

Disaster Philanthropy and Native Americans: Practical Tips for Funding On and Off Reservations

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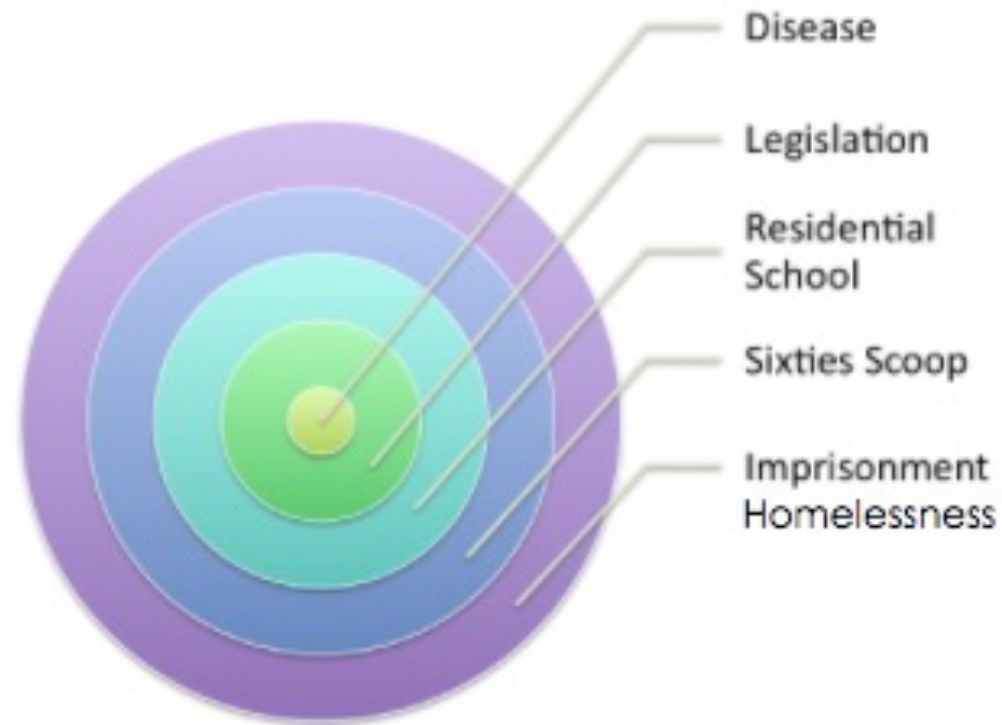
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Snapshot to Indigenous History

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Native Americans 101

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- ❑ 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/>



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Philanthropy and Native American Communities

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- ❑ 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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Sharing truth:
**CHANGE
THE
NARRATIVE**



Native lens:
**EXPANDING
YOUR
KNOWLEDGE**



Investment:
**NATIVE
LED
SOLUTIONS**

What could funders be doing to make changes?



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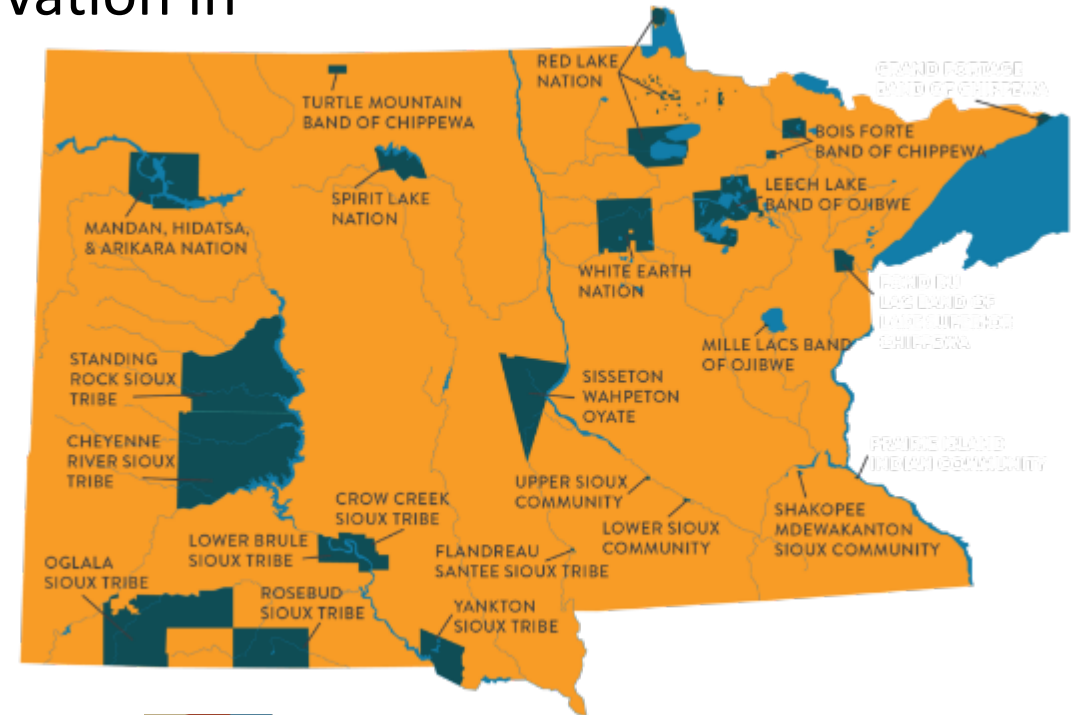
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CDP Early Recovery Fund: Native Communities Program

- ❑ Rural, high-impact, low-attention disasters
- ❑ Partner with communities and community leaders
- ❑ Grantee partners are both on and off-reservation in MN, ND, and SD
- ❑ Layered issues: food insecurity, housing, COVID-19
- ❑ Capacity building via grants:
 - ▣ Hire local.
 - ▣ Provide technical assistance.
 - ▣ Cheer, watch them soar & celebrate successes.



