



USING TRIBAL FINANCE DATA TO SHAPE YOUR WORLD: THE SURVEY OF NATIVE NATIONS

*“Advancing economic self-determination & the
prosperity of Native nations.”*

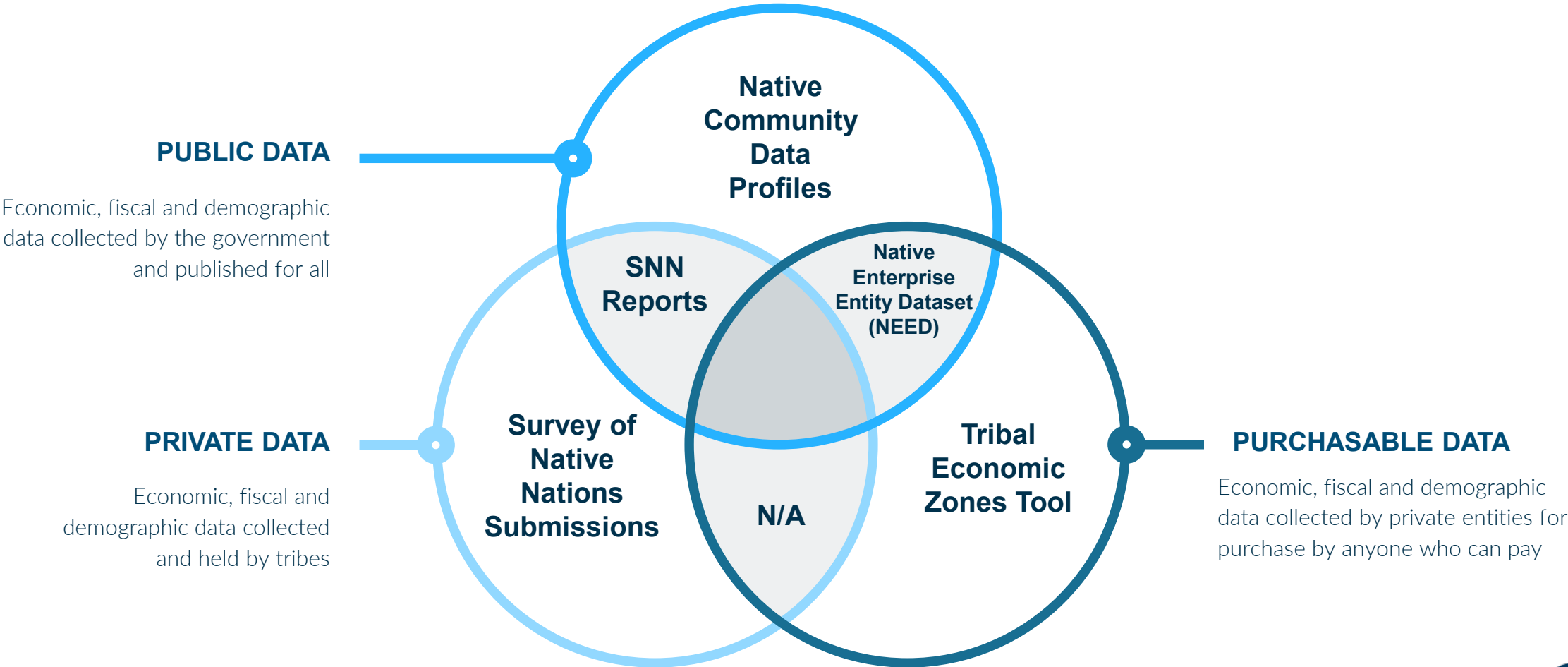
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Data Initiative – Tribal Economic Data Sources & CI/CD Research

