

Agenda Day One, April 8th Dena'ina Center, Floor 3 Tikahtnu C

Time	Speaker(s)	Session	Description
7:45 AM		Registration Opens- Second Floor Registration Table	
8:00 AM		Coffee & Light Breakfast Snacks	Start the day connecting with fellow investors, entrepreneurs, Tribal leaders, and community builders over breakfast.
8:15 AM	Lepquim Gumilgit Gagoadim Tsimshian Dance Group	Cultural Welcome	A powerful cultural opening from the Lepquim Gumilgit Gagoadim Tsimshian Dance Group, grounding the day in Alaska's traditions, community, and sense of place.
8:40 AM	Suneela Jain	The Courage to Invest	Drawing from her work advancing impact investing across the country, Suneela Jain shares powerful stories about facing risk and investing in what truly matters for communities.
9:00 AM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Suneela Jain	Training: Counting the Gold	In this foundational session, Dr. Stephanie Gripne, founder of the Impact Finance Center, launches a hands-on curriculum that helps participants take full command of their financial footprint. Using a rigorous framework to evaluate "the gold you already have," participants will identify impact opportunities within their existing holdings and gain tools to begin transitioning from passive ownership to active, values-aligned capital deployment.
10:30		BREAK	
10:45 AM	Kevin Berry	Alaska's Economic Future	Economist Kevin Berry provides a look at Alaska's evolving economy, highlighting structural challenges and opportunities

			across transportation, education, and infrastructure. Framing the conversation through a "three-legged stool" perspective, he explores what it takes to build a more resilient and balanced economy-- and how impact investing can play a transformational role in shaping Alaska's future.
11:05	Theresa Deibele	The Role of Intermediaries in Your Impact Investing Ecosystem	Theresa Deibele, Director at Occam Advisors, introduces the essential role intermediaries play in the impact investing ecosystem. From CDFIs to fund managers and legal advisors, intermediaries help connect capital with real opportunities, reduce risk, and provide expertise that allows organizations to begin investing while building internal capacity over time.
11:17 AM	Jeff Tickle, Mary Miner, Will Kronick	Putting the Woo in Woonch.een: Native CDFIs Working Together	Alaska's vast, sparsely populated landscape requires deep collaboration to serve its diverse and culturally rich rural and Indigenous communities. This discussion brings together three Native CDFIs to share how they are building partnerships for meaningful change. Together, they will explore how trust—among each other and with the communities they serve—drives more effective technical assistance, expands access to financial products and services, and supports the deployment of capital to underestimated communities across Alaska.
12:00		LUNCH	Mix with attendees of the Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium in the foyer for a buffet of salads and sandwiches
12:30 PM	Margi Dashevsky	Welcome Back	
12:35 PM	Dieter Fenkart-Froeschl	Investing in Nature: Natural Capital and the New Economy	National Forest Foundation leader Dieter Fenkart-Froeschl explores how forests and natural assets can play a vital role in a thriving and sustainable new economy.
12:55 PM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Suneela Jain	TRAINING: Norm Busting	Building on the foundations of impact investing, Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Suneela Jain guide participants into the next phase—identifying real opportunities and activating capital. This hands-on session introduces practical tools to deploy resources across the full spectrum of finance while also challenging traditional notions of fiduciary duty and the psychological barriers that often stall institutional change. Participants will gain the frameworks and confidence needed to move beyond constraints, align capital with values, and turn ideas into investable solutions that strengthen

			communities.
1:45 PM		BREAK	
2:00 PM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Suneela Jain	TRAINING: Full Spectrum Capital	In this next phase of the curriculum, Dr. Steph and Suneela Jain introduce a more expansive way to think about capital—moving beyond the traditional divide between “market-rate” investing and philanthropy. This session explores the full spectrum of capital, from recoverable grants to equity, and how blending these tools can de-risk projects and unlock outcomes that single-source funding cannot achieve. Participants will gain insight into structuring capital stacks that align with community needs while advancing both impact and financial goals.
2:40 PM	Brittany Foster, Kayuri Bhimani, Joe Nelson, Linda Behnken	The Just Transition Starts Here: Investing in Alaska's Coastal Communities	Alaska's coastal communities carry both the wounds of extractive colonization and the deep wisdom of Indigenous peoples who have stewarded these lands and waters for millennia. We explore how diverse investments in coastal communities and collective ownership models can move Alaska beyond an extractive economy toward a model that honors profit, people, and the planet.
3:15 PM		BREAK	
3:30 PM	Spruce Root & Alaska Growth Capital	Business Plan Competition Awards - presented by Spruce Root and Alaska Growth Capital	Join Spruce Root and Alaska Growth Capital as we celebrate emerging entrepreneurs and announce the winners of the business competition. Hear directly from innovators, be inspired by their work leading in their communities, and see what’s possible when capital, creativity, and local leadership come together to drive lasting impact across Alaska.
4:00 PM	Michael Barber or Dr. Stephanie Gripne	From Insight to Action: Day One Reflections	Alaska Conservation Foundation leader Michael Barber and Dr. Stephanie Gripne reflect on the key insights, themes, and opportunities that emerged throughout the day. Together, they will connect the dots across sessions, highlight moments of inspiration, and surface the most promising pathways for mobilizing capital in Alaska. This session invites participants to pause, reflect, and consider what actions they can take to turn today’s ideas into real impact in their communities.
4:30 PM	All Participants	Impact Marketplace & Networking	Meet Alaska social entrepreneurs, explore emerging investment opportunities, and connect with fellow leaders working to build Alaska’s impact investing ecosystem.

