



## TRANSFORMING THE INDIGENOUS LANDSCAPE OF THE TWIN CITIES



Summary of the Projects & Support for  
The Clyde Bellecourt Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative  
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# TRANSFORMING THE INDIGENOUS LANDSCAPE IN THE TWIN CITIES AND BEYOND



The UILI is comprised of the following Native American community organizations:

-  Ain Dah Yung Center
-  American Indian Community Development Center
-  American Indian Family Center
-  American Indian OIC
-  Division of Indian Work
-  Indigenous Peoples Task Force
-  Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul
-  Little Earth
-  Lower Phalen Creek Project
-  Migizi
-  Minneapolis American Indian Center
-  Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
-  Montessori American Indian Childcare Center
-  Native American Community Development Institute
-  Native American Community Clinic
-  New Native Theatre

## WHO WE ARE

The Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative is a collective of 16 renowned Native American nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities – focused on issues ranging from healthcare to housing, workforce development to childcare – that have provided our communities with powerful and effective services for more than four decades.

We serve low-wealth Minnesotans, most in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but also throughout the state, from Steele County in the south to Aitkin County in the north. In a typical year, we touch more than 10,000 lives with critical support.



## LEGACY ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE:

- Education
- Workforce development
- Direct healthcare
- Behavioral health services
- Homeless/housing services
- Arts/after school enrichment
- Indian child welfare
- and much more for communities

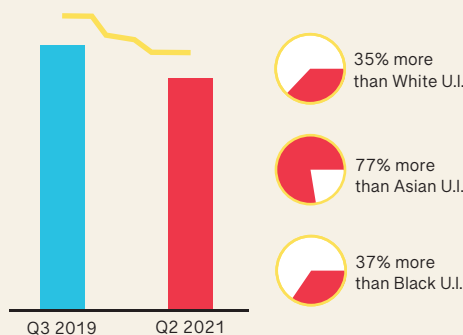
## THE PROBLEM, AND THE SOLUTION

The COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest of the past two years have highlighted the disparities that continue to burden the urban Indigenous community. There simply are high levels of need, and as we strive to support our neighbors, we are grappling with aging, capacity-limiting facilities.

We've come together to seek \$83.3 million in state funding to construct 12 new, culturally affirming buildings that will allow us to address disparities by expanding services, creating safe, empowering experiences for those we serve. It's no accident that the term "legacy" is part of this collaboration. We are recommitting to planting roots in the land of our ancestors, moving forward to transform our community for generations to come.

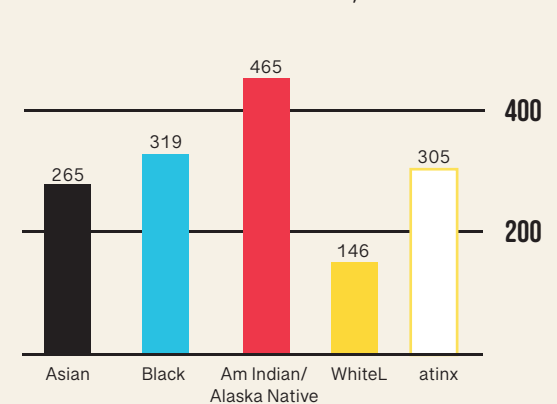
### AMERICAN INDIAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Employment is down 13.7% since 2019



Source: American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau

### COVID-19 DEATH INCIDENCE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS



Source: M.D.H updated 1/27/22



# AIN DAH YUNG CENTER

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

**\$2.5 MILLION**

**PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:**

**\$0**

**ORGANIZATION PROFILE:**

The Ain Dah Yung Center (ADYC) was founded in 1983 in response to the disproportionate number of homeless American Indian youth. Today, it operates three facilities in St. Paul, and its mission is to provide a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness.

