

Regional Highlights

Region 1

1st Step, Inc., has had a busy and successful year. They met with Rural Development officials to receive updates on new and ongoing USDA opportunities. As a result, they began discussions with the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan to consider applying for a grant to fund additional services to the five Native American Tribes representing the Upper Peninsula. In addition, they also assisted many Native American clients in applying for guaranteed funding through Hannahville and Ojibwa Indian Tribes. Not only has 1st Step, Inc. made many accomplishments in favor of the Native American Tribes, but they have also worked very closely with other ethnic minorities, disabled, disadvantaged, and physically challenged entrepreneurs on a case-by-case basis.

1st Step, Inc. has also worked diligently on a Community Development Block Grant Application for business expansion. They are working with a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Account Manager on potential projects that could lead to further expansion.

Economic Impact

Businesses Served

967

Total Counseling Hours

2,194

