

NATIVE INC.



Community Development Corporation

Native Community Development, Inc. dba NATIVE, Inc. serving urban Indians and other disproportionate populations in North Dakota.

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**HB 1012
Appropriations - Human Resources Division**

Mr. Chairman Nelson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lorraine Davis, Founder and CEO of NATIVE, Inc. serving the urban Indian populations and other disproportionate populations in North Dakota since 2012. NATIVE, Inc. is a partner with the ND Behavioral Health Division as a community service provider of the Free through Recovery Program, Community Connect Program and 1915i Program serving in the Bismarck and Fargo areas. NATIVE, Inc. provides culturally responsive services and programs. I created NATIVE, Inc. to better meet the cultural needs of Native Americans living in urban areas of ND.

I am asking for \$1.9 Million dollars as an amendment to HB 1012 to include an Native American urban set aside to fiscally support culturally programming for participants and their families involved in the Free through Recovery, Community Connect and 1915i programs. \$900,000 designated toward cultural programming and \$1 M of it designated toward a community cultural center.

Due to the disproportionate representation of Native American adults in prison, Native American youth corrections and at-risk youth, and children involved in foster care and adoptions, it is critical to provide cultural and traditional healing programming amongst Native Americans living off the reservations referred to as the urban Indians within our state. Native Americans live away from their homelands, people and without cultural connections and ways of life. This is a preventive and recovery approach with access to intervention as we provide referrals to treatment centers through all the contracts/grants we have with your department.

Eligible organizations for this funding would need to be Native American behavioral health community-based service organizations serving Native populations living in two or more urban areas who are contracted with the ND Behavioral health's Community Connect, FTR, 1915i and involved in the system of care program.

Thank you for your time and commitment toward addressing human service needs within ND. I can be reached on my cell phone at (701) 214-7911 or email lorraine@ndnadc.org, thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Lorraine Davis

NATIVE, Inc.
FOR THE GREAT PLAINS INDIANS CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER
2025-2027 BIENNIUM BUDGET
Start 07/01/2025 | End 06/30/2027

BISMARCK				
CATEGORY	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION		
PERSONNEL				
Programs Director (100% of \$65,000 year/\$31 hr)	\$ 130,000	1 FT (Mid-level)		
Benefits @ 12%	\$ 31,200			
Youth & Family Coordinator (100% of \$47,840 year/\$22 hr)	\$ 91,520	1 FT (Mid-level)		
Benefits @ 12%	\$ 21,965			
Cultural and Spiritual Education and Coordinator (100% of \$54,080 year/\$26 hr)	\$ 108,160	1 FT		
Benefits @ 12%	\$ 12,979			
Marketing/Communications Specialist (50% of \$52,000 year/\$25 hr)	\$ 52,000	1 PT (Mid-level)		
Transportation Driver (\$29,120 year/\$14 hour)	\$ 58,240	1 FT		
Benefits @ 12%	\$ 6,989			
PERSONNEL-Biennium Total	\$ 513,053			
OPERATION				
Cultural/Spiritual Programs (includes contractors and supplies)	\$ 69,200	258 classes over biennium/129 per year		
Cultural Events	\$ 5,000			
Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred Training (6 employees)	\$ 6,000			
Professional Services	\$ 78,000	Per Year: \$16,000 IT Services for Virtual Learning Options, \$20,000 Curriculum Development, \$30,000 Evaluation/Research & Dev., \$12,000 Marketing.		
Rent	\$ 170,400	100% annual rental space in Bismarck \$7,100 per month		
OPERATING--Biennium Total	\$ 328,600			
Bismarck--Biennium Total		\$ 841,653		
Community Cultural Center	\$1,000,000			
Grand Total		\$ 1,841,653		