

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS FUND

*Awards for the  
2004 Native American  
Initiatives*

*Native American Technical  
Assistance (NATA) Component*

*and*

*Native American CDFI  
Development (NACD) Program*

CDFI  
*fund*

# *Native American Technical Assistance (NATA) Component*

## *Montana*

### POLSON

#### SOVEREIGN LEASING & FINANCING, INC.

Location: Polson, MT

Award: \$72,000

Contact: Joe Durglo - (406)883-4317

Sovereign Leasing & Financing, Inc. (SLF) of Ronan, MT has been providing loan capital to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Tribal members on the Flathead reservation since 1992. The CDFI Fund is awarding SLF a Native American Technical Assistance (NATA) award in the amount of \$72,000 to strengthen its current management and operational systems in order to improve its service to the community. The NATA award will be used to: hire a consultant to assist SLF with developing policies and procedures, a uniform business training program, and a marketing plan; to purchase hardware and software; and to send two staff to in-depth underwriting training.

### POPLAR

#### EMERGING NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS LENDING, INC. (ENABL, INC)

Location: Poplar, MT

Award: \$27,500

Contact: Judy Ogle - (406)768-5147

Emerging Native American Business Lending, Inc. (ENABL) was established in 2002 with a mission to enhance the economic conditions of the Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Reservations in Montana. ENABL accomplishes this by providing small business loans and technical assistance support to small businesses and potential entrepreneurs. The CDFI Fund is awarding ENABL a Native American Technical Assistance grant in the amount of \$27,500 to obtain training in loan fund administration and management; and to acquire technology for its staff.

# *Native American CDFI Development (NACD) Program*

## *Alaska*

### DULLINGHAM

#### BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Location: Dillingham, AK  
Award: \$45,000  
Contact: Brenda Alkelkok - (907)842-5257

The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) was established 1966 and its purpose is to improve the well being of the Native people of Bristol Bay, Alaska. The CDFI Fund is awarding BBNA a Native American CDFI Development grant in the amount of \$45,000 in order for BBNA to obtain: consulting services for strategic planning; computer technology for staff; staff salary; and staff training.

## *Montana*

### BROWNING

#### BLACKFEET RESERVATION DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC.

Location: Browning, MT  
Award: \$86,300  
Contact: Janice Coburn - (406)338-2992

The Blackfeet Reservation Development Fund, Inc. (Blackfeet RDF) is located in Browning, Montana. The CDFI Fund is awarding Blackfeet RDF a Native American CDFI Development grant in the amount of \$86,300 to create a CDFI that will serve a Target Market comprised of Native Americans residing on the Blackfeet Indian reservation in Montana. Specifically, the award will be used to: obtain consultant services, and staff training; purchase technology; and cover initial staff salaries.