Homelessness disproportionately affects American Indians in Minnesota and the Twin Cities. The most recent Wilder Research Minnesota Homeless Survey (2020) found that 12% of homeless adults and a staggering 22% of homeless youth identify as American Indian, despite making up only 1.5% of the population in Minnesota.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

The Ain Dah Yung Center seeks to make capital improvements to two buildings that serve as emergency shelter and transitional support to American Indian youth in the metro area. This request addresses the most urgent capital needs of our Emergency Shelter (serving ages 5-17) and our Youth Lodge (serving youth ages 16-21). Both buildings are more than 100 years old.

For the shelter, required work includes tuckpointing to repair the crumbling brickwork, replacement of both the ADA access and emergency fire escape from the 2nd & 3rd youth sleeping floors, renovation of dilapidated youth bathrooms, and repairs to exterior landscaping to mitigate water issues in the basement. For the Youth Lodge, the most urgent capital improvements are roof and gutter repairs and replacing the dilapidated rear deck walkway.

**BENEFITS:**

Both buildings' improvements benefit the health and welfare of the youth referred through child protection services or experiencing homelessness. The Centers for Disease Control has identified historical trauma and poverty as primary contributing factors to higher rates of transmission and mortality from COVID-19 among American Indian patients. ADYC knows that the only effective way to address these traumas and disparities is to walk alongside youth to create a foundation for reestablishing positive cultural identity, self-esteem, and healing. The building improvements will allow ADYC to continue and expand this critical work.

**WEB:**

[www.adycenter.org](http://www.adycenter.org)

**PHONE:**

651.227.4184





# AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

**\$6.5 MILLION**

**PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:**

**\$0**

**ORGANIZATION PROFILE:**

The American Indian Community Development Corporation was founded more than 30 years ago to provide better support to American Indians on the streets and in shelters. Today, it provides culturally unique initiatives, housing and entrepreneurial programs that strengthen American Indian communities. Its services center on low-barrier supportive housing for more than 200 community members. It operates the Withdrawal Management Center (Detox), serving more than 5,000 annually. It also provides homeless outreach services, including the Homeward Bound Temporary Living Facility, a 50-bed, 24-hour emergency shelter that is the region's first homeless shelter for American Indians.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

The American Indian Community Development Corporation intends to acquire and rehabilitate a 30-bed, in-patient residential treatment center for Native Americans living in the urban and reservation settings suffering from substance use disorders.

The building, at approximately 21,825 square feet, will include commercial kitchen facilities, rooms for individual and group counseling/gatherings, and outdoor space for a healing garden, ceremonies and sweat lodge.

**BENEFITS:**

The proposed treatment center addresses the unmet need for culturally appropriate programs serving American Indians in Minnesota. Native Americans, by all metrics, suffer disproportionately from substance use disorders. At the same time, there are limited residential treatment facilities that provide culturally appropriate treatment and state-of-the-art treatment modalities. COVID-19 has only exacerbated these challenges, worsening the opioid crisis. This new facility will serve as a beacon of hope. This new facility will save lives.



**WEB:**

[www.aicdc-mn.org](http://www.aicdc-mn.org)

**PHONE:**

612.813.1610



# AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY CENTER, MONTESSORI AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDCARE CENTER INTERFAITH ACTION OF GREATER ST. PAUL - DIW

## FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$6.15 MILLION**

## PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$0**

## WEB:

### AIFC:

[www.aifcmn.org](http://www.aifcmn.org)

### Interfaith Action:

[interfaithaction.org/  
what-we-do/diw/](http://interfaithaction.org/what-we-do/diw/)

### Montessori:

[www.americanindian-  
montessori.net](http://www.americanindian-montessori.net)

## PHONE:

### AIFC:

651.793.3803

### Interfaith Action:

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### Montessori:

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## ORGANIZATION PROFILES:

The American Indian Family Center serves approximately 700 American Indian families each year with mental health, recovery, employment, housing, and family and youth services. The Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Department of Indian Work, partners with American Indian families to revitalize culture, education and wellness. Montessori American Indian Childcare Center addresses the early childhood needs and academic achievement gap of American Indian children through revitalizing language and culture.

