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To establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, to create the Native American Small Business Development Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, to create the Native American Small Business Development Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American Small
5 Business Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT PROGRAM.**

3 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 36 as section 37;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 35 the following:

8 **“SEC. 36. NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-**
9 **MENT PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘Alaska Native’ has the same
12 meaning as the term ‘Native’ in section 3(b) of the
13 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
14 1602(b));

15 “(2) the term ‘Alaska Native corporation’ has
16 the same meaning as the term ‘Native Corporation’
17 in section 3(m) of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-
18 ment Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(m));

19 “(3) the term ‘Assistant Administrator’ means
20 the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Native
21 American Affairs established under subsection (b);

22 “(4) the terms ‘center’ and ‘Native American
23 business center’ mean a center established under
24 subsection (c);

25 “(5) the term ‘Native American business devel-
26 opment center’ means an entity providing business

1 development assistance to federally recognized tribes
2 and Native Americans under a grant from the Mi-
3 nority Business Development Agency of the Depart-
4 ment of Commerce;

5 “(6) the term ‘Native American small business
6 concern’ means a small business concern that is
7 owned and controlled by—

8 “(A) a member of an Indian tribe or tribal
9 government;

10 “(B) an Alaska Native or Alaska Native
11 corporation; or

12 “(C) a Native Hawaiian or Native Hawai-
13 ian organization;

14 “(7) the term ‘Native Hawaiian’ has the same
15 meaning as in section 625 of the Older Americans
16 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3057k);

17 “(8) the term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’
18 has the same meaning as in section 8(a)(15) of this
19 Act;

20 “(9) the term ‘tribal college’ has the same
21 meaning as the term ‘tribally controlled college or
22 university’ has in section 2(a)(4) of the Tribally
23 Controlled Community College Assistance Act of
24 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801(a)(4));

1 “(10) the term ‘tribal government’ has the
2 same meaning as the term ‘Indian tribe’ has in sec-
3 tion 7501(a)(9) of title 31, United States Code; and

4 “(11) the term ‘tribal lands’ means all lands
5 within the exterior boundaries of any Indian reserva-
6 tion.

7 “(b) OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.—

8 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established
9 within the Administration the Office of Native
10 American Affairs, which, under the direction of the
11 Assistant Administrator, shall implement the Admin-
12 istration’s programs for the development of business
13 enterprises by Native Americans.

14 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office of
15 Native American Affairs is to assist Native Amer-
16 ican entrepreneurs to—

17 “(A) start, operate, and grow small busi-
18 ness concerns;

19 “(B) develop management and technical
20 skills;

21 “(C) seek Federal procurement opportuni-
22 ties;

23 “(D) increase employment opportunities
24 for Native Americans through the start and ex-
25 pansion of small business concerns; and

1 “(E) increase the access of Native Ameri-
2 cans to capital markets.

3 “(3) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—

4 “(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Administrator
5 shall appoint a qualified individual to serve as
6 Assistant Administrator of the Office of Native
7 American Affairs in accordance with this para-
8 graph.

9 “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Assistant
10 Administrator appointed under subparagraph
11 (A) shall have—

12 “(i) knowledge of the Native Amer-
13 ican culture; and

14 “(ii) experience providing culturally
15 tailored small business development assist-
16 ance to Native Americans.

17 “(C) EMPLOYMENT STATUS.—The Assist-
18 ant Administrator shall be a Senior Executive
19 Service position under section 3132(a)(2) of
20 title 5, United States Code, and shall serve as
21 a noncareer appointee, as defined in section
22 3132(a)(7) of title 5, United States Code.

23 “(D) RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES.—
24 The Assistant Administrator shall—

1 “(i) administer and manage the Na-
2 tive American Small Business Development
3 program established under this section;

4 “(ii) recommend the annual adminis-
5 trative and program budgets for the Office
6 of Native American Affairs;

7 “(iii) consult with Native American
8 business centers in carrying out the pro-
9 gram established under this section;

10 “(iv) recommend appropriate funding
11 levels;

12 “(v) review the annual budgets sub-
13 mitted by each applicant for the Native
14 American Small Business Development
15 program;

16 “(vi) select applicants to participate in
17 the program under this section;

18 “(vii) implement this section; and

19 “(viii) maintain a clearinghouse to
20 provide for the dissemination and exchange
21 of information between Native American
22 business centers.