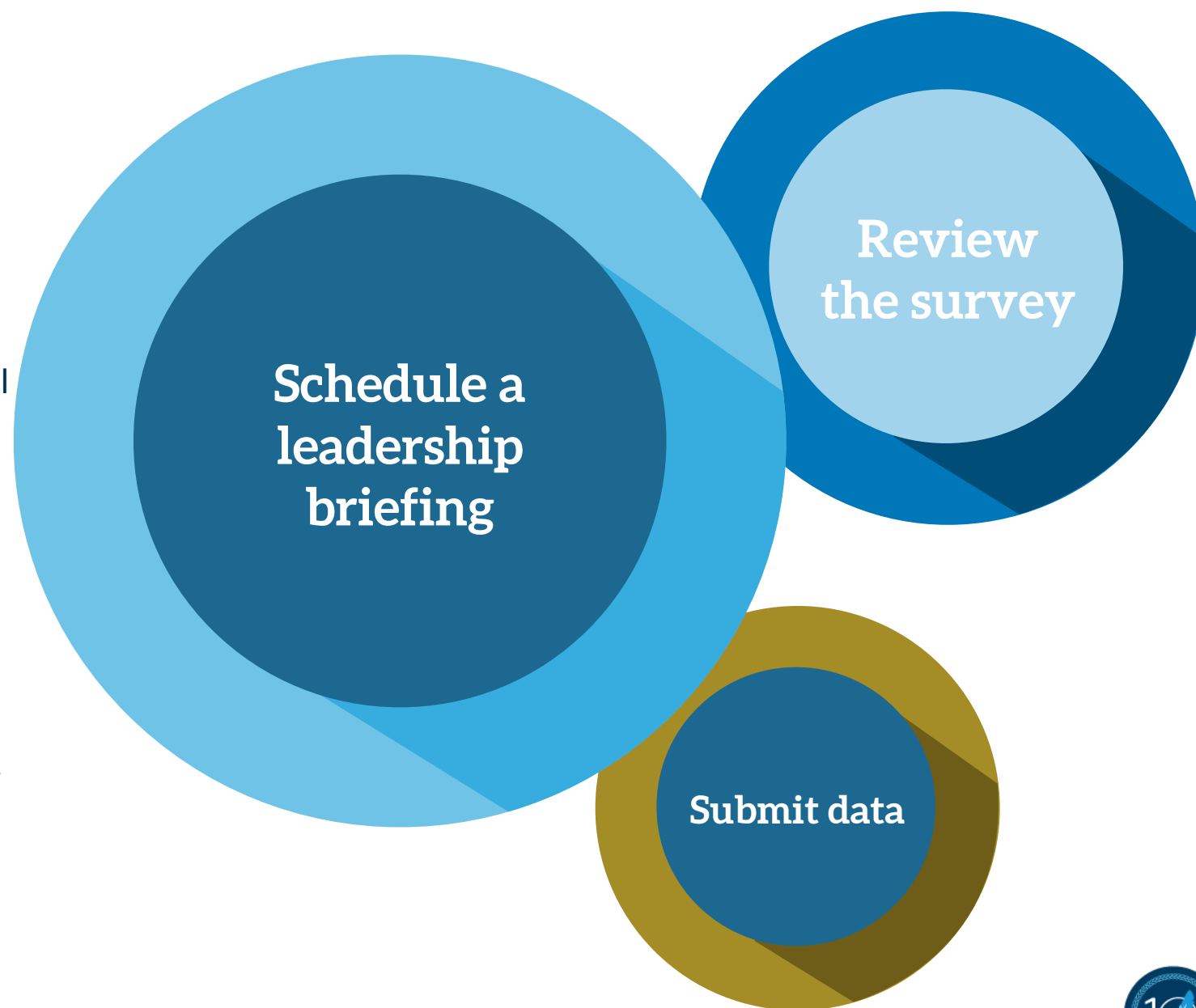


Survey of Native Nations

A first-of-its-kind partnership with tribal governments across the country to equip them with **benchmark public finance** information

The Survey of Native Nations is a confidential data collaboration between tribes and CIGD. It provides tribal governments with **analysis** and **visualization** of the finance data of local governments and the **anonymized, aggregated** finance data of other participating tribal governments.

Designed prioritizing **tribal data sovereignty** principles, the Survey of Native Nations leverages the Federal Reserve System's **secure data infrastructure**.



Survey of Native Nations Reports – Local Government Comparisons

- How might federal budget outcomes impact programs in your community? Is your tribe a significant source of federal funding for your local economy?
- What programs and services are local governments providing in your tribe’s jurisdiction or where your citizens live?
- Does your tribe invest more of its resources in housing, education or health care compared to local governments? How does your local economy benefit from your tribe’s programs and services?