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

Three American Indian organizations are collaborating to seek \$6.15 million in state support for the predevelopment and site acquisition for a St. Paul American Indian Community Center. The new center will be in St. Paul or the East Metro, addressing the under-served needs of a significant number of American Indians in this part of the Twin Cities. The campus – at approximately 95,500 square feet – will be built from the ground up or redeveloped from existing vacant property. The amount requested will cover immediate space needs and predevelopment costs, including up-front planning services and due-diligence costs (earnest money, survey, environmental, title etc.) associated with obtaining site control for the desired property.

## BENEFITS:

The site will provide community members with centralized access to programs, services and activities offered through models rooted in American Indian cultural values and practices emphasizing intergenerational engagements, and family and community connectedness. The American Indian Community Center will serve an estimated 1,000 American Indian households and 5,000 individuals annually. It will provide 75 families with safe and traditional Montessori American Indian Childcare in a Rule 3 Licensed Childcare Center. It will serve 500 families annually with job and vocational training in a state-of-the-art Technology Center, and it will create job opportunities for community members through the construction of a solar and renewable energy-efficient building and additional social enterprise opportunities. It also will provide food and basic need items at a food shelf for a community residing in a food desert.





# AMERICAN INDIAN OIC

**FUNDING REQUEST:**  
**\$34.5 MILLION**

**PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:**

**\$0**

(During the 2021 legislative session, AIOIC received a two-year appropriation of \$167K annually for its Adult Career Training programs, and two-year funding of \$250K annually to support our Adult Basic Education program and Adult Career Trainings.)

**ORGANIZATION PROFILE:**

American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (AIOIC) was founded in 1979 to address the education and employment disparities faced by American Indians. Today it is a nationally recognized leader in workforce development, providing career-focused education and employment counseling to nearly 1,000 students each year through its Takoda (Dakota for “friend to all”) programs.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

AIOIC is seeking support to design, construct, furnish and equip a new facility for American Indian OIC in the Native American Cultural Corridor in south Minneapolis. The new facility, whether built on the existing site or on an alternative parcel nearby, will expand AIOIC’s useable space from 29,700 square feet to 59,050 square feet.

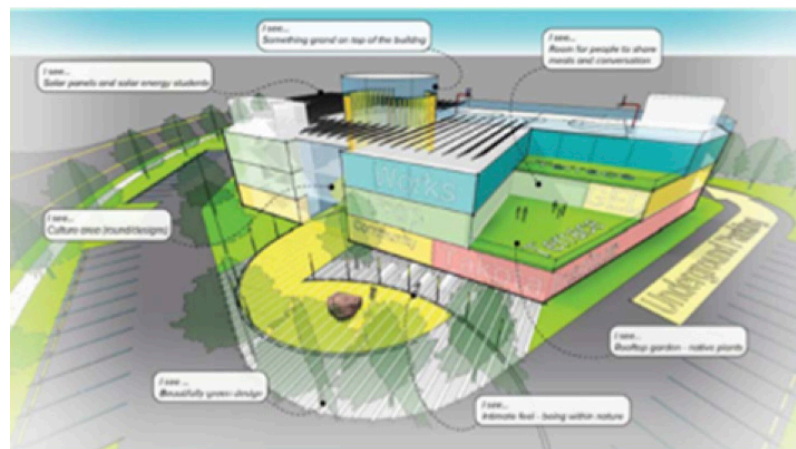
**BENEFITS:**

The project will double AIOIC’s space, allowing the organization to serve more of those in need, strengthening the community.

