



OIED GRANTEE MEETING: IMPACT REPORT 2023

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Building Connections: Strengthening Indigenous Communities Toward Economic Self Sufficiency

This year's **Grantee Meeting**, hosted by the Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED), Division of Economic Development (DED) in Cherokee, North Carolina brought together **256 attendees** representing **100 Tribes** including **174 grantees** from **96 Tribal Organizations**. In addition, **18 Federal Representatives** attended the Grantee Meeting as well as **9 International Visitors** representing **6 countries**.

The Grantee Meeting theme highlighted establishing meaningful relationships and collaborations within Indigenous communities, with the ultimate goal of enhancing their economic independence. The Grantee Meeting aimed to explore strategies and initiatives that empower Indigenous communities to achieve self-sufficiency and sustainable economic growth.

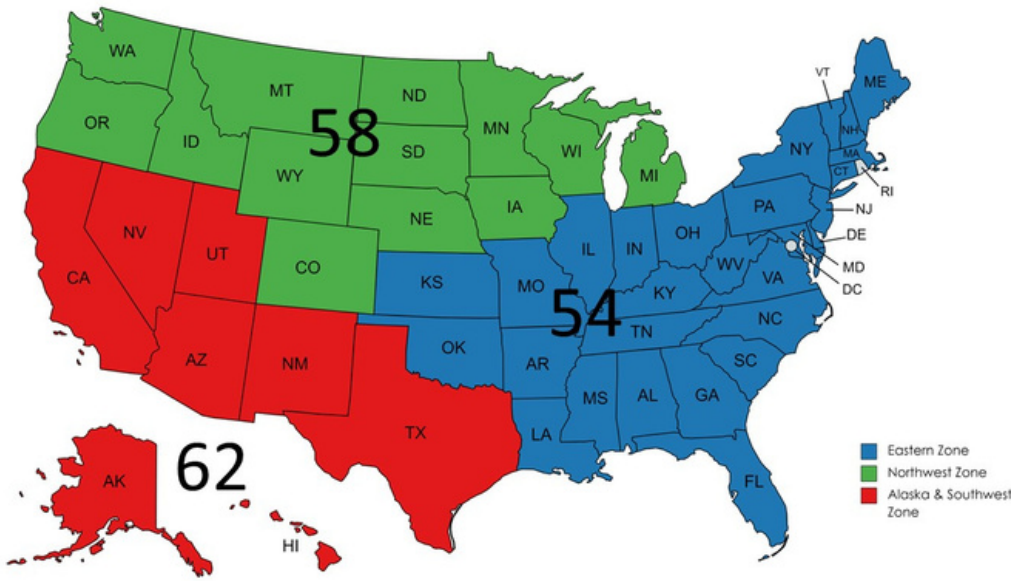
Over 3 Days attendees:

- 1 Learned to blend entrepreneurship and Indigenous values for sustainable growth
- 2 Heard strategies for integrating cultural heritage into economics for balanced empowerment
- 3 Gained insights into collaboration for Indigenous economic development, linking local and global opportunities

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Grantee Attendance by OIED Zone



Total Registrants:
305

Total Attendees:
256

Grantee Attendance:
174

Workshops:
27

Tribes Represented:
100

Grantee Orgs. Represented:
96

Countries Represented:

United States

Panama

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Costa Rica

Colombia

Honduras

Tribes Represented

Absentee Shawnee	Delaware Nation	Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California	Pueblo of Acoma
Acoma Pueblo	Dine	Mohawk	Pueblo of Laguna
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut	Quinault Indian Nation
Aniak Traditional Council	Enterprise Rancheria	Muscogee Creek Nation	Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota)
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Flandreau Santee Sioux	Native Hawaiian	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
Apsáalooke/Crow	Forest County Potawatomi	Native Village of Hooper Bay	San Carlos Apache Tribe
Bay Mills Indian Community	Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone	Native Village of Akhiok	Santee Sioux Nation
Blackfeet Tribe	Guna	Native Village of Chenega	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Haida	Native Village of Kaktovik	Seneca Nation
Burns Paiute Tribe	Hualapai Tribe	Navajo Nation	Shinnecock Indian Nation
Cherokee Nation	Inupiat	Nez Perce Tribe	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Iowa Tribe Kansas	Nimiipuu	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
Chickahominy	Nebraska	North Fork Rancheria mono Indian of California	Spirit Lake Tribe
Chickasaw	Kashia Band of Pomo Indians	Northern Arapaho (Hinono'ei)	Taos Pueblo
Chickasaw Nation	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Ojibwe)	Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	Tlingit & Haida
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Tolowa
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Kiowa Tribe	Oneida Nation	Tsimshian
Citizen Potawatomi Nation	Lac Courte Oreilles	Osage Nation	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
Comanche Nation	Laguna	Paiute	Tuscarora Nation
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Umatilla Reservation	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Passamaquoddy	Washoe Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Siletz	Lummi Nation	Penobscot Nation	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Cow Creek band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Makah	Pit River Nation	Wiyot
	Maliseet	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Wounaan
	Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation		Yurok
	Mashpee Wampanoag		
	Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians		





Plenary Sessions

Session 1 - Opening Ceremonies & Native Languages Roundtable



Welcome Address: Onna LeBeau
Director, Office of Indian Economic Development

Plenary Speaker: Wizipan Garriott,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs,
U.S. Department of the Interior

Native Languages Roundtable Panelists

- Denise Litz, Chief of the Division of Economic Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
- Michelle Suave, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans
- Julian Guerrero, Jr., Director of the Office of Indian Education (OIE), U.S. Department of Education
- Tim Begaye, Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)

Pictured (L-R): Wizipan Garriott, Michelle Suave, Denise Litz, Tim Begaye and Julian Guerrero, Jr.

Moderated by Wizipan Garriott, the opening plenary brought panelists to the stage from four Federal Agencies dedicated to Native language revitalization. Under the overall theme of “building connections,” the panelists addressed salient topics in language revitalization ranging from technical assistance, tribal-federal collaboration, best practices, and success stories.

Wizipan emphasized the historical suppression of Native languages in the U.S. through federal Indian boarding schools and ongoing efforts to address this legacy, including the “Road to Healing” tour. Wizipan also highlighted the Biden-Harris administration’s 10-year plan for Native Language Revitalization and the commitment to raising awareness and securing funding for language preservation and revitalization.



Session 2 - Tribal Tourism



Welcome Address: Denise Litz,
Chief of the Division of Economic Development
Office of Indian Economic Development

Plenary Speaker: Anthony Morgan Rodman
Executive Director, White House Council on Native
American Affairs

Additional Remarks: Edward Hall III,
Indigenous Economic Development and Tourism Executive
in Residence for the GW University School of Business and
the International Institute of Tourism Studies

Tribal Tourism Roundtable Panelists

- Sherry Rupert, CEO, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association
- Seleni Matus, Director, International Institute of Tourism Studies, George Washington University
- Kristin Lamoureux, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech
- Jeannie Hovland, Vice-Chair, National Indian Gaming Association

Pictured (L-R): Jeannie Hovland, Seleni Matus, Sherry Rupert and Kristin Lamoureux

Moderated by Edward Hall, the morning plenary on day two convened a distinguished group of experts to discuss the intricacies of Tribal tourism initiatives. The panelists described their organizations' efforts in collaborating directly with Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, emphasizing the crucial role of such partnerships in ensuring the authenticity and cultural sensitivity of these initiatives.

Challenges and successes in Tribal tourism were explored, with a focus on the need to strike a balance between economic development and cultural preservation. Panelists shared inspiring success stories of how their organizations had supported tribes in achieving economic diversification through tourism. Recommendations were offered for Tribes interested in pursuing Tribal tourism, and the significance of federal support and strategic partnerships in this endeavor was highlighted. Ultimately, the panel provided valuable insights into the world of Tribal tourism and its potential to drive economic development in Indigenous communities through collaboration and cultural preservation.

