



**A Certified Native Community  
Development Financial Institution**



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## OUR MISSION

The Nimiipuu Fund facilitates financial independence by enhancing the personal and entrepreneurial capacity of the Nez Perce Reservation and surrounding communities. We promote economic growth while embracing our cultural values and traditions by providing tailored financial products and services.

## OUR VISION

A better financial life by advancing individual self-determination and self-sufficiency for every community member.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# MARKET SURVEY

## Dear Community Members,

Nimiipuu Community Development Fund, your local Native Community Financial Institution (CDFI) loan fund, has existed since 2013. We provide technical support, financial education/coaching, and financial resources to Nez Perce Tribal members and community members residing on the Nez Perce Reservation and surrounding areas in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

A highlight is supporting the entrepreneurial spirit in our community. Nimiipuu Fund was able to launch over \$900,000 in consumer and business loans since 2016. From hospitality, childcare, food, artists, and construction, we care for you! Our technical services and workshops also helped with launching businesses or readjusting with the global pandemic into e-commerce.

As Nimiipuu Fund strives to move forward, they reach out to you for support and success. We look to continue creating more successes within the community and that includes bright ideas from the youth financial education or business workshops like "Side Hustle" or to our elders with promoting estate planning.

To help Nimiipuu Fund act upon their next move, and better help its community, please help in determining the future of this organization to meet your needs.

We are currently doing a market survey to help us determine the action tasks to take. In order to better help the people, our community, and those aspiring entrepreneurs we want to ensure our next step best benefits you, our clients.

What are some of the goals you wish to see from us as a small community development fund for growing our business? Is there new loan products or services that are needed such as housing, business space, financial education, or a tribal financial institution? Let us hear from you!

Nimiipuu Fund is providing incentives for completing our market survey, including drawing for prizes. You can complete the paper form by requesting from our office or complete online on our website at [www.nimiipuufund.org](http://www.nimiipuufund.org).

Sincerely,

Jonelle Yearout, Executive Director



## Nimiipuu Fund Announces

# NEW LOAN APPLICATION

Lenderfit is a project management tool that will allow us to provide a better client experience through an intuitive, no-code platform. With a focus on document collection, communication, and context, our team will be able to provide a consistent experience for staff and clients alike. With easy access to a cloud-based application on a computer, or a mobile device, Lenderfit makes it easy to upload documents and communicate more effectively throughout a clearly outlined customer journey.





2021 Nimiipuu Fund  
Golf Scramble

# RESULTS

**STROKERS DIVISION**

**1st Gross: Merrill Lynch (58)**

Jay Kirkpatrick  
Tom Thoen  
Shannon Wheeler  
Paul French

**1st Net: Little Roots Learning Center (53)**

Gio Villvicencio  
James Simpson  
Jim Alfrey  
JT Reynolds

**HACKERS DIVISION**

**1st Gross: Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Team 2 "USS Enterprise" (63)**

Shelby Leighton  
Melvin Nightpipe  
Mitch Wilson  
Drew Church

**1st Net: Seneca Direct (56)**

Jesse Leighton  
Preston Leighton  
Kendall Leighton  
Josh Leighton

**SIDE BET WINNERS**

**Team KP #3 & #16**

Phil Beste  
Ron Vig  
Jerry Beste  
Bob Moomey

**Team KP #8**

Chad B.  
Justine Miles  
Tim McCormack  
Larry Baker

**Team 2nd Shot #10**

Kermit Mankiller  
Tucker Carlson  
Zach Eastman  
Nikoli Greene

**Team 2nd Shot #6**

Zeke Domebo  
Jamie Olson  
Rob SiJohn  
Keith Kipp Jr.

**Team Long Putt #9**

Gabe Bohnee  
John Wheaton  
Ira Ellenwood  
Matt Dudley

**Team Long Putt #18**

James Patton  
Tsaga Feleke  
Abe Broncheau  
Manuel Coversup

# QEGI 'YEW 'YEW / THANK YOU

**For Making the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble a huge success!**

Nimiipuu Fund, Native CDFI held its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble at the Nez Perce Tribe's 18-hole championship course at Red Wolf Golf Club. It was a beautiful day with temperate weather, good vibes, and smiles as 88 participants (22 teams) prepared for a day of activities.