The additional capacity, for example, will allow AIOIC’s Takoda Prep High School to fulfill Minneapolis Public Schools’ request to expand, boosting enrollment by 300 percent. Enrollment growth of 25 percent also is projected in both the Takoda Institute training program and Takoda Adult Basic Ed/GED. It’s about reaching more people – both in south Minneapolis and beyond – but also fueling results. AIOIC has a proven track record. Its high school students are 40% more likely to graduate and 20% more likely to enroll in post-secondary education than their peers. AIOIC’s programming also leads to higher education and lower recidivism for youth with criminal justice contact. The labor market is demanding more skilled workers – and the agency’s expanded facilities will ensure that students have the up-to-date skills needed to step into the jobs of today ... and tomorrow.

**WEB:**  
[www.aioic.org](http://www.aioic.org)

**PHONE:**  
612.341.3358





## DIVISION OF INDIAN WORK

### FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$2.5 MILLION**

### PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$0**

### ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Since 1952, the Division of Indian Work (DIW) has provided services to the Twin Cities American Indian community, supporting and strengthening people through culturally based education, traditional healing approaches and leadership development. Our services are provided free-of-charge to approximately 3,000 people annually, including tribal members from across Minnesota.

### PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Division of Indian Work's main building on Lake Street, built 27 years ago, needs parking lot repaving, replacement of doors to improve security, interior painting, new fencing, an updated phone system and plumbing projects in bathrooms on each of four floors.

The Division of Indian Work also intends to demolish and rebuild on property it owns adjacent to its main building at 1001 East Lake Street in Minneapolis.

The property currently features a converted duplex built in the early 1900s that in recent years served as transitional housing for teen mothers. Now in disrepair and unoccupied, the agency is reviewing options for the property, including construction of a 9000-square-foot apartment complex or a youth development center to increase capacity to serve youth in after-school and summer programs.

### BENEFITS:

repairs to the main building will allow the Division of Indian Work to continue serving the community in its four program areas. The larger project will enable DIW to best utilize this property to serve our community by expanding services either in housing or youth development.

The property at 3011 10th Avenue South, next to DIW.



### WEB:

[www.diw-mn.org](http://www.diw-mn.org)

### PHONE:

612.722.8722



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TASK FORCE

### FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$2.5 MILLION**

### PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$2 MILLION IN 2020**

### ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Founded in 1987 to develop and implement culturally appropriate HIV education and direct services to the Native community. The health-focused Indigenous Peoples Task Force's broad array of services include housing and case management for people living with HIV, suicide and teen pregnancy prevention through cultural arts, and a return to first medicines.

### PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Indigenous People's Task Force (IPTF) plans to construct a new modern multi-service center, the Mikwanedun Audisookon Center for Art and Wellness, in the economically disadvantaged and underserved Phillips neighborhoods of Minneapolis. The 12,614-square-foot enter center will include office and clinic space, a theatre, a commercial kitchen and café, and a healing room. The building will incorporate green elements, such as use of Indigenous-based stabilized compressed earth block ("SCEB") and regenerative landscaping. This new space is critical to meeting the growth of current services, and creating new ones that can lead to improved health, housing and economic outcomes. The economic fallout and disruptions to health and vital social services brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with systemic barriers to health and prosperity Native Americans experience, have led to a dramatic increase in need for services. Many more members of our community find themselves homeless and food insecure.

### BENEFITS:

The center will allow IPTF to enhance and expand its existing youth programs, health education and services, and housing and environmental justice advocacy, while adding new innovative arts, food, and employment training and workforce development services. The proposed center will address rising local demand for culturally specific education and social services that: 1) reduce chronic diseases and promote health and well-being; 2) provide training for in-demand skills and entrepreneurial development in the arts and food to increase employment and income generation opportunities for youth and adults; and 3) strengthen ties to culture and community. It will strengthen IPTF's capacity to provide a wraparound spectrum of services that improves the quality of life and economic opportunity of Native Americans and other BIPOC youth, individuals, and families.

