

Longmont, Colorado-First Nations Development Institute Announces the Publication and Release of "Integrated Asset Building Strategies for Reservation-Based Communities"



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Funded by a generous grant from the **Ford Foundation**, the report includes original research on several key asset-building strategies in Native communities: financial education, individual development accounts, community development financial institutions, entrepreneurship development, building Native controlled philanthropic foundations and funds, and utilizing the earned income tax credit. Drawing upon a unique mix of practitioner and academic research, the report presents new data and analysis of asset building in Native communities.

According to **Michael E. Roberts, President of First Nations**, *"In order to accurately identify and assess the needs and trends in Indian Country, we need to continually review and evaluate **First Nations'** major asset building approaches and their effects in Native communities and this report does just that."* In addition, Roberts notes that the report is being released publicly *"to allow everyone with an interest in Indian Country the opportunity to access the models, tools, analysis and information from **First Nations'** comprehensive body of work over the last 27 years."*

Through a three-pronged strategy of **Educating Grassroots Practitioners, Advocating Systemic Change, and Capitalizing Indian Communities**, **First Nations** is working to restore Native control and culturally-compatible stewardship of the assets they own - be they land, human potential, cultural heritage, or natural resources - and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native communities.

To learn more about this report, or to order copies, visit the **First Nations Development Institute Website** at www.firstnations.org or contact **Sarah Dewees, Director of Research, via email at: sdeweес@firstnations.org or by phone at: 540-371-5615.**

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