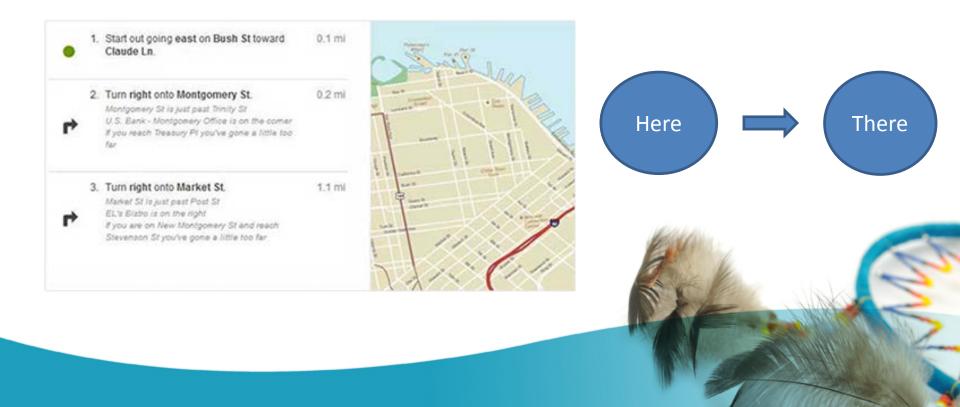
# Resources and Opportunities for Economic Growth Initiatives in Indian Country

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### Outline

- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- National Workforce Development Study
- Apprenticeship and Internships Programs
- Partnering with Banks

#### **Federal Reserve System**

#### Mission: Promote the safety, soundness, and stability of our nation's financial system

Dual Mandate:➤ Stable prices➤ Full Employment

#### **Community Development Department**





## **Community Development Department**

#### **Research & Publications**

- Magazines, working papers
- Books

**Regional/National Initiatives** 

- Economic development
- Asset building
- Affordable housing
- Healthy communities
- Workforce development
- Indian Country

Approximately 150 events/year

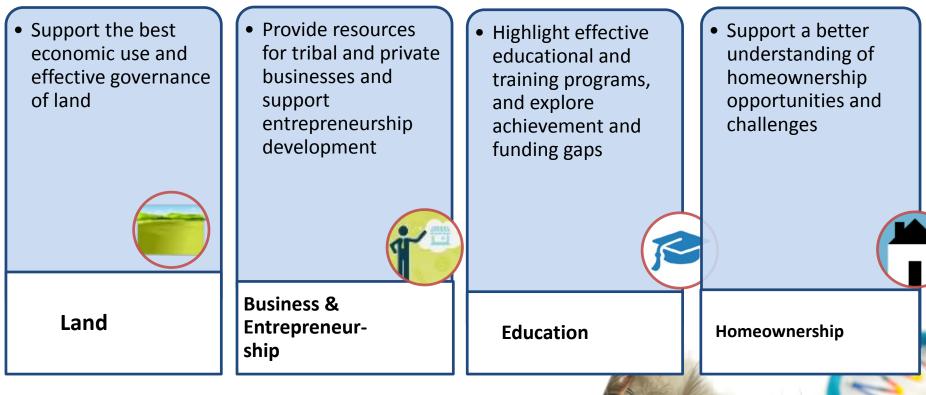




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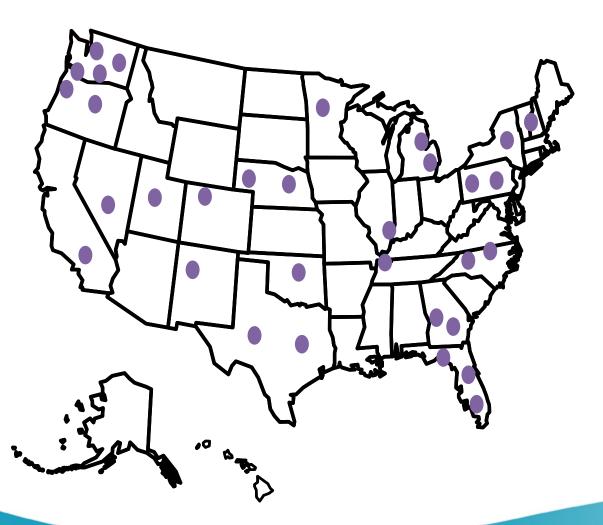
#### Four Areas of Focus



## **Economic Development**

- Diversification of tribal enterprises
- Streamlining business license and other processes
- Communicate with government agencies
- Develop list of resources
- Legal Infrastructure
  - o Zoning
  - Secured transaction codes
- Corporate Governance
  - Staggered Council Terms
  - Separation of Tribal Council from day-to-day management of enterprises

#### **Federal Reserve System Study**



Investing in America's Workforce

Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers

**50 Listening Sessions** 

**32 States** 

1K Workforce Development Leader

## **Workforce Development**

**Current Challenges** 

- Skills Gap
- Non-Skill Related Barriers



Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers

- Addiction, Incarceration, Childcare Costs, Transportation, Housing
- Technological Advancement and Automation's Impact on Employer's Demands
- Quality of Available Jobs Impeding Economic Mobility

### **Workforce Development**

**Promising Strategies** 

- Better Alignment of Workforce & Economic Development Efforts Using Sector Strategies & Intermediaries as brokers
- Apprenticeships & Other Work-Based Training
- Increased Employer Training
- Increased Coordination with Service Providers and with Funders
- Changes in Employer Behavior that Improve Job Access

### **Workforce Development**

#### **Washington State**

• Supporting Career Connect



- Employer workshops apprenticeships/internships
- Helping Establish a Youth Career Center in Vancouver
- Exploring Ideas with other WIBs
  - Soft skills classes
  - Workshops for employers
  - Training/resources for HS and college career counselors

## **Community Reinvestment Act**

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Encourages financial institutions to help meet the credits needs of its local community, including low-and moderateincome communities, consistent with safe and sound operation of the institution

#### --> Community Development

- Affordable housing for low & moderate income individuals & communities
- Community services for low & moderate income individuals & communities
- Financing small business, small farms
- Economic revitalization

## **Partnering with Banks**

#### **Community Reinvestment Act**

- Lending to community development financial institutions, community development corporations, or community-based organizations that engage in work-force development efforts
- Providing financial support through an investment, equity equivalent, or grant
- Offering learn-and-earn opportunities
- Serving on the board of a workforce development entity, volunteering at an entity, or offering pro bono services

## **Partnering with Banks**

#### **Additional Opportunities**

- Loans, services, investments
- Offering learn-and-earn opportunities
- Serving on the board of a workforce development entity, volunteering at an entity, or offering pro bono services

#### **Next Steps**

Discuss your tribe's needs with Federal Reserve staff & collaborate on a meeting with resource providers Review your tribe's legal infrastructure – zoning, codes, policies Encourage apprenticeship and internship programs Assess current access to credit – tribe, tribe's small businesses, members, ask Federal Reserve for ways to improve access

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