### WEB:

[indigenouspeoplestf.org](http://indigenouspeoplestf.org)

### PHONE:

612.870.1723







# LITTLE EARTH

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

**\$1.2 MILLION**

**PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:**

**\$0**

**ORGANIZATION PROFILE:**

Little Earth is a 9.4-acre, 212-unit housing complex in south Minneapolis. Founded in 1973, it remains the only Indigenous-preference, project-based Section 8 rental assistance community in the United States. It is home to nearly 1,200 residents, 50% of whom are under the age of 21. The community has 38 different tribal affiliations, and its programming is designed around five key pillars: education, workforce development, health/wellness, safety and life skills.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

The proposed project includes much-needed improvements to aging facilities, including installation of bullet-proof glass and new flooring for our Youth Center; replacement air conditioning and furnace units, and roof repair. The funding also will provide for replacement of two playgrounds currently closed due to unsafe conditions.

**BENEFITS:**

The Little Earth community is a model of self-determination for all Native peoples, prioritizing the elimination of systemic barriers through wrap-around support services designed to move communities forward as well as address existing conditions. Residents, working diligently to strengthen the community, will benefit from improved living conditions for themselves and their children.

**WEB:**

[www.littleearth.org](http://www.littleearth.org)

**PHONE:**

612.724.0023





# LOWER PHALEN CREEK PROJECT

## FUNDING REQUEST:

### \$1.4 MILLION

This is a public-private partnership with the City of Saint Paul.

Development agreements and long-term lease agreements were updated, finalized and approved in 2021.

## PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

### \$3 MILLION IN 2018

### \$1 MILLION IN 2020

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

Lower Phalen Creek Project is a Native-Led, East Side St. Paul environmental conservation nonprofit. Founded in 1997 by community activists, its project area stretches from Lake Phalen to the Mississippi River and throughout the East Side River District. The organization's mission is to engage people in honoring and caring for natural places, and the sacred sites and cultural value within them. Through its programs in Urban Conservation, Environmental Justice, and Cultural Connections, LPCP serves more than 5,600 people annually. Building on 20 years of work on the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in St. Paul, Lower Phalen Creek Project is the developer of Wakan Tipi Center, a cultural and environmental interpretive center, under a formal development agreement and long-term lease with the City of Saint Paul.

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

The 9,000-square-foot Wakan Tipi Center, located in the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, will feature a reception area, classrooms, permanent and temporary exhibit space, a community gathering area, Indigenous teaching gardens, and gallery to showcase and expand the value of the sanctuary.

## BENEFITS:

Named Wakan Tipi Center to honor the significance of Wakan Tipi Cave as a Dakota sacred place, the center will expand environmental and cultural programs for local youth and community members, as well as Indigenous Peoples, bird enthusiasts, walkers, bicyclists and all who enjoy the calm respite of this special preserve.

Part of the Great River Passage Initiative, the center will offer unique opportunities to learn about the Indigenous Peoples of Minnesota, our shared histories and current urban ecology, serving as a place for cultural healing, life-long learning and inspiration.

## WEB:

[www.lowerphalen-creek.org](http://www.lowerphalen-creek.org)





## MIGIZI

### FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$4.4 MILLION**

### PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$0**

### ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

MIGIZI is an American Indian youth organization that provides a strong circle of support that nurtures the educational, social, economic and cultural development of American Indian youth. Specifically, it provides academic support, media and green energy training and employment opportunities for more than 200 American Indian youth each year.