23 “(E) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.—In
24 carrying out the responsibilities and duties de-
25 scribed in this paragraph, the Assistant Admin-

1 istrator shall confer with and seek the advice
2 of—

3 “(i) Administration officials working
4 in areas served by Native American busi-
5 ness centers and Native American business
6 development centers;

7 “(ii) the Bureau of Indian Affairs of
8 the Department of the Interior;

9 “(iii) tribal governments;

10 “(iv) tribal colleges;

11 “(v) Alaska Native corporations; and

12 “(vi) Native Hawaiian organizations.

13 “(c) NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-
14 MENT PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administration,
17 through the Office of Native American Affairs,
18 shall provide financial assistance to tribal gov-
19 ernments, tribal colleges, Native Hawaiian or-
20 ganizations, and Alaska Native corporations to
21 create Native American business centers in ac-
22 cordance with this section.

23 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—The financial and
24 resource assistance provided under this sub-
25 section shall be used to overcome obstacles im-

1 peding the creation, development, and expan-
2 sion of small business concerns, in accordance
3 with this section, by—

4 “(i) reservation-based American Indi-
5 ans;

6 “(ii) Alaska Natives; and

7 “(iii) Native Hawaiians.

8 “(2) 5-YEAR PROJECTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each Native Amer-
10 ican business center that receives assistance
11 under paragraph (1)(A) shall conduct 5-year
12 projects that offer culturally tailored business
13 development assistance in the form of—

14 “(i) financial education, including
15 training and counseling in—

16 “(I) applying for and securing
17 business credit and investment cap-
18 ital;

19 “(II) preparing and presenting fi-
20 nancial statements; and

21 “(III) managing cash flow and
22 other financial operations of a busi-
23 ness concern;

24 “(ii) management education, including
25 training and counseling in planning, orga-

1 nizing, staffing, directing, and controlling
2 each major activity and function of a small
3 business concern; and

4 “(iii) marketing education, including
5 training and counseling in—

6 “(I) identifying and segmenting
7 domestic and international market op-
8 portunities;

9 “(II) preparing and executing
10 marketing plans;

11 “(III) developing pricing strate-
12 gies;

13 “(IV) locating contract opportu-
14 nities;

15 “(V) negotiating contracts; and

16 “(VI) utilizing varying public re-
17 lations and advertising techniques.

18 “(B) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSIST-
19 ANCE RECIPIENTS.—The business development
20 assistance under subparagraph (A) shall be of-
21 fered to prospective and current owners of small
22 business concerns that are owned by—

23 “(i) American Indians or tribal gov-
24 ernments, and located on or near tribal
25 lands;

1 “(ii) Alaska Natives or Alaska Native
2 corporations; or

3 “(iii) Native Hawaiians or Native Ha-
4 waiian organizations.

5 “(3) FORM OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSIST-
6 ANCE.—

7 “(A) DOCUMENTATION.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The financial as-
9 sistance to Native American business cen-
10 ters authorized under this subsection may
11 be made by grant, contract, or cooperative
12 agreement.

13 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Financial assist-
14 ance under this subsection to Alaska Na-
15 tive corporations or Native Hawaiian orga-
16 nizations may only be made by grant.

17 “(B) PAYMENTS.—

18 “(i) TIMING.—Payments made under
19 this subsection may be disbursed in an an-
20 nual lump sum or in periodic installments,
21 at the request of the recipient.

22 “(ii) ADVANCE.—The Administration
23 may disburse not more than 25 percent of
24 the annual amount of Federal financial as-
25 sistance awarded to a Native American

1 small business center after notice of the
2 award has been issued.

