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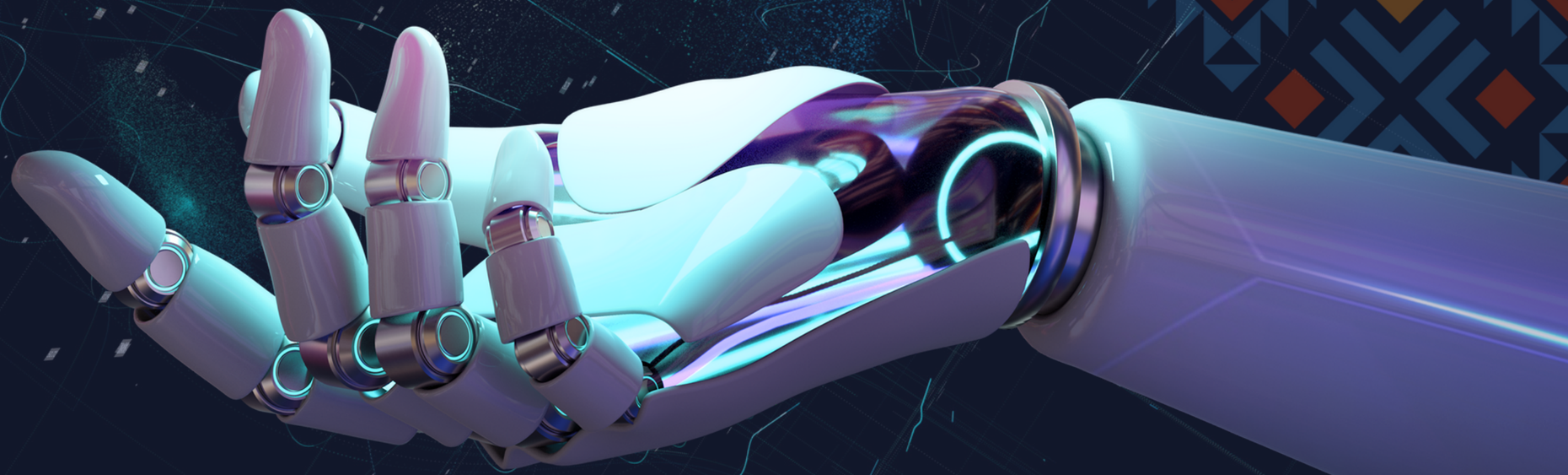

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INTRODUCTION

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WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

In part one, we will cover:

- Understanding Grants
- Funding landscape
- Types of grants
- Funding opportunities

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OPENING THOUGHTS

The world is changing. For many tribal nations, this is a return to our traditional ways.

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HELPFUL STATISTICS

- 86,000 grantmaking entities
- 900 federal grant programs (via 26 federal agencies)
- 47% of government grants are state
- 40% of government grants are federal
- $105 billion in foundation giving (2022)

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WHAT IS A GRANT?

"A grant is funding given to support projects or ideas that make positive changes in the world."

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TRIBAL LANDSCAPE

- Legacy approach (i.e., BIA, IHS, and HUD)
- Less than 1% of foundation giving to tribal nations
- 21% federal success rate
- 1-6 months for most awards

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TYPES OF GRANTS

- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- Foundation Grants
- Corporate Grants
- Non-profit Grants

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TYPES OF GRANTS

- Research Grants
- Program-Specific Grants
- Capacity Grants
- Operating Grants
- Seed Grants (for start-ups)
- Capital Grants (i.e., construction)

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COMMON GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Abstract
- Project Narrative
- Budget/Budget Narrative
- Attachments (i.e., tribal resolution, tax documents, etc.)

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THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

- Data is key, but **story-telling** is more important
- Language & culture is a **strength**
- Most grants support technology
- **Anyone** can write a grant

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WHERE TO FIND GRANTS

- Grants.gov (most common)
- Grants Station
- Grants Watch
- Instrumentl

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ALTERNATIVE FUNDING METHODS

- Indirect Cost Negotiations
- Section 105(l) leases
- Third-party revenue
- Tax compacts

We can help with these!

