

NAHATA FOUNDATION, INC.



Helping Rebuild Native America

PAST COMPLETED GRANT PORTFOLIO

2022 – 2025

*A Record of Impact, Partnership & Progress
Strengthening Navajo Communities*



COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT



WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT



HOUSING
IMPROVEMENT



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



CULTURE
& HERITAGE

Nahata Foundation, Inc.

Past Completed Grant & Project Portfolio 2022 through 2025

Organization: Nahata Foundation, Inc.

Status: 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

Service Area: Navajo Nation

Mission: Helping Rebuild Native America through education, workforce development, housing improvement, cultural preservation, and community empowerment.

Executive Summary

Since 2022, Nahata Foundation, Inc. has successfully managed and implemented multiple grant-funded projects focused on youth workforce development, skilled trades training, housing rehabilitation, business development, capacity building, economic development, and community revitalization.

Through strategic partnerships and grant investments, Nahata Foundation has leveraged \$368,500 in direct grant funding and consulting contracts to serve Navajo communities while creating pathways for youth and adults to gain valuable employment skills and professional development opportunities.



Portfolio Snapshot - Chronological Order

Year	Project	Funding Source	Award / Contract Amount
2022	Creating Jobs Through Business Training	USDA Rural Business Development Grant	\$97,500
2022	Sandstone Housing Rehabilitation	USDA Housing Preservation Grant	\$100,000
2022-2023	Trade Training & Capacity Building	Wells Fargo Invest Native	\$50,000
2023	Sandstone Housing Rehabilitation II	Wells Fargo Invest Native	\$80,000
2023	Navajo Chamber Economic Development Project	USDA RBDG / Community Builders, Inc.	\$16,000
2024	Youth Carpentry Training Project	Indigenous Environmental Network	\$15,000
2025	Operational Capacity Building	Wells Fargo Philanthropy & Community Impact	\$10,000

Total Completed Grant and Contract Portfolio: \$368,500

2022 - Creating Jobs Through Business Training

Funding Source: USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

Award / Contract Amount: \$97,500

Project Purpose

The project focused on supporting aspiring entrepreneurs and trades professionals interested in launching small businesses on the Navajo Nation.

Key Activities

- Business planning workshops
- Entrepreneur training
- Financial literacy instruction
- Marketing education
- Small business development assistance
- Technical assistance for startup businesses

Outcomes

- Increased entrepreneurial knowledge
- Expanded business development skills

- Enhanced local economic capacity
- Improved readiness for business ownership

2022 - Sandstone Housing Rehabilitation

Funding Source: USDA Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)

Award / Contract Amount: \$100,000

Project Purpose

This housing rehabilitation initiative improved housing conditions for Navajo families while simultaneously providing workforce training opportunities for youth and adults.

Key Activities

- Residential rehabilitation
- Housing repairs
- Carpentry training
- Construction mentoring
- Community workforce development

Outcomes

- Two homes rehabilitated
- Youth trained in construction skills
- Adult trainees participated in workforce development
- Improved housing safety and livability

2022-2023 - Trade Training and Organizational Capacity Building Initiative

Funding Source: Wells Fargo Invest Native Grant

Award / Contract Amount: \$50,000

Project Purpose

This project combined hands-on trade training in carpentry with organizational capacity building in project management and bookkeeping.

Key Activities

- Carpentry instruction
- Hands-on construction projects
- Workforce development activities
- Project management systems development
- Bookkeeping improvements
- Financial management procedures

Outcomes

- Expanded youth workforce opportunities
- Improved organizational management systems
- Increased financial accountability
- Enhanced long-term sustainability

2023 - Sandstone Housing Rehabilitation II

Funding Source: Wells Fargo Invest Native Grant

Award / Contract Amount: \$80,000

Project Purpose

Building on the success of the original Sandstone Housing Rehabilitation project, this initiative expanded rehabilitation services to additional low-to-no income Navajo families.

Key Activities

- Housing rehabilitation
- Construction training
- Carpentry workforce development
- Family housing improvements
- Mentorship opportunities

Outcomes

- Two low-to-no income family housing units rehabilitated
- Youth and adults received hands-on training
- Improved housing conditions for participating families
- Expanded local construction experience

2023 - Navajo Chamber Economic Development Project

Funding Source: USDA RBDG / Community Builders, Inc.

Award / Contract Amount: \$16,000 consulting contract

Project Purpose

Nahata Foundation served as a consulting partner supporting economic development activities designed to strengthen entrepreneurship and small business development within Navajo communities.