3 “(iii) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

4 The Administration shall not require a
5 grant recipient to match grant funding re-
6 ceived under this subsection with non-Fed-
7 eral resources as a condition of receiving
8 the grant.

9 “(4) CONTRACT AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-
10 MENT AUTHORITY.—A Native American business
11 center may enter into a contract or cooperative
12 agreement with a Federal department or agency to
13 provide specific assistance to Native American and
14 other under-served small business concerns located
15 on or near tribal lands, to the extent that such con-
16 tract or cooperative agreement is consistent with the
17 terms of any assistance received by the Native
18 American business center from the Administration.

19 “(5) APPLICATION PROCESS.—

20 “(A) SUBMISSION OF A 5-YEAR PLAN.—

21 Each applicant for assistance under paragraph
22 (1) shall submit a 5-year plan to the Adminis-
23 tration on proposed assistance and training ac-
24 tivities.

25 “(B) CRITERIA.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administra-
2 tion shall evaluate and rank applicants in
3 accordance with predetermined selection
4 criteria that shall be stated in terms of rel-
5 ative importance.

6 “(ii) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The criteria
7 required by this paragraph and their rel-
8 ative importance shall be made publicly
9 available, within a reasonable time, and
10 stated in each solicitation for applications
11 made by the Administration.

12 “(iii) CONSIDERATIONS.—The criteria
13 required by this paragraph shall include—

14 “(I) the experience of the appli-
15 cant in conducting programs or ongo-
16 ing efforts designed to impart or up-
17 grade the business skills of current or
18 potential owners of Native American
19 small business concerns;

20 “(II) the ability of the applicant
21 to commence a project within a min-
22 imum amount of time;

23 “(III) the ability of the applicant
24 to provide quality training and serv-

1 ices to a significant number of Native
2 Americans;

3 “(IV) previous assistance from
4 the Small Business Administration to
5 provide services in Native American
6 communities; and

7 “(V) the proposed location for
8 the Native American business center
9 site, with priority given based on the
10 proximity of the center to the popu-
11 lation being served and to achieve a
12 broad geographic dispersion of the
13 centers.

14 “(6) PROGRAM EXAMINATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each Native Amer-
16 ican business center established pursuant to
17 this subsection shall annually provide the Ad-
18 ministration with an itemized cost breakdown of
19 actual expenditures incurred during the pre-
20 ceding year.

21 “(B) ADMINISTRATION ACTION.—Based on
22 information received under subparagraph (A),
23 the Administration shall—

24 “(i) develop and implement an annual
25 programmatic and financial examination of

1 each Native American business center as-
2 sisted pursuant to this subsection; and

3 “(ii) analyze the results of each exam-
4 ination conducted under clause (i) to deter-
5 mine the programmatic and financial via-
6 bility of each Native American business
7 center.

8 “(C) CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED FUND-
9 ING.—In determining whether to renew a grant,
10 contract, or cooperative agreement with a Na-
11 tive American business center, the
12 Administration—

13 “(i) shall consider the results of the
14 most recent examination of the center
15 under subparagraph (B), and, to a lesser
16 extent, previous examinations; and

17 “(ii) may withhold such renewal, if
18 the Administration determines that—

19 “(I) the center has failed to pro-
20 vide adequate information required to
21 be provided under subparagraph (A),
22 or the information provided by the
23 center is inadequate; or

24 “(II) the center has failed to pro-
25 vide adequate information required to

1 be provided by the center for purposes
2 of the report of the Administration
3 under subparagraph (E).

4 “(D) CONTINUING CONTRACT AND COOP-
5 ERATIVE AGREEMENT AUTHORITY.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The authority of
7 the Administrator to enter into contracts
8 or cooperative agreements in accordance
9 with this subsection shall be in effect for
10 each fiscal year only to the extent and in
11 the amounts as are provided in advance in
12 appropriations Acts.