Figure 7: Revenues by type

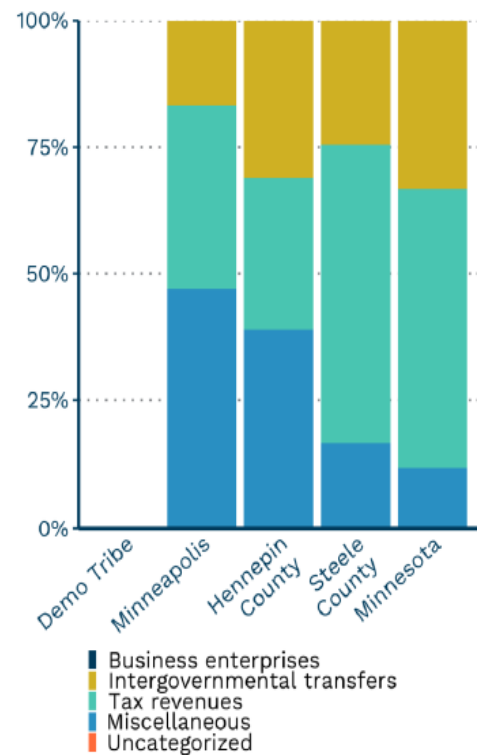


Figure 8: Intergovernmental transfer revenue by source

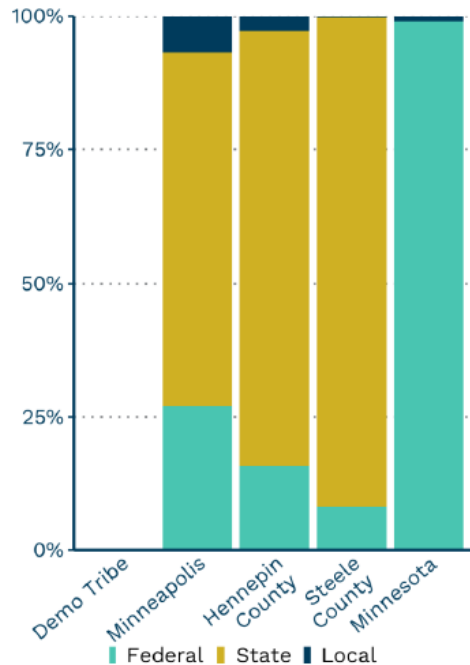
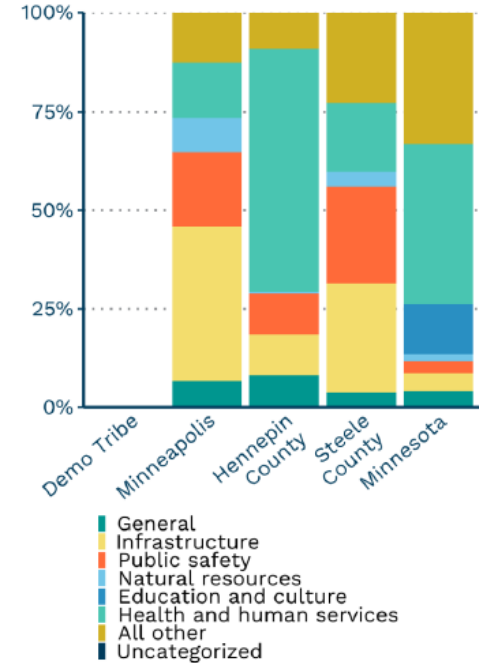


