



CAPACITY INITIATIVES

Policy Development

NRT supports policy development for First Nation organizations that operate at the provincial and regional levels and that directly impact/benefit local First Nations and their communities in British Columbia (BC).

NRT has allocated a total of \$500,000 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 registered non-profit organizations in BC that have a First Nations controlled Board of Directors and can demonstrate sound management.

What types of Projects will be funded?

Eligible projects are those that address common policy needs, leverage existing policy initiatives, and support opportunities that will benefit First Nations province-wide. Some examples of types of projects that will be considered are:

- § Research to support policy and legislative initiatives;
- § Business case development;
- § Development of tools for negotiating agreements;
- § Projects that support business partnerships, negotiation, and resource revenue sharing;
- § Expert advice and referrals in the areas of consultation, negotiation, and impact benefit agreements;
- § Information management, collection and sharing; and
- § Other priorities identified by eligible organizations.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- § Applicants must demonstrate a financial need related to carrying out and completing the proposed project;
- § Projects must relate to the applicant's mandate, mission, goals and objectives;
- § Projects must result in a tangible outcome, be long-term or permanent in nature, and have measurable benefits to First Nations in BC;
- § Project outcomes must be made available to all interested First Nations in BC;
- § Applicants must demonstrate their commitment to the project by contributing 25% of project costs;
- § Preference will be given to projects that are supported by more than one eligible organization (partnerships).

Eligible Costs

- § Research related costs;
- § Contracted employees;
- § Professional and consulting fees;
- § Related Travel costs; and
- § New costs directly attributable to project.

Ineligible Costs

- § Administrative and overhead costs;
- § Honorariums;
- § Conferences, workshops;
- § Capital asset purchases;
- § Promotion or entertainment costs; and
- § 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, containing 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.

Important Dates

Applications will be accepted beginning on October 1, 2008 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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