13 “(ii) RENEWAL.—After the Adminis-
14 trator has entered into a contract or coop-
15 erative agreement with any Native Amer-
16 ican business center under this subsection,
17 it shall not suspend, terminate, or fail to
18 renew or extend any such contract or coop-
19 erative agreement unless the Administrator
20 provides the center with written notifica-
21 tion setting forth the reasons therefore and
22 affords the center an opportunity for a
23 hearing, appeal, or other administrative
24 proceeding under chapter 5 of title 5,
25 United States Code.

1 “(E) MANAGEMENT REPORT.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administra-
3 tion shall prepare and submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Small Business of the House of
5 Representatives and the Committee on
6 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
7 the Senate an annual report on the effec-
8 tiveness of all projects conducted by Native
9 American business centers under this sub-
10 section and any pilot programs adminis-
11 tered by the Office of Native American Af-
12 fairs.

13 “(ii) CONTENTS.—Each report sub-
14 mitted under clause (i) shall include, with
15 respect to each Native American business
16 center receiving financial assistance under
17 this subsection—

18 “(I) the number of individuals re-
19 ceiving assistance from the Native
20 American business center;

21 “(II) the number of startup busi-
22 ness concerns created;

23 “(III) the number of existing
24 businesses seeking to expand employ-
25 ment;

1 “(IV) jobs created or maintained,
2 on an annual basis, by Native Amer-
3 ican small business concerns assisted
4 by the center since receiving funding
5 under this Act;

6 “(V) to the maximum extent
7 practicable, the capital investment and
8 loan financing utilized by emerging
9 and expanding businesses that were
10 assisted by a Native American busi-
11 ness center; and

12 “(VI) the most recent examina-
13 tion, as required under subparagraph
14 (B), and the subsequent determina-
15 tion made by the Administration
16 under that subparagraph.

17 “(7) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each entity receiving
18 financial assistance under this subsection shall annu-
19 ally report to the Administration on the services pro-
20 vided with such financial assistance, including—

21 “(A) the number of individuals assisted,
22 categorized by ethnicity;

23 “(B) the number of hours spent providing
24 counseling and training for those individuals;

1 “(C) the number of startup small business
2 concerns created or maintained;

3 “(D) the gross receipts of assisted small
4 business concerns;

5 “(E) the number of jobs created or main-
6 tained at assisted small business concerns; and

7 “(F) the number of Native American jobs
8 created or maintained at assisted small business
9 concerns.

10 “(8) RECORD RETENTION.—

11 “(A) APPLICATIONS.—The Administration
12 shall maintain a copy of each application sub-
13 mitted under this subsection for not less than
14 7 years.

15 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Administra-
16 tion shall maintain copies of the information
17 collected under paragraph (6)(A) indefinitely.

18 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of
20 the fiscal years 2004 through 2008, to carry out the Na-
21 tive American Small Business Development Program, au-
22 thorized under subsection (c).”.

23 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAMS.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.—The
2 terms defined in section 36(a) of the Small Business
3 Act (as added by this Act) have the same meanings
4 as in that section 36(a) when used in this section.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
7 ness Administration.

8 (3) JOINT PROJECT.—The term “joint project”
9 means the combined resources and expertise of 2 or
10 more distinct entities at a physical location dedi-
11 cated to assisting the Native American community;

12 (b) NATIVE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT PILOT
13 PROGRAM.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is established a
16 4-year pilot program under which the Adminis-
17 tration is authorized to award Native American
18 development grants to provide culturally-tai-
19 lored business development training and related
20 services to Native Americans and Native Amer-
21 ican small business concerns.

22 (B) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—The
23 grants authorized under subparagraph (A) may
24 be awarded to—

1 (i) any small business development
2 center; or

3 (ii) any private, nonprofit organization
4 that—

5 (I) has members of an Indian
6 tribe comprising a majority of its
7 board of directors;

8 (II) is a Native Hawaiian organi-
9 zation; or

10 (III) is an Alaska Native cor-
11 poration.

12 (C) AMOUNTS.—The Administration shall
13 not award a grant under this subsection in an
14 amount which exceeds \$100,000 for each year
15 of the project.

