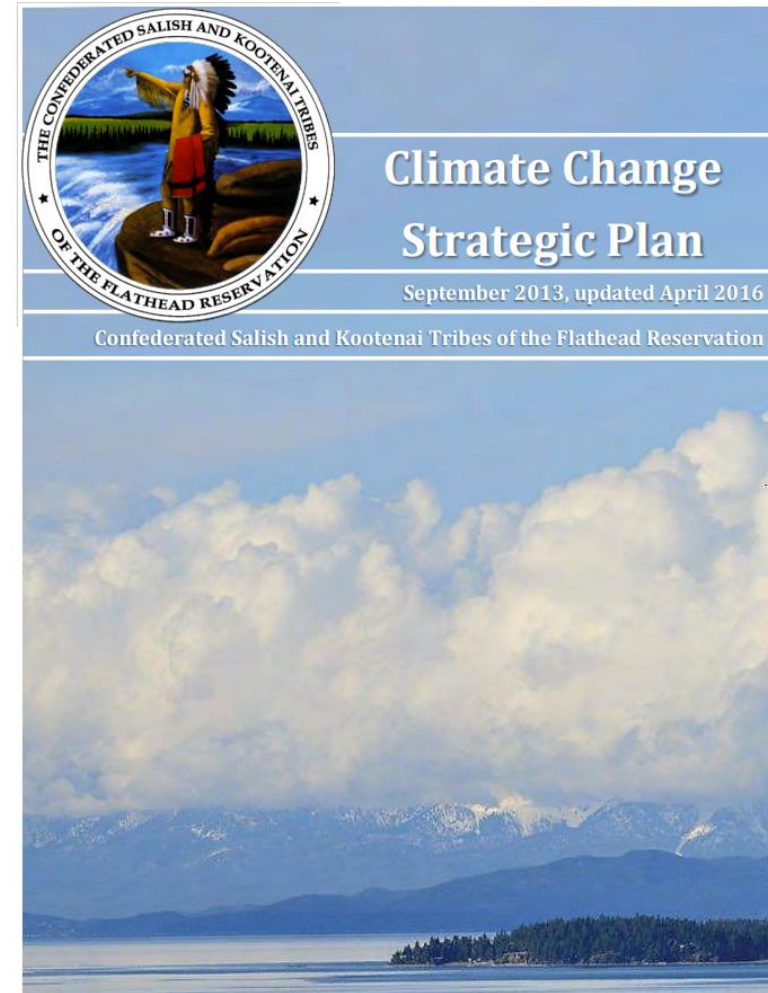
- Observational

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- ## Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

  - 2018: Tribal Census funded by SAMHSA (facilitated opioid response grant and IHBG Competitive Grant)

  - 2021: Housing Needs Assessment for planning purposes and successful IHBG formula "Census Challenge"

  - 2023: Preparing second Tribal Census (longitudinal data—changes over time)

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- CSKT Climate Change Strategic Plan

  - Incorporates traditional ecological knowledge and the knowledge of tribal elders with modern science and climate adaptation strategies

  - Developed by the Tribe's Natural Resource Department and informs policies across Tribal government

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- ## SDNHC Veterans Housing Study

  - Sharing of data with other veterans' service providers and South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition (SDNHC) members

  - Identified opportunities to connect veterans with local Native CDFI and others who can package mortgage lending products that work for vets

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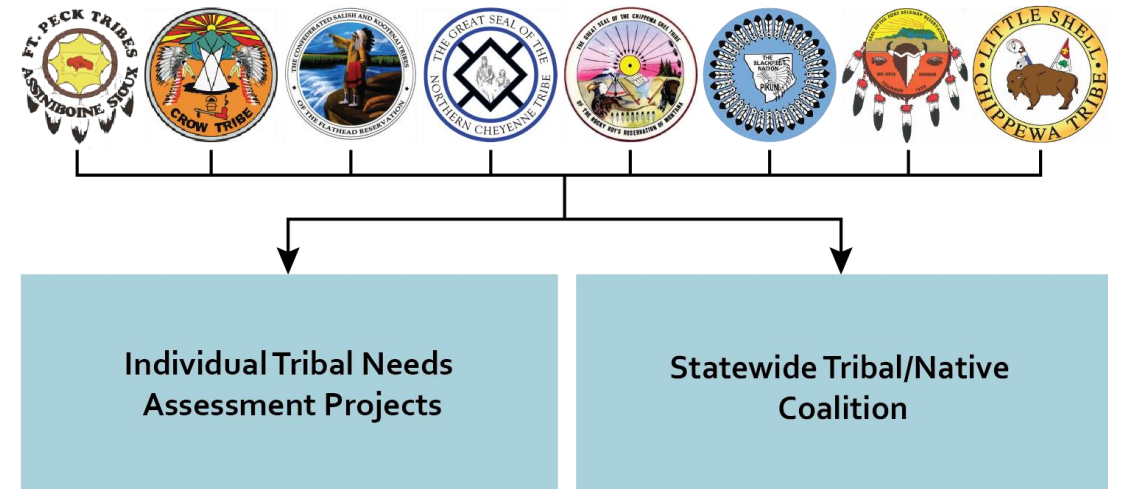N A I H C

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- ## Tribal Workforce Development Toolkit

  - NCAI's research findings from extensive engagement with tribes, tribal colleges, and Native organizations

  - Data collected through case studies, interviews, surveys, and individual consultations

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- ## Montana Native Health + Housing Needs Study

  - Emerging statewide coalition of tribes, nonprofits, agencies and other partners working together to collect data and advocate for policy change

  - Individual tribal projects address unique programs and needs

  - Tribes hold joint ownership of the aggregated statewide findings

  - Partially funded by Montana Healthcare Foundation

Individual Tribal Needs Assessment Projects

Statewide Tribal/Native Coalition

Examples of Tribal Data Collection

- ## Studying the Impacts of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program

  - Regional tribal organization (UNAHA) partnering with a national affordable housing advocate (NLIHC) to collect data and report on the effectiveness of a federal program (ERAP)

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Additional Uses of Tribal Data

- Master Planning

- IHBG Census Challenge

- CDFI Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

- Transportation Planning

- Tribal Census

- Market and Feasibility Studies (incl. energy efficiency programs)

- Evaluation of Tribal Programs and Facilities

- Population Projection (incl. based on enrollment reqts)

- Service-Related Cost and Gap Analysis

Considerations for Tribal Data Collection

- Data security and confidentiality

- Burden on the community

- Collaborative/Community-based data collection

- Effective and appropriate use of data

- Building trust to ensure future success

*Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) established by tribes play a vital role in affirming and implementing tribal data sovereignty

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Future(s) of Tribal Data Collection?

- State and federal programs are increasingly investing in data collection on tribal lands to promote access to their programs

  - CDFI Fund, EDA, WA Dept. of Commerce, SDHDA, etc.

- How should other programs and governments accommodate the unique sovereignty and needs of tribes and tribal programs?

Questions?

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