Agenda Day Two , April 9th

Dena'ina Center, Floor 3 Tikahtnu C

Time	Speaker(s)	Session	Description
8:15 AM		Registration Opens- Second Floor Registration Table	
8:30 AM		Coffee & Light Breakfast Snacks	Doors open(Tikahtnu C, 3rd floor) as participants gather for the second day of conversations, collaboration, and practical learning around impact investing in Alaska. Connect with fellow participants over breakfast and continue conversations sparked during Day One.
9:00 AM	Margi Dashevsky	Welcome Back	Host Margi Dashevsky opens by highlighting key takeaways from Day One and setting the stage for the day ahead.
9:05 AM	Cecilia Conrad	Unlocking Transformative Capital for Communities	Lever for Change CEO Cecilia Conrad shares insights on how philanthropy and impact investing can unlock transformative solutions for communities.
9:25 AM	Todd Halvorsen, Jeanette Dushkin, Mark Lisac, Eddie Dellamary	Energy, Equity, and Sovereignty: Financing Tribal Futures	Leaders from the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy share how innovative financing models are unlocking clean energy solutions and strengthening economic resilience in Tribal and rural communities. Through real-world examples, this session highlights how communities are leveraging capital, partnerships, and local leadership to build sustainable, sovereign energy futures.
10:05 AM	Bill Finley and Shaun Floerke	From Wallstreet to Mainstreet: Rethinking Local	In this conversation, Bill Finley (Mat-Su Health Foundation) and Shaun Floerke (Boreal Waters Community Foundation) share real-world examples with affordable housing and healthcare to

		Philanthropy and Investment	demonstrate how foundations can build on mission-focused philanthropy to move toward greater investment in our own communities. They explore how relationships, community voice, and long-term commitment can guide investment decisions-- expanding on grantmaking-- and how foundations can begin deploying capital with local focus and partnerships at the center to drive community-led impact.
10:25 AM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Suneela Jain	Training: Financial Innovation 101	Building on the previous sessions, Dr. Steph guides participants from concepts into action, focusing on how to translate strategy into real investments. This interactive session dives into the mechanics of modern finance, equipping participants to design bespoke investment structures tailored to their communities or causes. Attendees will learn how to architect investment vehicles that address specific challenges while maintaining financial integrity—leaving with the tools and confidence to move from opportunity to execution.
11:55 AM		LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Margi Dashevsky	How to Make Local Community Investments Work: Vision to Reality	In this session, Margi Dashevsky, a lifelong Alaskan working at the intersection of economic and climate justice, will lead a practical conversation with local innovation leaders on how to make local investment strategies work in real communities. Grounded in place-based knowledge and community priorities, the discussion will explore what it takes to move from intention to implementation—centering trust, relationships, and local leadership. Participants will gain practical insights and hear real examples of how communities can align capital with their values to build more just, resilient, and locally rooted economies.
1:40 PM	Shawn Escoffery	Investing for Equity: The Power of Philanthropy and Capital	Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation leader Shawn Escoffery shares insights on advancing equity and impact through philanthropy and investment.
2:00 PM		BREAK	
2:15 PM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne	Training: Opportunity Scan	Moving beyond theory, participants will learn how to proactively identify and pursue high-potential investments, rather than waiting for the right deals to appear. This session introduces a rirepeatable process for sourcing, vetting, and selecting

			opportunities that align with specific risk-return profiles and social goals. Participants will apply key concepts to their own contexts, gain clarity on next steps, and leave with the confidence and momentum to activate capital in their communities.
3:30 PM		What's Possible: Reflections on Capital, Community, and Alaska's Future	In this closing conversation, local leaders reflect on key insights and opportunities from AK Impact Days. Drawing on their leadership in finance and philanthropy, they connect the dots across sectors and highlight how capital, partnerships, and local leadership can shape Alaska's future. Participants will leave with a clearer sense of how to move from inspiration to action in their communities.
3:50 PM	Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Ann Mayo-Kiely	Your Next Steps: Continuing the Impact Investing Journey	In these closing remarks, Dr. Stephanie Gripne and Ann Mayo-Kiely, organizers of Alaska Impact Days, reflect on the past two days and share what comes next. They will introduce a series of free follow-up webinars designed to answer questions and support participants in implementing what they've learned—helping turn momentum into meaningful action across Alaska.