### PROPOSED PROJECT:

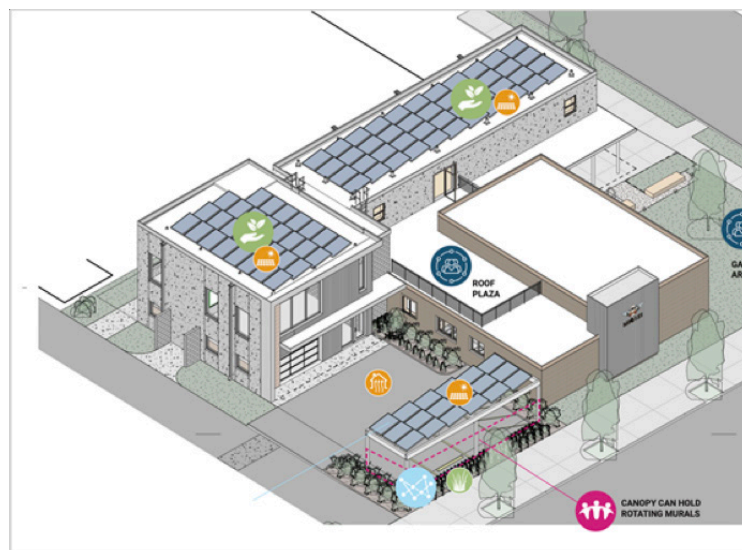
In May 2020, the civil uprising on Lake Street destroyed Migizi's newly renovated building located at 3017 27th Avenue near the Third Precinct in south Minneapolis, forcing the organization to find temporary housing while it searched for new space. In January 2021, it bought a building at 1845 East Lake Street and now is seeking funding to construct, renovate, furnish and equip its new home. The scope of the \$5.5 million project includes an addition of 2,200 square feet and a remodel of 5,720 square feet in the existing two-story building.

The building – which needs structural steel fortification – will include a large gathering/learning space, Teen Tech Media/Radio/Recording studio and commercial kitchen. Capitalizing on the opportunity to build GREEN, the space will have geo-thermal heating and cooling systems, and solar arrays.

### BENEFITS:

Migizi has been in crisis mode for the majority of 2020 and 2021 due to the civil unrest and the pandemic. We are unable to operate completely in our rental space due to the limited size, and our summer programming is particularly challenging because we work with 40-50 youth.

A new, expanded space will allow us to serve youth with education, training and employment opportunities.



### WEB:

[www.migizi.org](http://www.migizi.org)

### PHONE:

612.721.6631



# MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER & NEW NATIVE THEATRE

## FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$5 MILLION**

Approximately \$19 million already has been committed to the project.

## PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$155K IN 2017**

**\$5 MILLION IN 2018**

**\$2.6 MILLION IN 2020**

(for construction and renovation)

## WEB:

**MAIC:**

[www.maicnet.org](http://www.maicnet.org)

**New Native Theatre:**

[newnativetheatre.org](http://newnativetheatre.org)

## PHONE:

**MAIC:**

612.879.1700

**New Native Theatre:**

612.367.7639

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

The Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC) is a community center in the heart of the American Indian community of Minneapolis. It is one of the oldest Indian centers in the country, founded in 1975. MAIC provides educational and social services to more than 10,000 members of the community annually, preserving and supporting American Indian cultural traditions through art, youth and inter-generational programs. MAIC serves people in all 11 tribal nations in Minnesota.

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

At a total cost of approximately \$30 million, this project will restore, preserve and expand the existing community center. Approximately 43,486 square feet of the current facility will be preserved and renovated, and approximately 21,576 square feet of new space will be added. Highlights of the project include space for job training and workforce development, family and youth services, social enterprise initiatives, and health and wellness services that encompass Native American culture. The building will serve as the new home for the New Native Theatre. The expanded Gatherings Café will accommodate catering and workforce training. A new Best Buy Teen Tech Center will feature support graphic arts, 3D design, and video and audio capabilities. Expansion of the health and wellness facilities will include a revenue-generating community fitness center and upgraded full-size gymnasium.

## BENEFITS:

Programming at MAIC has expanded dramatically in recent years, driven in large part by disparities that disproportionately impact the historically marginalized American Indian population. The organization is poised to amplify the scale of its evidence-based program models and elevate its positive impact in creating equity for thousands of Native American children, youth, adults, elders and families. An extensive renovation and expansion of MAIC's current facility is essential to support the community.