16 (D) GRANT DURATION.—Each grant under
17 this subsection shall be awarded for not less
18 than a 2-year period and not more than a 4-
19 year period.

20 (2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Each
21 entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall
22 submit an application to the Administration that
23 contains—

24 (A) a certification that the applicant—

1 (i) is a small business development
2 center or a private, nonprofit organization
3 under paragraph (1)(B)(i);

4 (ii) employs an executive director or
5 program manager to manage the facility;
6 and

7 (iii) agrees—

8 (I) to a site visit as part of the
9 final selection process;

10 (II) to an annual programmatic
11 and financial examination; and

12 (III) to the maximum extent
13 practicable, to remedy any problems
14 identified pursuant to that site visit or
15 examination;

16 (B) information demonstrating that the
17 applicant has the ability and resources to meet
18 the needs, including cultural needs, of the Na-
19 tive Americans to be served by the grant;

20 (C) information relating to proposed assist-
21 ance that the grant will provide, including—

22 (i) the number of individuals to be as-
23 sisted; and

24 (ii) the number of hours of counseling,
25 training, and workshops to be provided;

1 (D) information demonstrating the effective
2 experience of the applicant in—

3 (i) conducting financial, management,
4 and marketing assistance programs designed to impart or upgrade the business
5 skills of current or prospective Native
6 American business owners;

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8 (ii) providing training and services to
9 a representative number of Native Americans;
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11 (iii) using resource partners of the
12 Administration and other entities, including universities, tribal governments, or
13 tribal colleges; and
14

15 (iv) the prudent management of finances and staffing;

16
17 (E) the location where the applicant will
18 provide training and services to Native Americans; and
19

20 (F) a multiyear plan, corresponding to the
21 length of the grant, that describes—

22 (i) the number of Native Americans
23 and Native American small business concerns to be served by the grant;
24

1 (ii) in the continental United States,
2 the number of Native Americans to be
3 served by the grant; and

4 (iii) the training and services to be
5 provided to a representative number of Na-
6 tive Americans.

7 (3) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—The Adminis-
8 tration shall—

9 (A) evaluate and rank applicants under
10 paragraph (2) in accordance with predeter-
11 mined selection criteria that is stated in terms
12 of relative importance;

13 (B) include such criteria in each solicita-
14 tion under this subsection and make such infor-
15 mation available to the public; and

16 (C) approve or disapprove each completed
17 application submitted under this subsection not
18 more than 60 days after submission.

19 (4) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each recipient of a Na-
20 tive American development grant under this sub-
21 section shall annually report to the Administration
22 on the impact of the grant funding, including—

23 (A) the number of individuals assisted, cat-
24 egorized by ethnicity;

1 (B) the number of hours spent providing
2 counseling and training for those individuals;

3 (C) the number of startup small business
4 concerns created or maintained with assistance
5 from a Native American business center;

6 (D) the gross receipts of assisted small
7 business concerns;

8 (E) the number of jobs created or main-
9 tained at assisted small business concerns; and

10 (F) the number of Native American jobs
11 created or maintained at assisted small business
12 concerns.

13 (5) RECORD RETENTION.—

14 (A) APPLICATIONS.—The Administration
15 shall maintain a copy of each application sub-
16 mitted under this subsection for not less than
17 7 years.

18 (B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Administra-
19 tion shall maintain copies of the information
20 collected under paragraph (4) indefinitely.

21 (c) AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
22 GRANT PILOT PROGRAM.—

23 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is established a
25 4-year pilot program, under which the Adminis-

1 tration shall award not less than 3 American
2 Indian Tribal Assistance Center grants to es-
3 tablish joint projects to provide culturally tai-
4 lored business development assistance to pro-
5 spective and current owners of small business
6 concerns located on or near tribal lands.

7 (B) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

8 (i) CLASS 1.—Not fewer than 1 grant
9 shall be awarded to a joint project per-
10 formed by a Native American business cen-
11 ter, a Native American business develop-
12 ment center, and a small business develop-
13 ment center.

