Great opportunity for Native American-owned businesses

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If you're a small business owner from an area Pueblo and your business needs a financial boost, don't miss the opportunity to receive up to $25,000 from the Native American Venture Acceleration Fund.

By October 18, complete a proposal application that details the specialized services or equipment you need to increase your company's revenue and employees. Past awards have gone to businesses that need websites, software, or consulting services. Regular operating expenses and salaries are *not* funded—neither are proposals relating to gaming, alcohol, or tobacco.

Eligible businesses must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a tribal member of the Pueblos of Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Santa Clara, Pojoaque, Taos, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, Cochiti or Jemez. The company must be located in Sandoval, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, San Miguel, Mora, Rio Arriba, or Taos County.

Than Povi Fine Art Gallery in Cuyamungue was a Native American VAF winner in 2013.

Proposals that meet the eligibility requirements will be evaluated by a committee of business experts on their potential to create new jobs, increase or diversify revenues for the company, and leverage other investments.

This opportunity is made possible by the Regional Development Corporation, in partnership with the Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, to further the development of tribally held businesses in Northern New Mexico as a way of creating jobs and diversifying the economy.

For more information, contact Vangie Trujillo (505-665-4284, vangie@lanl.gov), or attend an information session from 1–4 p.m. on September 21 at the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board office (94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe).