



# Center for Indian Country Development

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The Bank's New Center of Expertise

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# Mission

To help self-governing communities of American Indians in the United States attain their economic development goals

# Background

- Early Bank and FRS Indian Country efforts (1990s and early 2000s)
- Shift to nation building (mid- to late 2000s)

# Current Work

- Legal infrastructure/property rights institution building
- Research and data analysis
- Indian Business Alliances
- Community Reinvestment Act trainings
- Native CDFI research and support
- Financial inclusion and education

# On the Horizon

- ULC Model Tribal Probate Code
- Tribal lands
- HEARTH Act
- Education

# PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

## Leadership Council

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