# MINNESOTA INDIAN WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

## FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$4 MILLION**

## PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$0**

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) is a nonprofit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of American Indian women and their families. Founded in 1984, MIWRC provides programs that support and empower American Indian women, ranging from family services to affordable housing to mental health. Its mission is to empower Native women and families to exercise their cultural values with integrity, and to achieve sustainable lifeways, while advocating for justice and equity

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

The proposed \$4 million project will allow MIWRC to transform the existing 14 permanent, low-income housing units into 22 transitional, service-intensive housing units. Specifically, the organization will convert 14 two- and three-bedroom rental units into 22 efficiency-, one- and two-bedroom apartments with increased functionality, especially with accommodating tenants' accessibility and security needs. The efficiency units will be "microunits," traditionally defined in size as 350-500 square feet or less with a full kitchen and bathroom. Serving a population that has the highest rate of homelessness in Minneapolis, MIWRC will offer the micro units to single individuals experiencing homelessness and chemical dependency.

## BENEFITS:

MIWRC provides outreach to unsheltered American Indian women, specifically those experiencing sexual and gender based violence. The culture specific, wrap-around approach will expand the supportive housing services MIWRC provides. With more units, MIWRC will be able to serve more individuals and ensure they are supported in their healing journey. Each unit will be furnished, allowing residents to focus on accessing MIWRC's culturally specific supportive services provided as soon as they move into their transitional housing. The rehabilitation and reconfiguration also will allow MIWRC to take advantage of modern technologies and green designs, and will bring the units in line with building codes.

## WEB:

[www.miwrc.org](http://www.miwrc.org)

## PHONE:

612.728.2000





# NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLINIC

## FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$12 MILLION**

## PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$3.8 MILLION IN 2020**

(to purchase the site)

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

The Native American Community Clinic (NACC) opened in 2003 to address the health disparities experienced by the urban Native American community of the Twin Cities. The clinic offers a full range of healthcare services, including medical, behavioral health, dental and substance abuse programs, as well as spiritual care and access to traditional healing. Each year, NACC provides more than 19,300 patient visits to more than 4,500 individuals from the Twin Cities and across the state, 73% of whom are Native American. An estimated 75% of patients fall below 100% of the federal poverty level. Recent data indicated that 60% have mental health and/or substance use disorders, and nearly all have a co-occurring chronic illness, most often depression or diabetes.

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

NACC is building a new clinic and expanding its services to include affordable housing. The vision is a modernized, expanded state-of-the-art culturally centered health center squarely in the heart of the American Indian Cultural Corridor that will include as many as 50 affordable housing units. Though Native Americans make up less than 2% of Minnesota's population, they comprise 24% of the homeless population. This greatly affects the health and wellness of our community. The new construction of the \$39 million project will more than double NACC's current clinic footprint (from 11,000 square feet to 25,000 square feet) and will significantly expand capacity.

## BENEFITS:

NACC's health campus and housing development will provide connections between health care services, housing and jobs. It will strengthen the web of critical services that the community needs, and address health and housing equity through a model that can be replicated elsewhere in the state. In addition to the 80 retained livable-wage jobs, NACC anticipates creating an additional 20+ fulltime livable wage jobs, 15+ temporary FTE construction jobs, and increasing annual revenue by more than \$3 million. This includes NACC's commitment to maintaining a talented, culturally competent and mission-driven workforce through strategic recruitment, retention, training and equitable pay. In support of this goal, NACC has increased its minimum starting wage to \$20/hour in 2022.



## WEB:

[nacc-healthcare.org](http://nacc-healthcare.org)

## PHONE:

612.872.8086



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*Sincerely,*

**Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, Urban Indian Advisory Board**

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January 19, 2022

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Pidamayaye (Thank you),

Johnny Johnson  
Tribal Council President



**RED LAKE BAND**  
**of CHIPPEWA INDIANS**  
**RED LAKE NATION HEADQUARTERS**



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Sincerely

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