



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20447

August 15, 2012

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) wants to consult with you regarding a proposed initiative for our 2013 Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) funding, authorized under Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (NAPA), 42 U.S.C. 2991b. We will be hosting a teleconference call on this matter on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012** from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Eastern).

The purpose of the call is to discuss running a special competition promoting economic development under the Social and Economic Development Strategies CFDA# 93.612 for Fiscal Year 13. We are seeking input on the program areas of interest and any scoring criteria for this special competition.

As many of you may already know, the SEDS program supports the principle that social and economic development are inter-related and essential for the development of healthy, self-sufficient Native American communities. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) emphasizes social and economic development projects that promote the establishment and maintenance of diversified local economies, the preservation of Native American cultures, and programs and services that safeguard the health and well-being of Native Americans.

Grant awards made under this Funding Opportunity Announcement are for projects that promote economic and social self sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American Pacific Islanders from American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ANA is particularly interested in projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, and decrease the high rate of social challenges caused by the lack of community-based business, and social and economic infrastructure.

Examples of the program areas of interest that we would like to encourage are listed below.

*Economic Development:* Promoting the physical, commercial, technological, industrial, and agricultural components necessary for a sustainable local economy.

*Economic Stability:* Strengthening an organization's capacity to deliver workforce training, financial literacy, and home ownership services.

*Economic Competitiveness:* Creating, expanding, and retaining businesses to reflect distinct economies, both in mature and emergent sectors, operating in rural and urban areas.

*Agriculture:* Creating, developing, or enhancing agricultural enterprise and sustainable farming projects.

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*Infrastructure:* Developing infrastructure (transportation, communication, technology, etc.) to support the local workforce or those faced with transportation/communication challenges, e.g. elderly, disabled.

*Subsistence:* Enhancing subsistence activities to retain or revitalize traditional native food sources and practices for local and commercial markets.

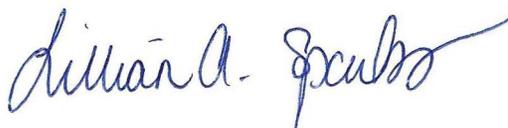
*Commercial Trade:* Strengthening the local economy and demand for agriculture, aquaculture, lumber, and traditional arts and crafts.

These are just the examples that we have been able to identify and would like your input to expand this listing to be more inclusive of the many examples you may find for economic development possibilities within your communities.

Please join me on this call and let me hear your ideas. The call in number is 866-763-4038 and the passcode is 354503 followed by the pound (#) sign.

Due to this short consultation notice, this will be the only notice you will receive regarding this call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lillian A. Sparks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Lillian A. Sparks  
Commissioner,  
Administration for Native Americans