



Cindi Ptak

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CINDI PTAK is the founder of Hummingbird Collective, where she combines decades of government policy and programmatic experience with a commitment to re-shaping relationships with federal, tribal state and local partners.

Cindi puts her robust understanding of federal funding programs to work as an advisor to the Arizona Governor's Infrastructure Task Force, where she recently secured a \$25 million grant to cap orphaned wells – an effort directly aimed at reducing the impacts of climate change.

She also advises the Arizona Governor's Director on Tribal Relations to create a framework, branding and marketing, web presence and virtual office hours, all tools focused on securing federal funding for a Tribal Infrastructure Task Force to serve the 22 tribal nations within the boundaries of Arizona.

Cindi's approach is grounded and focused on equity, inclusivity, sustainability, and trust building, not just for the clients she works with, but also to ensure that Hummingbird Collective reflects conscious entrepreneurial ethos.

During her tenure at FHWA, Cindi managed various discretionary programs within the Office of Federal Lands Highways' Office of Tribal Transportation. She was appointed to the Presidential Task Force for Travel and Economic Competitiveness for her expertise in cultural and heritage tourism.

Cindi moved to Arizona during the pandemic to join the Economic Development Administration's economic recovery efforts under the CARES Act to fund the state's recovery efforts, working closely with Indian tribes and some of the state's most economically distressed communities.

Cindi believes that everyone has a story to tell, and that the right story can inspire action. With Hummingbird Collective, Cindi is determined to use her field experience and contextual expertise to build bridges between government, decision makers and communities that are traditionally at the federal funding table and nurture an ecosystem in which all communities can thrive.