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YES!

All funders fund
Indigenous issues

All funders can and should
fund Indigenous-led and
–centered work.



Understand

**SOVEREIGNTY &
SELF-DETERMINATION**

Build Internally

**NATIVE BOARD &
PROGRAM OFFICERS**

Shifting the Power Relationships

Time, Patience, Respect



Cheyenne River Reservation, SD
Photo courtesy of BIA Cheyenne Agency



Road and culvert damage, 2019 storms
Photo courtesy of Cheyenne River Tribe



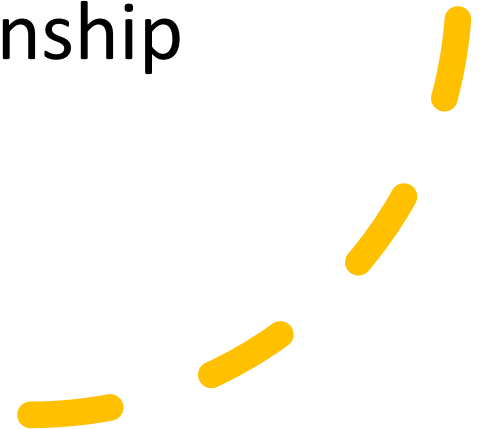
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WE ARE STILL HERE

Native American and Indigenous people are in every community, wherever you are.

- Tribal territories and Urban Indian orgs
- Getting in touch
- Initiating and building relationship



CONSULTING WITH TRIBAL NATIONS AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES

OUR RELATIVES + OUR NETWORKS



Understanding



Relationship & Reciprocity



Why might there be
reluctance?

“What do you want to work on?”

- Listening
- Asking questions
- Learning community's values & priorities
- Current infrastructure, strengths & challenges
- “Nepotism” is a colonial/white construct vs. We are all Relatives



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Q and A

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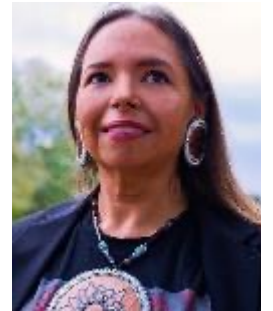
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Key Takeaways

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- ❑ Philanthropy is often a transactional relationship.
- ❑ Trust in tribal self-determination and tribal sovereignty.
- ❑ Building relationships may need to include reconciliation.
- ❑ Native Americans are in every place and every sector.
- ❑ Give Indigenous knowledge and wisdom the credit it is due.



Flooding following Bomb Cyclone in 2019, photo by Henry Red Cloud



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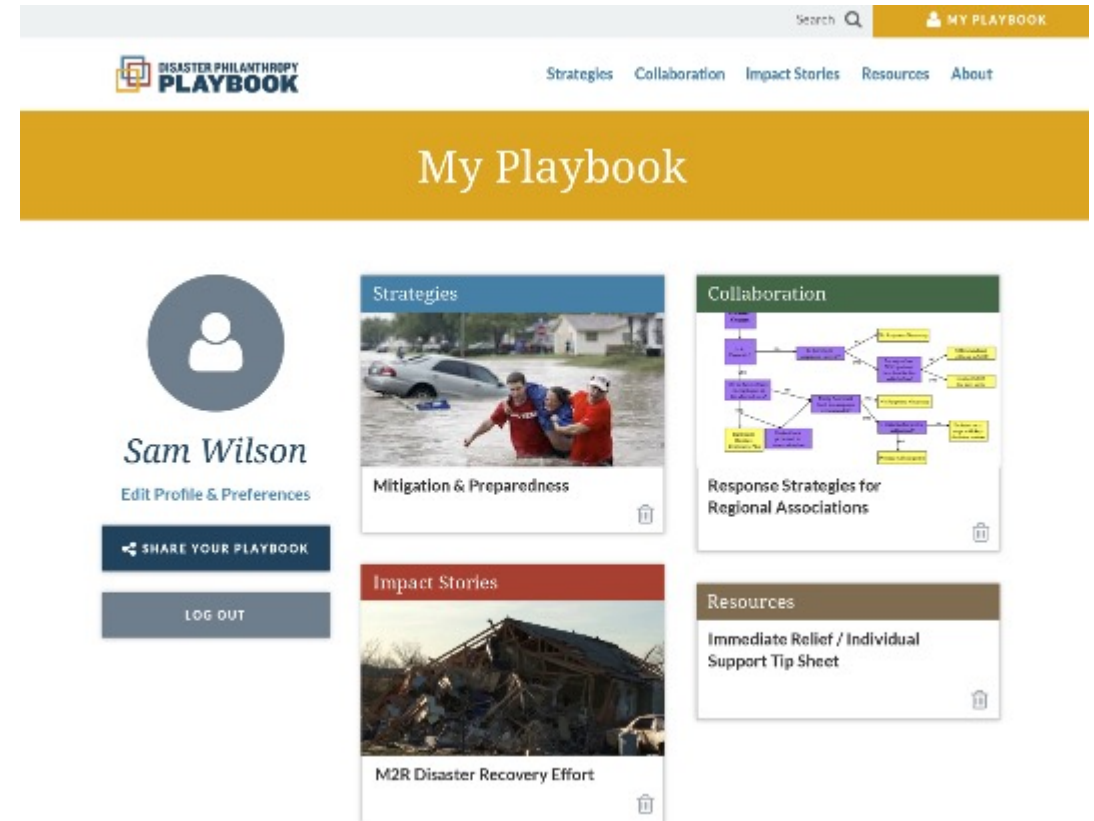


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