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NEW CONSIDERATIONS

- 5G Connectivity
- Energy Development
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Cybersecurity
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Super AI

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES

Yield Giving Open Call
Amount: $1,000,000 (one-time)

NDN Collective (Radical Imagination)
Amount: Up to $100,000

Oak Foundation
Amount: Up to $10,000,000

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FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES

OTF's Internet Freedom Fund Grant
Amount: $900,000 (typically $200,000)

CTIA Wireless Foundation
Amount: Up to $100,000

Gadfly Project: Cyber Preparedness
Amount: Up to $100,000 (in-kind)

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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Forward-Looking Experimentation (FLEX)
Amount: $500,000(base-option)

Augmented Intelligence in Medicine and Healthcare Initiative (AIM-HI) - Kaiser Permanente
Amount: Up to $750,000

Environmental Justice Data Fund
Up to $500,000

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ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands
Amount: Up to $5,000,000

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Amount: Varies

Strategies to Increase Hydropower Flexibility
Amount: Up to $4,000,000

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ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Buildings Energy Efficiency Frontiers; Innovation Technologies (BENEFIT)
Amount: Up to $30,000,000

Community Energy Innovation Prize
Amount: $1,500,000

Critical Materials Accelerator
Amount: Up to $10,000,000

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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

CESER - Advanced Cybersecurity Technology (ACT)
Amount: Up to $2,000,000

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
Amount: Up to $50,000,000

Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes
Amount: $500,000

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Q and A

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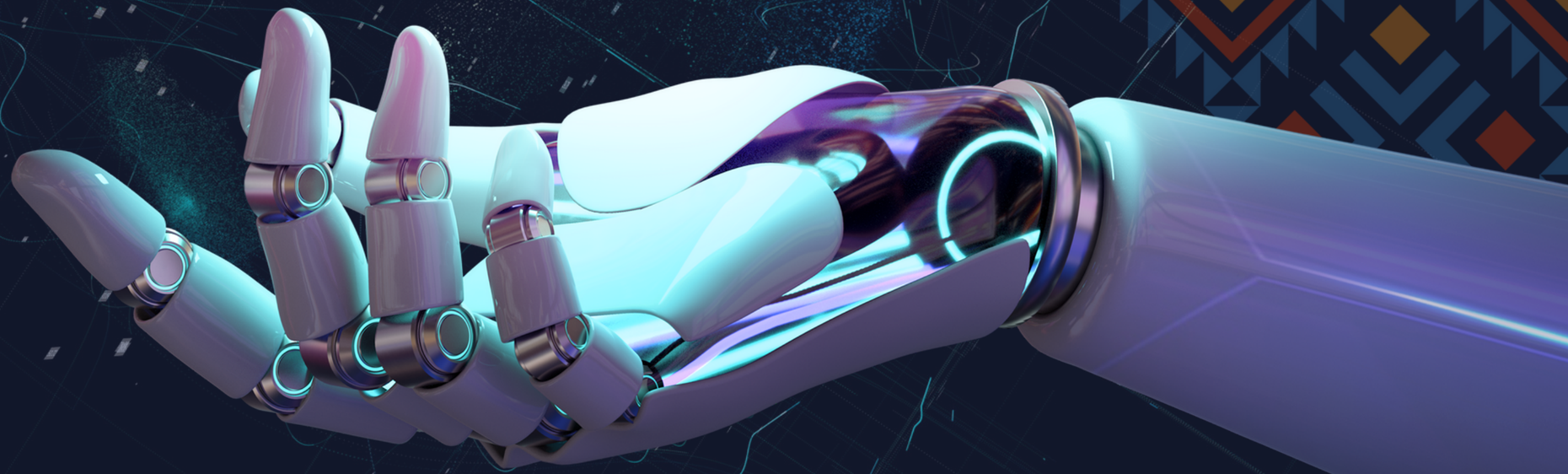

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