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Session 3 - E hō'ihī aku, e hō'ihī mai: Hawaiian Tourism



Welcome Address: Denise Litz,
Chief of the Division of Economic Development
Office of Indian Economic Development

Facilitator: Bradley Ka'aleleo Wong,
Grants Management Specialist, Office of Native
Hawaiian Relations

Wai'anae Economic Development Council

- Nainoa Logan, Vice President of Programs
- Ka'iulani Kauhōu, Project Director
- Joseph Lapilio, President

Pictured (L-R): Joseph Lapilio, Ka'iulani Kauhōu, Nainoa Logan and
Bradley Ka'aleleo Wong

K. Denise Litz, Chief of the Division of Economic Development at the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, took the stage to introduce herself and her office's commitment to regionally focused Tribal tourism. She highlighted the importance of Indigenous tourism in generating income, alleviating poverty, and preserving cultural and natural resources, emphasizing the significance of the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act (NATIVE Act) of 2016 in supporting these efforts.

Denise also underscored the successful collaboration between the Office of Indian Economic Development, the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations, and the National Park Service in implementing the NATIVE Act in Hawai'i. This partnership has led to the development of the Heritage Opportunities in Hawai'i (HŌ'IHI) grant program, aiming to create a sustainable and equitable tourism model rooted in Hawaiian values of hō'ihī (respect) and pilina (connection) to the islands' natural and cultural resources.

Panelists from the Wai'anae Economic Development Council took to the stage to provide an overview of their HŌ'IHI funded projects discuss the Impacts of the Visitor Industry to Native Hawaiians and creating better regenerative tourism models

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Session 4 - Small Business Development, IBIP and Cultural Gift Exchange



Welcome Address: Denise Litz,
Chief of the Division of Economic Development Office
of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

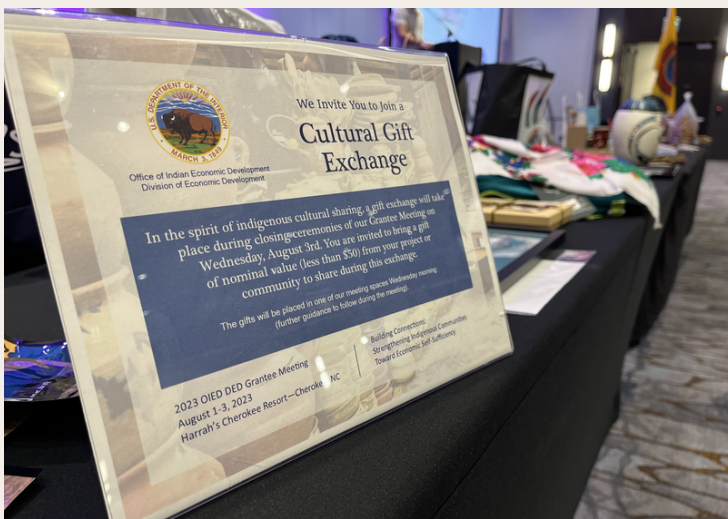
Plenary Speaker: Genevieve Borgeson,
Special Assistant, Office of Native American Affairs
U.S. Small Business Administration

Indian Business Incubators - Small Business Development Roundtable

- Alan Pruitt, Quechan Tribe Business Incubator
- Brooke Montgomery, American Indian Business Enterprise Incubator (AIBE)
- Holly Patterson, Change Labs
- Charlene Johnson, Crow Nation Innovation Center

Pictured: Genevieve Borgeson

Moderated by Genevieve Borgeson, the Special Assistant for the Office of Native American Affairs at the Small Business Association, the final plenary session featured an Indian Business Incubator Roundtable. Grantees from the Office of Indian Economic Development's Indian Business Incubator Program took the stage to provide an overview of their successful grant projects and provide best practices and insights for attendees.

