

Amendment 11-2021

**NORTHERN OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC**  
**DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**  
**2017-2021 Plan**

**Serving North Central Oklahoma**

November 2021

***Add Goal IV under Section 5. Strategic Direction:***

**IV. Assist our Native American tribal partners in economic development that will benefit the tribes and their members.** NODA recognizes the importance and benefits the tribes have to our region. Strong tribes will only strengthen NODA's region and our citizens, both tribal and non-tribal.

Tribes with a known physical presence in NODA's district include Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Kaw Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

1. Support the development of businesses to provide improved quality of life, such as access to food, jobs, local shopping, etc., within the tribal communities.
2. Provide enhanced access to infrastructure financial assistance programs, such as grants, loans, etc.
3. Assist, as requested, with the diversification of their economy.
4. Assist and support the development of local and sustainable development.
5. Support entrepreneurial development within the tribal communities.
6. Increase access to capital for economic development.
7. Support the tribes in capitalizing on their location, as well as the uniqueness of each tribe's culture.

***Add IV action items to the Action Plan:***

- IV.1. Support the development of businesses to provide improved quality of life, such as local access to food, jobs, shopping, etc., within the tribal communities.**
- a. Support tribal development efforts where possible, with technical assistance services to develop and/or redevelop businesses to support tribal members.

**IV.2. Provide enhanced access to infrastructure financial assistance programs, such as grants, loans, etc.**

- a. Provide access to state and federal grant and loan opportunities through grant application assistance, loan referrals, etc.
- b. Improve the level of quality of assistance in the application process.
- c. Maintain and provide application packets and provide technical assistance in application processes.

**IV.3. Assist, as requested, with the diversification of their economy.**

- a. Work with state and local organizations to promote the development of local tourism resources within the tribal areas, with priorities on agri-tourism, and historical preservation.
- c. Assist tribal communities in developing economic activities using locally produced products and local labor.
- d. Promote sustainable development projects by working with local tribes and entrepreneurs to access EDA and other federal, state and local programs.
- e. Promote new technology and product development to further diversification by working with local tribes and entrepreneurs to access federal, state, and local assistance programs.

**IV.4. Assist and support the development of local and sustainable development.**

- a. Assist local tribes with Brownsfield redevelopment projects that may be discovered on their property.
- b. Promote tourism and agri-tourism potential within tribal boundaries.

**IV.5. Support entrepreneurial development within the tribal communities.**

- a. Assist tribal leaders in identifying and recruiting tribal entrepreneurs.
- b. Assist tribal entrepreneurs through linkages, referral and direct assistance, (where possible) to assess the feasibility of new products, to market new or existing products, and to get into or expand production of new or existing products.
- c. Assist area entrepreneurs through linkages, referral, etc., in obtaining financing for new or expanding ventures.

**IV.6. Increase access to capital for tribal economic development.**

- a. Market and administer the NODA regional revolving loan fund program with a priority on the establishment and expansion of new businesses.
- b. Provide technical assistance, as requested, to local tribes with regard to financing necessary for development infrastructure.

**IV.7. Support the tribes in capitalizing on their location, as well as the uniqueness of each tribe's culture.**

- a. Assist tribes in promoting their proximity to Interstate 35 and with direct links with the development of infrastructure to capitalize on NAFTA.
- b. Assist with the promotion of each tribe's unique culture, traditions, etc., as requested by tribal leaders.