Key Activities

- Community outreach
- Stakeholder engagement
- Project planning support

- Participant recruitment
- Training coordination
- Program implementation assistance

Outcomes

- Strengthened regional business development efforts
- Increased local participation
- Enhanced collaboration among community organizations
- Expanded economic development opportunities

2024 - Youth Carpentry Training Project

Funding Source: Indigenous Environmental Network Mini Grant

Award / Contract Amount: \$15,000

Project Purpose

This project provided hands-on carpentry training opportunities for Navajo youth interested in learning construction trades.

Key Activities

- Carpentry safety training
- Tool identification and use
- Framing techniques
- Measurement and layout instruction
- Construction project participation
- Workforce readiness development

Outcomes

- Youth gained practical trade skills
- Increased interest in construction careers
- Improved workforce preparedness
- Strengthened community engagement

2025 - Operational Capacity Building

Funding Source: Wells Fargo Philanthropy & Community Impact

Award / Contract Amount: \$10,000

Project Purpose

This operational grant supported organizational strengthening efforts to improve Nahata Foundation's ability to deliver effective community programs and expand future services.

Key Activities

- Administrative improvements
- Organizational planning
- Capacity building initiatives
- Program development support
- Sustainability planning

Outcomes

- Increased organizational effectiveness
- Improved administrative systems
- Enhanced grant readiness
- Greater long-term sustainability

Organizational Impact (2022-2025)

Housing

- Four family homes rehabilitated
- Improved living conditions for Navajo families
- Enhanced housing safety and sustainability

Workforce Development

- Youth trained in carpentry and construction
- Adults trained in skilled trades
- Workforce readiness and employability strengthened

Economic Development

- Entrepreneurship training provided
- Small business development supported
- Community economic capacity expanded

Organizational Growth

- Enhanced financial management systems
- Improved project management capacity
- Expanded grant management experience
- Strengthened community partnerships

Key Funding Partners

- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Wells Fargo Foundation / Wells Fargo Philanthropy & Community Impact
- Indigenous Environmental Network
- Community Builders, Inc.

Organizational Growth and Vision

- Nahata Foundation, Inc. was established in 2016 with a commitment to serving the Navajo Nation and strengthening Native communities through sustainable community development. During its first five years, the organization focused primarily on defining its mission, vision, and purpose while building relationships with community members, leaders, and partner organizations. This foundational period allowed the organization to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Native America and helped shape a strategic path forward.
- The second five-year period was dedicated to putting that vision into action. Nahata Foundation successfully sought, received, managed, and administered grant-funded projects focused on workforce development, youth trade training, housing rehabilitation, business development, and organizational capacity building. Through these efforts, the organization developed the administrative systems, partnerships, experience, and community trust necessary to effectively implement impactful programs throughout the Navajo Nation.
- Looking ahead, Nahata Foundation envisions a future where it successfully attracts and manages multi-million-dollar investments that directly benefit the Navajo Nation, Native America, and economically marginalized communities throughout Indian Country. These investments will support transformative initiatives in housing, workforce development, education, infrastructure, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, and community wellness.

Organizational Development Phases

- **Phase 1: Understanding the Needs of Native America (2016–2021)**
Focused on listening, learning, community engagement, organizational development, and establishing a clear mission and vision rooted in service to Native communities.
- **Phase 2: Boots on the Ground (2021–2026)**
Focused on securing funding, implementing projects, building organizational capacity, developing partnerships, and delivering measurable outcomes through direct community service and workforce development initiatives.
- **Phase 3: Growth and Presence (2026–2031)**
Focused on scaling successful programs, expanding regional and national partnerships, securing larger funding opportunities, and becoming a leading Native-

led organization recognized for delivering lasting and measurable impact throughout Indian Country.

T'aa Nihí Ada'notao': It is within Our Ability to Prosper

At its core, Nahata Foundation believes that meaningful change begins within communities themselves. By combining cultural values, practical solutions, strategic partnerships, and a commitment to future generations, the organization is working to create opportunities where Native people not only overcome barriers but thrive. Guided by the Diné principles of resilience, self-determination, and service to others, Nahata Foundation remains dedicated to helping build stronger families, stronger communities, and a stronger future for Native America.

Conclusion

Nahata Foundation, Inc. has established a successful track record of managing federal, philanthropic, and community-based investments that directly benefit Navajo communities. Through housing rehabilitation, workforce development, youth trade training, business development, and organizational capacity building, the Foundation has demonstrated its ability to effectively administer grants, build partnerships, and create lasting community impact.

Total Completed Grant and Contract Portfolio (2022-2025): \$368,500

Primary Impact Areas:

Housing | Workforce Development | Youth Training | Entrepreneurship

Capacity Building | Community Development