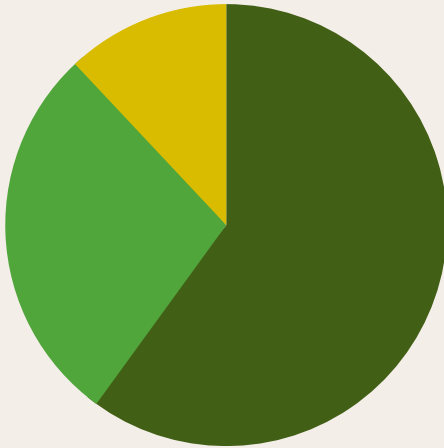




Overall Event Satisfaction

We asked attendees about their satisfaction with their overall experience

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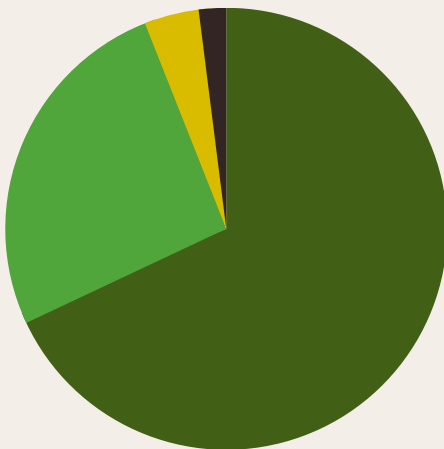
60 % Very Satisfied

28% Satisfied

12% Unsure

We asked attendees about their satisfaction with the learning content and presenters featured

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28% Satisfied

12% Unsure

1% Dissatisfied

"The sessions were SO great! It was difficult to choose which one to attend. Great content!"

"The work that was put into this convening and the presenters are of the highest quality. Amazing."

"I would have loved to have sessions over our specific grant for example sessions on the reporting system used for grant reporting."

"I can honestly say this OIED Grantee Meeting was an excellent experience. The content and presenters were truly a learning opportunity."

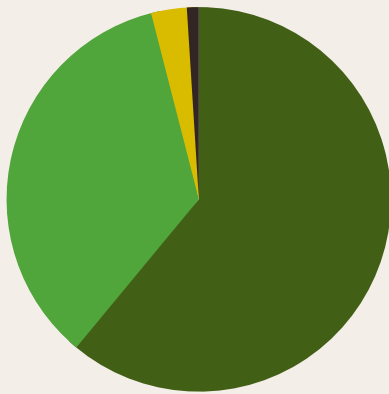


Workshops Sessions

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Day 1

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65 % Very Satisfied

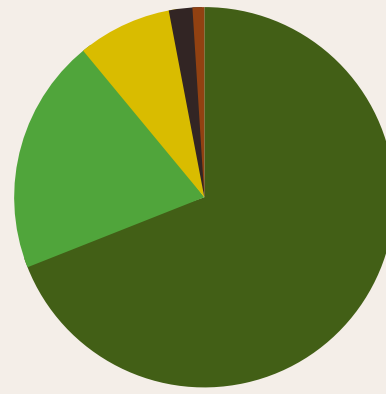
35% Satisfied

3% Unsure

1% Dissatisfied

Day 2

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69 % Very Satisfied

20% Satisfied

8% Unsure

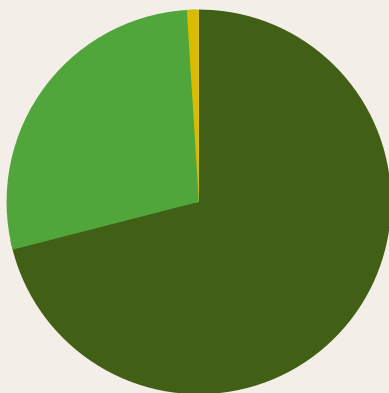
2% Dissatisfied

1% Very Dissatisfied

We asked attendees if the presenters displayed adequate knowledge of the content

Day 1

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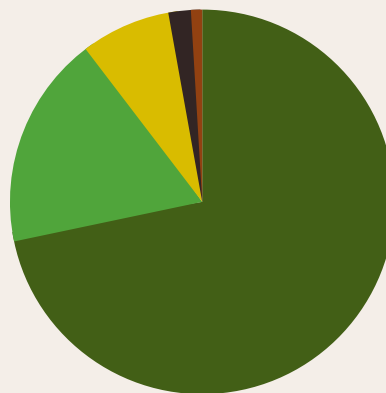
71 % Very Satisfied

28% Satisfied

1% Unsure

Day 2

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76 % Very Satisfied

19% Satisfied

8% Unsure

2% Dissatisfied

1% Very Dissatisfied

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