



CAPACITY INITIATIVES

Direct Support for Capacity Building

NRT provides direct support for capacity-building projects initiated collaboratively by three or more First Nation communities in British Columbia (BC).

NRT has allocated a total of \$750,000 for this initiative in the 2008/09 fiscal year. A maximum of \$50,000 per project is available; with support for up to 75% of project costs (proponents must contribute the other 25%).

Who is eligible?

Support is available to partnerships of three or more First Nation communities in BC.

What types of Projects will be funded?

Eligible projects will increase or improve the knowledge, abilities, and processes that First Nation communities require to be successful, vibrant, independent and self-sufficient. Some examples of types of projects that would apply are:

- § Improvement or cost reduction associated with services, products, or infrastructure between partner communities;
- § Land-use plans, comprehensive community plans, economic development planning, governance, consultation and accommodation, impact benefit agreements, or referrals that involve all partner communities;
- § Knowledge management and sharing initiatives; and
- § Governance and Nation-Building related projects.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- § Capacity outcomes must be long-term or permanent in nature;
- § Proposals must be a partnership between a minimum of three First Nation communities in British Columbia;
- § Projects must build capacity and outcomes should be measurable and benefit all the proponents;
- § Capacity projects that can be shared with and potentially benefit all BC First Nations will be given preference;
- § Capacity projects must demonstrate knowledge retention;
- § Proponents must have First Nation Council Resolutions supporting the project; and
- § Proponents must demonstrate commitment to the project by contributing 25% of the overall project cost.

Eligible Costs

- § Research related costs;
- § Contracted employees;
- § Professional & consulting fees;

- § Travel; and
- § New costs directly attributable to project.

Ineligible Costs

- § Administrative and overhead costs;
- § Honorariums;
- § Attending or hosting conferences, workshops;
- § Capital asset purchases;
- § Promotion or entertainment costs;
- § Existing staff wages or salaries.

How to apply

This initiative has a two-step application process, as follows:

Step One:

- § Eligible applicants will submit a two page letter of intent, including the following information:
 - § List of project partners and contact information for project lead;
 - § Description of the proposed project, including demonstrated need and narrative on how it build capacity as defined by NRT;
 - § Proposed measurable outcome(s) of the project;
 - § Estimated budget breakdown and source of equity for the project
- § NRT will respond indicating whether or not the project fits within the objectives of the program;
- § If the proposed project meets criteria, proponents will proceed to step two.

Step Two:

- § Eligible applicants will be requested to submit a detailed proposal;
- § NRT will provide list of proposal requirements at the time of notification;
- § Letters of Intent and subsequently requested detailed proposals will be reviewed by an Adjudication Committee of the NRT Board;
- § Funding will be awarded to successful proponents.

Deadlines

Applications will be accepted beginning on immediately and will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. There is no closing deadline; funds will be awarded until project funding is exhausted.

More information

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