14 (ii) CLASS 2.—Not fewer than 2
15 grants shall be awarded to joint projects
16 performed by a Native American business
17 center and a Native American business de-
18 velopment center.

19 (C) AMOUNTS.—The Administration shall
20 not award a grant under this subsection in an
21 amount which exceeds \$200,000 for each year
22 of the project.

23 (D) GRANT DURATION.—Each grant under
24 this subsection shall be awarded for a 3-year
25 period.

1 (2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Each
2 entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall
3 submit to the Administration a joint application that
4 contains—

5 (A) a certification that each participant of
6 the joint application—

7 (i) is either a Native American Busi-
8 ness Center, a Native American Business
9 Development Center, or a Small Business
10 Development Center;

11 (ii) employs an executive director or
12 program manager to manage the center;
13 and

14 (iii) as a condition of receiving the
15 American Indian Tribal Assistance Center
16 grant, agrees—

17 (I) to an annual programmatic
18 and financial examination; and

19 (II) to the maximum extent prac-
20 ticable, to remedy any problems iden-
21 tified pursuant to that examination;

22 (B) information demonstrating an historic
23 commitment to providing assistance to Native
24 Americans—

25 (i) residing on or near tribal lands; or

1 (ii) operating a small business concern
2 on or near tribal lands;

3 (C) information demonstrating that each
4 participant of the joint application has the abil-
5 ity and resources to meet the needs, including
6 the cultural needs of the Native Americans to
7 be served by the grant;

8 (D) information relating to proposed as-
9 sistance that the grant will provide, including—

10 (i) the number of individuals to be as-
11 sisted; and

12 (ii) the number of hours of counseling,
13 training, and workshops to be provided;

14 (E) information demonstrating the effec-
15 tive experience of each participant of the joint
16 application in—

17 (i) conducting financial, management,
18 and marketing assistance programs, as de-
19 scribed above, designed to impart or up-
20 grade the business skills of current or pro-
21 spective Native American business owners;
22 and

23 (ii) the prudent management of fi-
24 nances and staffing; and

1 (F) a plan for the length of the grant, that
2 describes—

3 (i) the number of Native Americans
4 and Native American small business con-
5 cerns to be served by the grant; and

6 (ii) the training and services to be
7 provided.

8 (3) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—The Adminis-
9 tration shall—

10 (A) evaluate and rank applicants under
11 paragraph (2) in accordance with predeter-
12 mined selection criteria that is stated in terms
13 of relative importance;

14 (B) include such criteria in each solicita-
15 tion under this subsection and make such infor-
16 mation available to the public; and

17 (C) approve or disapprove each application
18 submitted under this subsection not more than
19 60 days after submission.

20 (4) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each recipient of an
21 American Indian tribal assistance center grant
22 under this subsection shall annually report to the
23 Administration on the impact of the grant funding
24 received during the reporting year, and the cumu-

1 lative impact of the grant funding received since the
2 initiation of the grant, including—

3 (A) the number of individuals assisted, cat-
4 egorized by ethnicity;

5 (B) the number of hours of counseling and
6 training provided and workshops conducted;

7 (C) the number of startup business con-
8 cerns created or maintained with assistance
9 from a Native American business center;

10 (D) the gross receipts of assisted small
11 business concerns;

12 (E) the number of jobs created or main-
13 tained at assisted small business concerns; and

14 (F) the number of Native American jobs
15 created or maintained at assisted small business
16 concerns.

17 (5) RECORD RETENTION.—

18 (A) APPLICATIONS.—The Administration
19 shall maintain a copy of each application sub-
20 mitted under this subsection for not less than
21 7 years.

22 (B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Administra-
23 tion shall maintain copies of the information
24 collected under paragraph (4) indefinitely.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated—

3 (1) \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004
4 through 2007, to carry out the Native American De-
5 velopment Grant Pilot Program, authorized under
6 subsection (b); and

7 (2) \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004
8 through 2007, to carry out the American Indian
9 Tribal Assistance Center Grant Pilot Program, au-
10 thorized under subsection (c).

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