

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Small Business Administration

Programs with PZ Benefits:

Office of Native American Affairs

Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA)

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/naa>

Benefit Type: Technical and Program Assistance

Eligible Communities: Tribal

Benefits to Promise Zone: ONAA has incorporated the support of Promise Zone communities into the office's ongoing mission. The Office provides entrepreneurs with the resources and tools required to build sustainable businesses and promote economic development within communities.

Program Description: The mission of the Office of Native American Affairs is to ensure that American Indians, Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians seeking to create, develop and expand small businesses have full access to the necessary business development and expansion tools available through the SBA's entrepreneurial development, lending, and government contracting programs. This office provides a network of training and counseling services and engages in numerous outreach activities such as tribal consultations, development and distribution of education materials, and assisting Native American small businesses with SBA programs. The ONAA also is engaged in working with tribal colleges to provide economic and business development resources as well as building reservation-based entrepreneurial development programs. The technical assistance and training that the ONAA provides for Native American small businesses consists of approximately 85% rural and 15% urban small business development.

Work with Promise Zone: Among other work, ONAA has helped facilitate business development training courses and workshops for members of the Promise Zone.

Additional Information: Click [here](#) to locate more program information, including [8\(a\) business development training](#) and other tools for Native American business owners.

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