

# Remaking the Economy

## *Organizing and Wealth Building in Communities of Color*

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## **BUY NATIVE FIRST!**

It is our collective  
responsibility to  
invest in our  
Indigenous  
economies!

— *Indigenous Ideas In Action*



**Charlie Stately** - Woodland Indian Crafts

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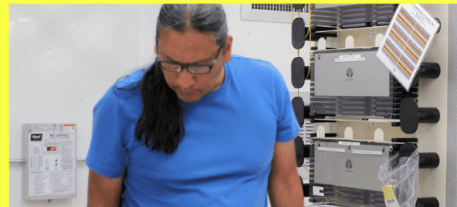
## REIMAGINING *The Digital Divide*

Madonna & Melvin Yawakie  
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MADONNA & MELVIN YAWAKIE ARE DOING THEIR PART TO CREATE DIGITAL OPPORTUNITIES WHERE OTHERS SEE A DIGITAL DIVIDE. AS THEY CONNECT TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES TO THE INTERNET, TRIBAL ECONOMIES ARE BEING RESHAPED AND NEW JOBS ARE CREATED.

THEY LEAVE BEHIND AN INFRASTRUCTURE AND A BUSINESS MODEL FOR A TRIBAL NATION TO OWN & OPERATE THEIR OWN BROADBAND SYSTEM.

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*Why Buy Native?*

BUILD ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY

When you spend with  
native businesses you  
help build lasting cultural,  
social, and financial  
prosperity for your Nation's  
citizens and communities.

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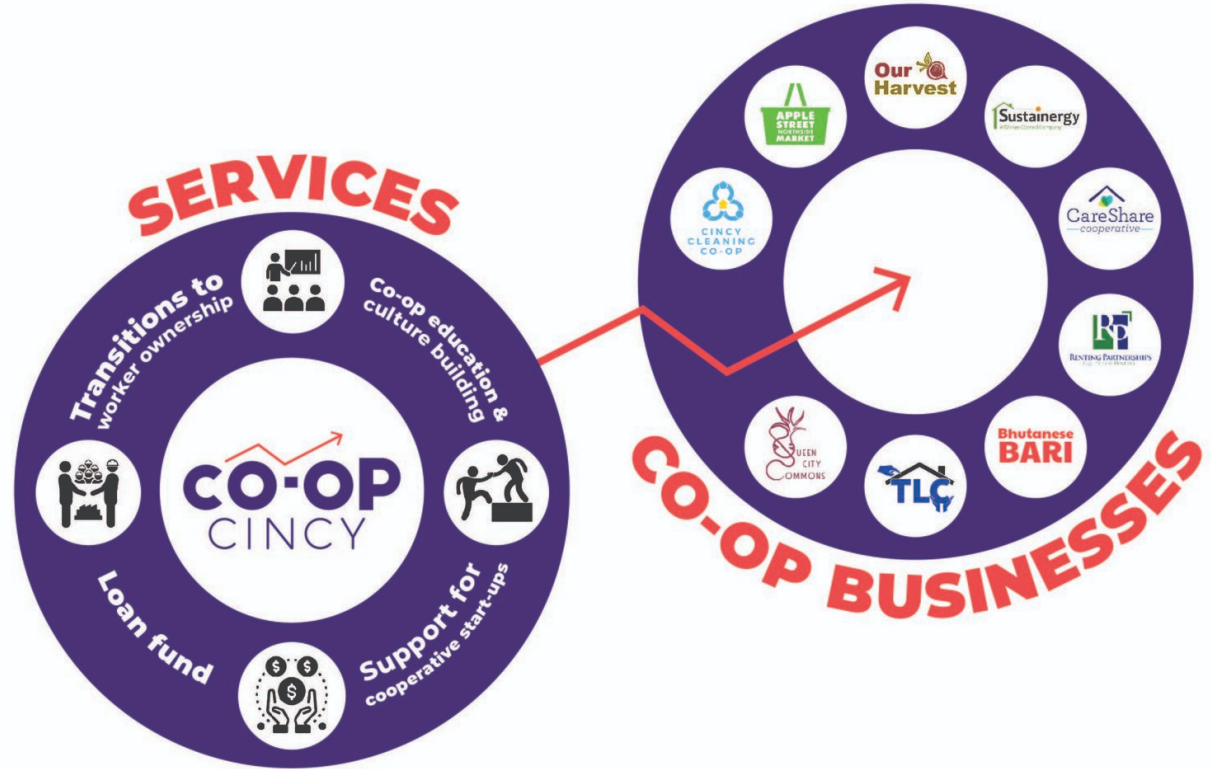
# BEGINNING THE COOPERATIVE JOURNEY TOGETHER:

A GUIDE TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY  
COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

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# The Cincinnati Union Co-op Network

- ❖ 8 co-ops & organizations
- ❖ Loan fund and Co-op U
- ❖ Transitions program



# Strategy #1: Support the launch of new co-op businesses

- ❖ Co-op U (12 -14 week co-op development course)
- ❖ 1 on 1 technical assistance
- ❖ Co-op Loan Fund



## Strategy #2: Transitions to Worker Ownership

- ❖ Business Legacy Fund
- ❖ New Paradigm Ventures



## Strategy #3: Supporting Existing Co-ops

Provide wrap-around  
support:

- ❖ Culture-building
- ❖ Financial Literacy
- ❖ Business analysis and planning



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