Working with Indigenous Communities
After a Disaster: Focus on South Dakota

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Tribes in Program’s Three-State Focus
Blessing

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Native Americans 101

- Native People are a richly diverse group of people.
- Being Native is not just a race or an ethnicity.
- The American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population is on the rise.
- Most American Indians/Alaska Natives live outside of reservations.

Source: https://nativephilanthropy.candid.org/native-101/
Native Americans are greatly underfunded by philanthropy.

Funding for Native American communities and causes significantly dropped following the recession.

Twenty percent of large foundations give to Native communities and causes.

Most grant dollars are for program support (56 percent).

Data from: Investing in Native Communities: Philanthropic Funding for Native American Communities and Causes
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Pre-Disaster Conditions on Reservations

- History, colonization and broken treaties
- Food insecurity
- Lack of housing; substandard housing
- Poverty and unemployment
- Lack of healthcare, healthcare disparities and poor outcomes
Varied Ability for Disaster Response & Recovery

- Sovereign nations
- Tribal council and leadership
- Emergency managers
- Infrastructure challenges
- Relationships with states and federal government
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Flooding

Flooding Pow Wow grounds; photo courtesy of The Guardian

White Swan Community flooding; photo courtesy of Walks on the Day Foundation
Flooding Damage

Flooding damage in Elder’s basement

Flooded highway
Lakota Nation Disaster Resiliency

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2019 Storms

Roads crumbling from the flooding on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Spring 2019. (Photo: Maretta Champagne)

Snow in March 2019 from The Guardian via social media Indianz publication
Pine Ridge
Damage

Damaged FEMA trailer

Roof repaired on Pine Ridge
Q & A

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Key Takeaways

- Philanthropy is often a transactional relationship.
- Trust in self-determination.
- If you want to work on tribal land, work with communities.
- Philanthropy is about more than just money.
- Collaboration is key.
CDP Resources

- CDP has several funds, including COVID-19 Response Fund, California Wildfires Recovery Fund, Atlantic Hurricane Season Recovery Fund.
- Detailed Issue Insights.
- Regularly updated Disaster Profiles.
- For more information, visit www.disasterphilanthropy.org.

Source: Ready.gov, Action Against Hunger, NOAA
The Disaster Philanthropy Playbook has a number of toolkits and resources to guide the philanthropic community in responding to future disasters.

Learn more at www.disasterplaybook.org.
Thank you, Nancy! And a fond farewell.

“She always was putting someone else first. ‘How can I help you?’ Every conversation turned around to ‘what can I do for you?’ and ‘what more do you need?’. She was always thinking about the other person. That’s something I can see in her, and something I’ve learned from her.” – Christine Weder

“I’ve always felt like she was someone that I could confide in if there was a particular challenge. That she was trustworthy, and that she would hear those challenges and try to resolve those challenges without forcing a solution.” – Rev. Mary Hughes

“You’re losing somebody who is frankly, just phenomenal.” – Dr. John A. Call
Questions?

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