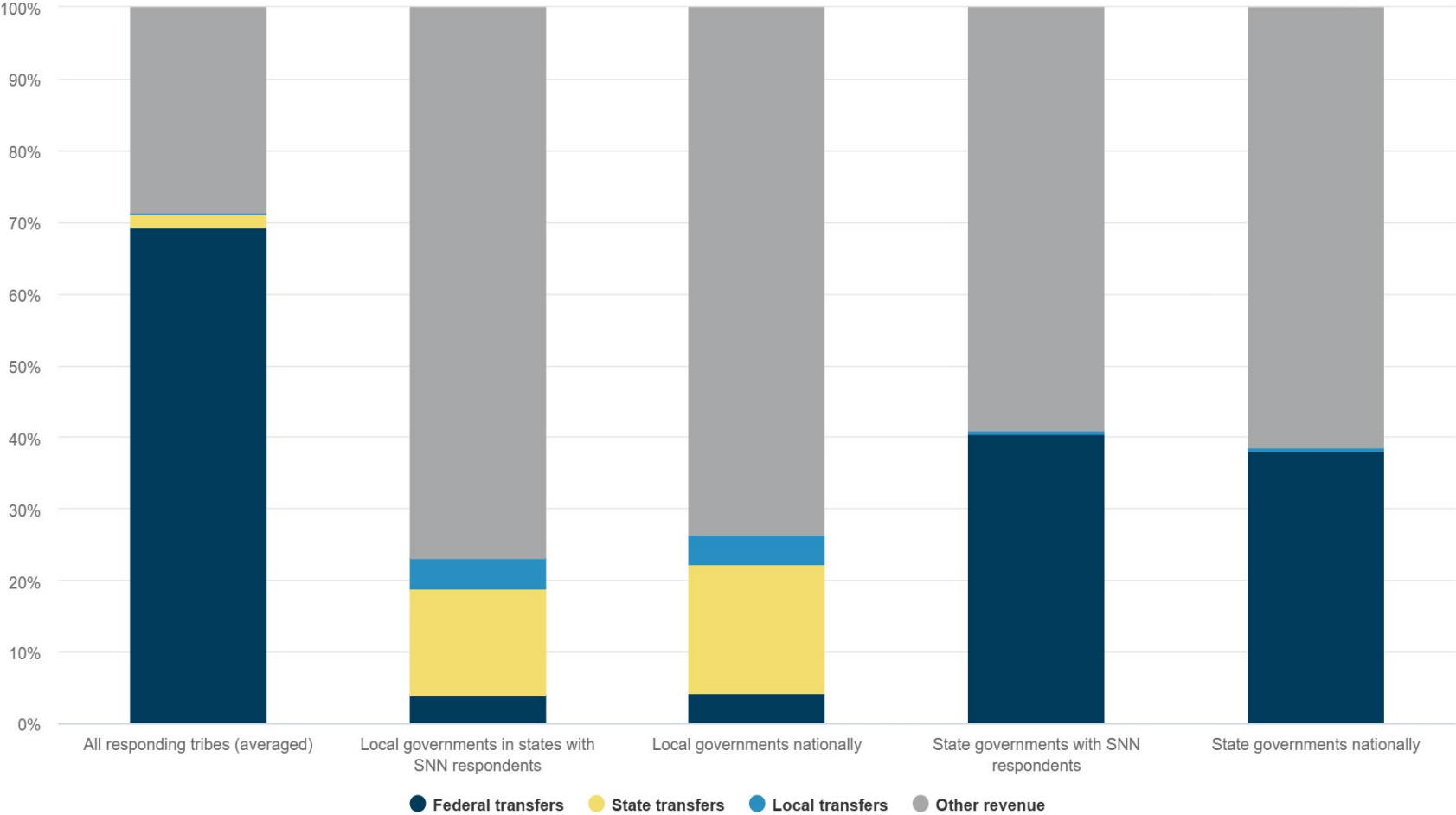
Figure 13: Expenditures by type



Sources: Survey of Native Nations (2022) and U.S. Census Bureau Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances (2022).



