

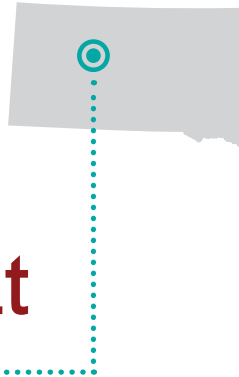


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**INSURED LOAN PROGRAM  
SUCCESS STORY**

# Ubetcha Wateca Family Restaurant

**Eagle Butte, SD**



## Project Description:

Ubetcha Wateca has been serving delicious food to the community of Eagle Butte, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation since 2015.

Ubetcha Wateca is a true grass-roots success story. Shari Ducheneaux and her partner Beau Kingfisher first began serving their fare from a food truck. It was a huge success and well received by the community.

"I've always wanted to be a cook," said Shari. "I learned by watching my mother and grandma cook for family gatherings all my life."

The demand for the taste of Ubetcha Wateca was so great

that the business soon ran into a problem: there wasn't enough space for food preparation, storage, or cooking. Shari turned to Four Bands Community Fund, Inc., which approved a loan for a new restaurant with help from the Division of Capital Investment's loan insurance program.

With this financing, Shari was able to secure a 1000 square-foot space at the Four Bands Community Fund business incubator for the Ubetcha Wateca Family Restaurant. It has a large kitchen and an eight-table dining area that can accommodate 20 people at a time. There are some chain restaurants in Eagle Butte, but few options for a "home-style" prepared meal.

"The best thing about our restaurant is that each meal is prepared by the same chefs," she said.

Shari insists on operating an environmentally friendly restaurant. Her workers use compostable and biodegradable boxes, give away excess produce, and properly dispose of food waste. They grow the bulk of produce in their garden and source meat from a local, Native owned business. "Growing our own food has allowed us to provide healthier choices," she said. Ubetcha Wateca employs 3-4 employees and supports the community in various ways, including the display of local art work for sale.

**TYPE OF SERVICE:** INSURED LOAN  
**LENDER:** FOUR BANDS COMMUNITY FUND, INC.  
**BEAURROWER:** SHARI DUCHENEAUX  
**PROJECT:** RESTAURANT  
**LOCATION:** EAGLE BUTTE, SD





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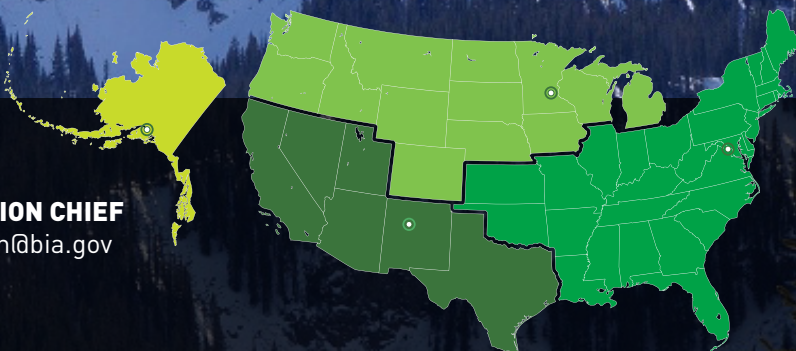
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