



A Vision for Western Navajo Nation Chapters

<u>Challenges</u>	<u>Building Upon Recent Momentum</u>	<u>Opportunities</u>
Poverty	<p>On December 10 and 11, 2013, the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development hosted a <i>Capacity and Community Building</i> event in Flagstaff which drew representatives from Western Navajo Agency Chapters to consider how capacity building and strategic planning can set the stage for new jobs and improved quality of life for Western Navajo Nation Chapters.</p> <p>The event initiated a new era of collaboration amongst the 18 chapters. Eight volunteers formed a new Steering Committee with the initial purpose of identifying one or more eligible and competitive projects for potential funding from the Arizona Commerce Authority Rural Economic Development Grant program.</p> <p>The collaboration and project advocacy that immediately resulted from the December 2013 event sets the stage for even greater collaboration in the future.</p> <p>The challenges facing these Chapters (shown at left) are only exceeded by the opportunities (shown at right) made available by working together.</p> <p>For too many years, these challenges have dominated the lifestyle of the people of the region. This no longer has to be the case. Clearly, the opportunities are very significant. The opportunities can be seized with proper planning, team building and project advancement.</p>	New Steering Committee
Communication		Former Bennett Freeze Funding
Isolation		Leadership at Western Navajo Agency
Housing		HUD Promise Zones
Infrastructure		NHA Housing Initiative
Jobs		Increased Capacity through Decentralization
Roads		NHA Master Planning Initiative
		Economic Development Fund
	Navajo Nation Strategic Planning	
	Navajo Business Industrial Fund	

What If...

What if the Chapters combined the Former Bennett Freeze funding to fund high-impact projects?



What if the new Navajo Nation Economic Development Fund was targeted to strategic priorities?



What if the Chapters worked together to create a common plan and then directed resources to implement it?



What if this groundbreaking effort captured the attention of the nation's largest foundations and government agencies?



What if new development has and overall purpose rather than a haphazard response to the next new funding program?