The Nimiipuu Fund golf scramble builds partnerships and raises awareness of our mission by highlighting success stories and building financial independence and our local business ecosystem. We were able to raise funds to build a better financial life by advancing individual self-determination and self-sufficiency for every community member.

Each year we strive to bring in someone legendary and this year did not disappoint. Professional long driver Troy "Trigger" Teal

attended the golf scramble to showcase his talents. Andrea Domebo, Red Wolf Golf Club employee, volunteered to have Troy hit a golf ball off her body before giving a demonstration of his amazing golf ball hitting skills. Another highlight for our golfers included a shot at the \$10,000 Hole-in-One prize by our sponsor HUB Insurance.

We are grateful for the Red Wolf Golf Club staff and the generosity from volunteers and sponsors who helped make this year's event run smoothly. A special thank you to our major event Weptes (Eagle) Sponsors Merrill Lynch Larson-Kirkpatrick Group Private Wealth Management, Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises, and Nez Perce Tribe.

**THANK YOU GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS**



# 2021 EVENTS



View all Nimiipuu Fund and our community partner classes and events online at [www.nimiipuufund.org/classes-events](http://www.nimiipuufund.org/classes-events).

## National Small Business Week Virtual Summit

**Sept. 13-15** This year's free event will focus on small business economy renewal as we build back better from the pandemic induced economic crisis. Register online at [www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week](http://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week).

## Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide

**Sept. 13-15, Oct. 26-28, Nov. 30-Dec. 2** Learn the process and benefits to purchasing a home as well as the responsibilities of owning and maintenance. Reserve your space with Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority by calling (208) 843-2229 or emailing [sonyas@nezperce.org](mailto:sonyas@nezperce.org).

## Instagram for Beginners

**Sept. 22, Webinar** Don't know where to start to create a stunning Instagram feed? Have you been thinking about using Instagram but are unsure if it's the right option for your business? Register online at [ntv.bz/septembersocial](http://ntv.bz/septembersocial).

## Improving Engagement and Participation with Youth Learners

**Sept. 23, Webinar** Are you a youth leader or facilitator and need some new ideas to get and keep the youth engaged in person or online? Register online at [ntv.bz/septemberyouth](http://ntv.bz/septemberyouth).

## University of Idaho Financial Conference

**Oct. 1, 2021, University Inn, Moscow**

Relevant, timely and positive financial topics as we move forward. Cost is free, please RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/3sRnvi0>.

## Building Native Communities: Money Basics

**Oct. 11-13** Get a fresh start in going back to the basics of taking control of your resources and money. Reserve your space with Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority by calling (208) 843-2229 or emailing [sonyas@nezperce.org](mailto:sonyas@nezperce.org).

## Nez Perce Tribe General Council

**Nov. 18-20, Wa-A-'Yas Community Center, Kamiah**

The General Council includes all enrolled Nez Perce citizens over age 18 to review reports from the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

## Native American Entrepreneurial

# EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

August 12-13, 2021 // Kamiah, Idaho

Kyle and Kiah Smith, trainers from Redwinds, provided participants with skills to develop and expand their business idea by using tools and group interaction with business model canvas (pictured left). 21 participants attended with Tribal-owned business ideas such as THC magazine, food truck, antique and food store, media sharing business, and culture coffee shop.

Day one started with two questions: "What is stopping you?" and "What would you like to learn?" The answers varied but common answers included funding, knowledge, resources, legal process, time management, inventory, networking, and place bound. Participants identified their target market for distribution and were separated into two groups to develop a business plan.

Day two began with "How well do you understand your own market?" and participants learned about marketing mix, research, record keeping, financial planning, and identified whether their business requires an LLC or is a sole proprietor.

Participants walked away with the start of their business models and cohort of tribal entrepreneurs. Redwinds will follow up with virtual training in September, details forthcoming. This training is in partnership with Nimiipuu Fund and SBA's Office of Native American Affairs. To learn more about Redwinds visit [www.nativesmallbusiness.org](http://www.nativesmallbusiness.org). Learn more about Nimiipuu Fund's upcoming events visit our website at [www.nimiipuufund.org](http://www.nimiipuufund.org).

