Appendix D: Summary of Investment Types

INVESTMENT SOURCE	INVESTMENT TYPE	APPROACH	CONSIDERATIONS
BANKS	GRANTS SPONSORSHIPS LOC EQ2 SENIOR DEBT	 Start small w/ request for sponsorships, operating grants Build financial and lending strength before asking for lending capital 	 Highly numbers focused Stringent underwriting process Limited reporting Can be larger amounts Funds usually unrestricted in terms of lending
TRIBES/TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS	GRANTS CONTRACT FOR SERVICES DEBT GUARANTEES	 Demonstrate competency Build connections Identify best partner entity Show benefit to tribal community 	 Politics—strings attached Limited underwriting and reporting Funding tailored to Native CDFI needs Usually restricted funds for tribal members
FOUNDATIONS	GRANT PRI	 Identify appropriate person to build relationship Tell your story Demonstrate fit with foundation priorities 	 Highly relationship driven Underwriting more stringent for PRIs More flexibility Impact focused Applications and reporting typically simpler Usually restricted funds
FEDERAL	GRANTS DEBT	 Build good programmatic foundation Have a plan for growth or addition of services Write a strong application 	 Larger amounts of multi-year funding available Less numbers focused Activity, outcome focused Applications can be complex Extensive reporting Restricted funds Much less relationship driven

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CDFI INTERMEDIARY	GRANTS DEBT	 Identify intermediary with funding that meets your needs Talk to the appropriate person within the org to get started 	 More flexible May have free TA or small grants available Typically higher cost loans
CORPORATIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS SPONSORSHIPS	 Find marketing/PR person for larger businesses 	 Unrestricted funds Application and reporting almost non-existent Usually smaller funding amounts May have to educate biz about CDFI Provide PR opportunities
INDIVIDUALS	DEBT	 Can approach high wealth individuals you have connections to, or conduct individual outreach campaign 	 Unrestricted, flexible funds No application No reporting (but stay in touch) Short-term Time consuming to develop and manage
RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	GRANTS DEBT	 Identify ROs that serve your geographic area, identify appropriate contact person Tell your story 	 Application and reporting are very simple Lending investments are unsecured and unrestricted Usually very low cost funds Often required to have majority low-income people on the board May require you complete strategic plan or training Investments are often shorter-term

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INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS	DEBT	 Work in collaborations with close partners to press for larger investment Anticipate a formal presentation to their Board 	 Much larger investments Difficult to access for small CDFIs Look for socially minded investors