

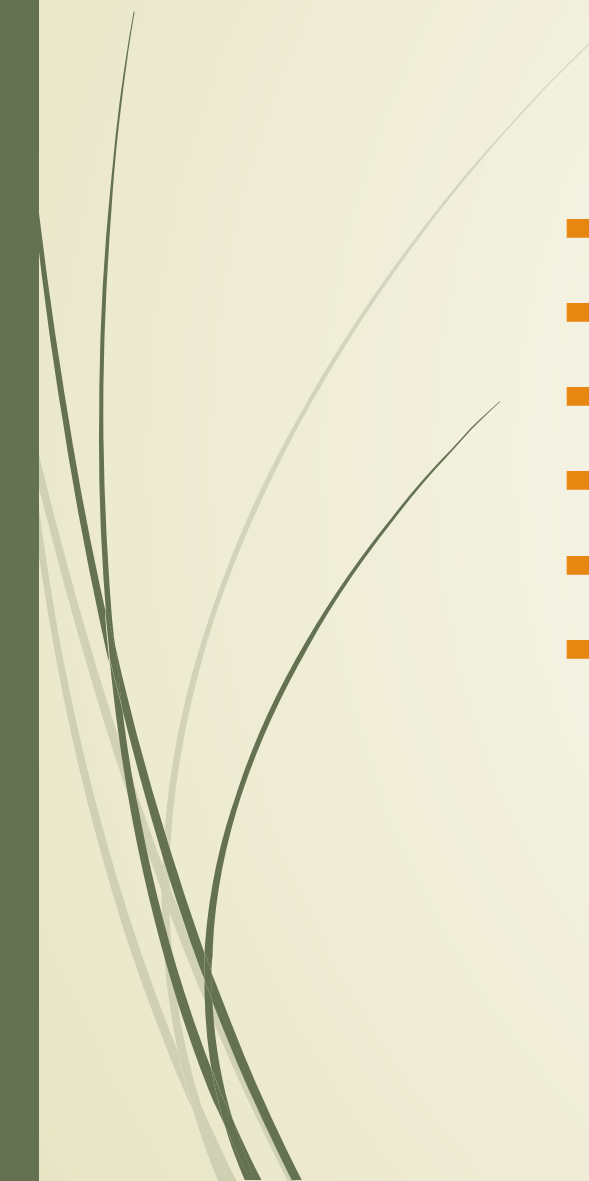


Nez Perce Broadband

Overcoming Adversity



Initiate Collaboration

- ▶ Identify regional digital capacity
 - ▶ Complete needs assessment
 - ▶ Participate in regional planning
 - ▶ Understand challenges
 - ▶ Develop resources
 - ▶ Document risk
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Objectives & Goals



- ▶ Develop a clear project objective
 - ▶ Develop reservation wide broadband network
- ▶ Present correct, complete project messaging
 - ▶ Provide inclusive connectivity; reservation, surrounding communities and region
- ▶ Consistent forward momentum
 - ▶ Plan for an unknown future or unknown demand
- ▶ Present concise materials describing a complicated subject
 - ▶ What is it, why do we need it, how does it help




Funding Sources

- ▶ Grant opportunities
 - ▶ Federal
 - ▶ State
 - ▶ Foundation
 - ▶ No funding is too small – it all adds to the overall objective
 - ▶ Think macro while planning micro
 - ▶ When opportunity presents itself, go big
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Overcoming Adversity

- ▶ Be prepared
 - ▶ Tell your story; collect stories
 - ▶ Respond positively
 - ▶ Identify allies
 - ▶ Provide solutions
 - ▶ Stay the course
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Adopt & Adapt

- ▶ It's only the start
 - ▶ There's always something new
 - ▶ Demand never decreases
 - ▶ Acknowledge shortcomings
 - ▶ Plan workforce development
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Links



[Office of Native Affairs and Policy | Federal Communications Commission \(fcc.gov\)](#)
[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program | BroadbandUSA \(doc.gov\)](#)

[Funding Opportunities | U.S. Economic Development Administration \(eda.gov\)](#)

[Office of Tribal Relations | USDA](#)

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