Survey of Native Nations Reports – Tribal Government Comparisons



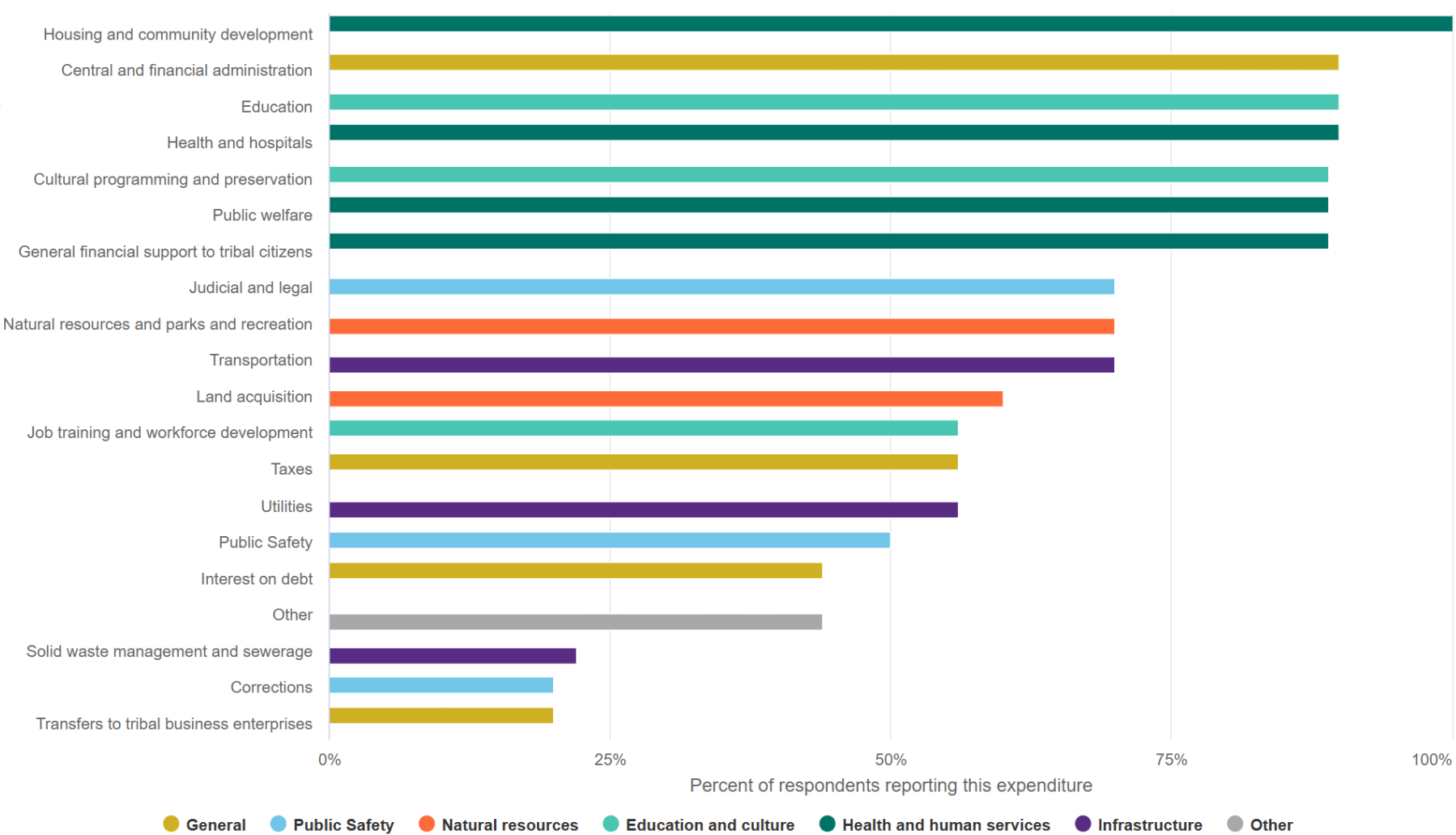
- How does your tribal government compare to others?
- Which goods and services are tribes generating tax revenue? Are tribes generating consistent sales or fee-based revenues?
- How much revenue are other tribal governments transferring from enterprises?
- With cooperation across many tribes over a region, proprietary cuts of data can be arranged

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How SNN Data Impacts CI/CD Future Research

- What taxes to local governments use that are unavailable to tribes? Do we see benefits from the prevalence of tribal tax compacts in a state?
- How do non-Native citizens living in tribal communities and the economy benefit from tribal government funding?
- How does state policymaking impact tribes' ability to grow their economies? How can policy be mutually beneficial?
- How does a tribe's economic success impact the regional economy?



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Protecting Tribal Data

The Fed's Experience

As an independent bank regulator, the Fed already secures the world's most sensitive financial and economic data

System Safeguards

Survey provided on proprietary Fed platform with no 3rd parties for gathering & storage, access to survey is limited and protected by multiple layers of security

Data Sovereignty-Informed Design

Survey designed with tribal data sovereignty principles in mind – giving tribes flexibility and choice in the level of their participation as well as a Data MOU if needed.

Limited Access

CICD access to identifiable tribal data is strictly limited and the Fed/CICD are not subject to data access requests



How SNN Data benefits tribes and Indian Country



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Empowers Tribes to tell a more complete narrative about their governments and the economy

Protects Indian Country data and enables tribes to mutually benefit from anonymous data collaboration

Advances CICD research on tribal government finances with data directly from the primary source

Participating in the survey of native nations

Learn More:



COLLABORATE

- Approve participation through elected leadership
- Identify primary and any secondary respondent(s)
- Brief respondent(s) on the project & securely accessing the survey

PREPARE

- Review survey questions and determine which parts of the survey to participate
- Gather relevant documents - FY'22 audits, federal grant budgets, data possessed by other departments

ACCESS

- Access the online technical assistance resource for a self-paced orientation to the survey
- Request one-on-one technical assistance from survey subject matter experts

Final Report Delivery

Final reports are sent to participating tribes in about 4-6 weeks and are transmitted only to tribal government emails whose identities are confirmed in our multi-factor authentication process. Reports are password-protected to maintain confidentiality.

FINISH

- Most tribes will complete the survey w/ 2-6 hours staff time
- Upload and submit responses on the Fed's secure survey portal



Thank you!