

News Release

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Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) Receives \$100,000 Grant from Share Our Strength to Award Subgrants to Native VITA Programs and Promote National Child Tax Credit (CTC) Outreach to Tribal Citizens

Oklahoma City, OK - The Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) received support to provide subgrants to Native Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs and promote national Child Tax Credit (CTC) outreach through a nine-month, \$100,000 grant from Share Our Strength. The resources from Share Our Strength will allow ONAC, an intermediary funder, to award Native VITA programs with subgrants. Grantees include: Cherokee Nation Commerce Services (OK), Community Development Financial Institution of the Tohono O'odham Nation (AZ), Four Bands Community Fund (SD), Four Directions Development Corporation (ME), Pasqua Yaqui Tribe (AZ), People's Partner for Community Development (MT), Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (AK), White Earth Investment Initiative (MN), and Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (TX). Additionally, the grant funds support ONAC, as a direct service provider, to promote CTC outreach to Native families across the U.S. and to create resources (such as <https://bit.ly/ClaimCTC> and <https://bit.ly/NativeGetCTC>) that tribes and other Native-led nonprofits may use in their outreach.

The grant award will support efforts to end child and family poverty through supporting Native families to file taxes and claim the Child Tax Credit. This will be accomplished through a community education campaign to distribute information about the CTC filing guidelines and deadlines. In addition, Native VITA grantees will work to connect non-filers to the IRS non-filer portal or the [GetCTC.org](https://www.getctc.org) tool and will further support filers who are not able to meet the November 15th deadline to file full returns for the 2021 tax year.

About the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition Inc.: The Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition Inc. (ONAC), first organized in 2001 and a nonprofit since 2014, is a nationally-serving Native-led asset building coalition that acts as intermediary funder, direct service provider, and as a capacity builder (conducting national Native asset building research, coordinating the national Native EITC/VITA Network and the national *Get Banked Indian Country* initiative, and providing training and technical assistance to tribes and Native-led nonprofits). ONAC's mission is to build and support a network of Native people who are dedicated to increasing self-sufficiency and prosperity in their communities through the establishment of integrated culturally relevant financial education and financial coaching initiatives, as well as seed funded account programs, down payment assistance, free tax preparation, expanded banking access, and other asset-building strategies. For more information about the coalition, go to <https://www.oknativeassets.org/>.

About Share Our Strength:

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