



AIANTA

American Indian Alaska Native
Tourism Association

PUBLIC LANDS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Establishing Models for Tribal Inclusion Nationwide

Our Public Lands Partnerships Program brings Native perspectives to the stories told about our country's most treasured lands. Often untold, these stories are the crucial experiences that deliver full, rich context about the spaces we share, visit and live in and their meaning in the past, present and future.

We Support Tribes in Telling Their Stories

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



AIANTA staff helps tribes and tribal organizations identify collaborative opportunities adjacent to their lands, and assists members in bringing the Native experience and vision to those projects. We also connect tribes with federal resources for building tourism capacity.

DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS



AIANTA develops and maintains formal partnerships with national, state and regional agencies and organizations.

SEEKS FUNDING



AIANTA identifies and applies for grants to help fund the planning and development of projects and programs.



AIANTA's Partners:

- National Park Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- United States Forest Service
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Indian Arts and Crafts Board
- Native Procurement and Technical Assistance Center
- America's Great Outdoors Initiative
- Recreation One Stop
- National Geographic Society

American Indians and Route 66

In partnership with the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, AIANTA produced the American Indians & Route 66 guidebook and accompanying website, www.americanindiansandroute66.com.

These offer a long-awaited first-voice interpretation of 19 tribal nations along America's most famous highway.



Case Study

Successful Process

Through a collaboration with five agencies and 11 tribes, AIANTA is helping to create an intertribal interpretive center at the Desert View Watchtower in Grand Canyon National Park, a place where visitors can learn about the canyon from the tribes who have called it home for centuries.



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PARTNERSHIPS BEGIN

AIANTA is invited by Grand Canyon National Park and the 11 Canyon tribes to join the existing partnership.

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PROJECT IDENTIFIED

The partnership identified the Desert View Watchtower as an important Native landmark and a perfect location for a heritage center and marketplace.

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PLANNING BEGINS

An 18-month facilitated planning process identified tribal and agency short-term and long-term goals and actions.

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FUNDING SOUGHT

AIANTA sought out funding and was awarded \$500,000 for a tribal placemaking program that focuses on Native arts and culture at the Watchtower.

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TRIBES WELCOMED HOME

Tribes began to gather for celebrations, elder and youth programs, and tribal interpretive programs.

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PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE

Currently, the partnership continues to develop action plans to sustain a permanent place for tribes at the Watchtower.

Impact

Since Desert View Watchtower has been repurposed, 114 tribal individuals, artists and groups have participated in 264 days of demonstrations, with visitors in the first year exceeding 500,000.

Contact Us for More Information

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