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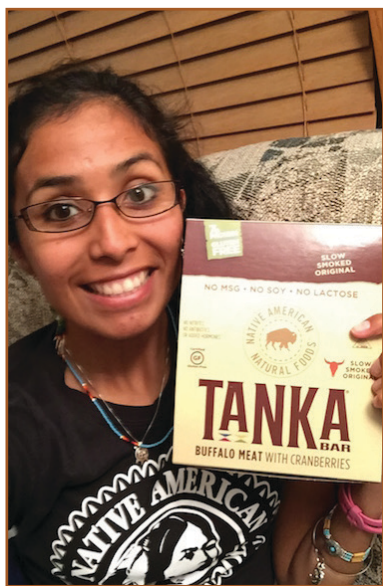
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Native American Natural Foods

Kyle, SD



\$750,000 in Loans & \$250,000 Grant Sustains Growth of a Native-Owned Business & Creates Jobs

Native American Natural Foods (NANF) is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. NANF was started in 2006 and is one of only a few non-gaming companies to succeed on an Indian Reservation. The company produces a line of healthy meat snack products under the "Tanka" brand name. These products are made from buffalo and cranberry based on a traditional Native American recipe called "Wasna". The company, facing cash-flow issues as a result of rapid growth, was turned-down by numerous conventional and community-based lenders.

Clearinghouse CDFI funded a \$500,000 working capital loan and \$250,000 grant to help sustain NANF's rapid growth—keeping the company in business and employing people on the reservation. NANF will use the funds to secure supply chain, satisfy increased product orders, and expand into new markets. Clearinghouse CDFI is proud to support this "healthy-foods initiative" and support this entrepreneurial endeavor benefitting the Lakota people.

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