

What Donors Need to Know About Native-led Nonprofits

Worksheet: Questions to Investigate

This worksheet accompanies Native Ways Federation's presentation: "[What Donors Need to Know about Native-led Nonprofits](#)" ([watch here](#)). The following questions are intended to help you dig deeper as you seek to better understand Native Nations and communities, and how you can support Native-led nonprofits.

Native Nations & Communities

What Native Nations and communities were historically in your area and what happened to them?

What Native Nations and communities are currently in your area and how did they get there?

How are they structured now and what work do they do?

What is their relationship with various levels of U.S. government (federal, state, local)?

Wealth in America

How does your community, organization, or foundation get its wealth?

What role do Native and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) people play in this story? What role does Native land play in this story?

What can you do to support Native communities and Tribes to thrive? (Hint: Ask Them!)

Native-led Nonprofits

Does your organization define how to determine if a nonprofit is "Native serving"?
What is that definition?

Does your organization identify if nonprofits are Native-led? How is Native-led defined?

Does your organization support Native-led nonprofits, including 501(c)3s, fiscally sponsored, and 7871 Tribal nonprofits? Is there anything restricting you from supporting 7871s?

Does your organization regularly train all staff on definitions and guidance?

What does your support to or engagement with Native causes look like?
What about Native-led nonprofits?



Thank you for learning more about Native Nations, communities, and nonprofits!

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