

Indigenous Grants

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[Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Capital](#)

SUMMARY

Provides funding to promote entrepreneurship in Indigenous communities and increase the number of viable businesses owned by Indigenous people.

DEADLINE

Continuous intake

MAX FUNDING

Up to \$99,999

ELIGIBILITY

- *Indigenous individuals;
- * Businesses owned and controlled by Indigenous people;
- * Indigenous and non-indigenous organizations and associations (except those with a religious or charitable purpose);
- * First Nations and Inuit communities and governments;
- * Canadian-owned and controlled banks, credit unions, and trust companies;
- * Private equity providers;
- * Provincial and federal crown corporations; and
- * Municipal governments, labour organizations, and post-secondary institutions.

Note: Eligibility criteria may vary between AFIs. Many AFIs only serve Indigenous individuals, businesses, and organizations in their local area.

* Projects may involve starting, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing a business, and must create measurable benefits, including but not limited to additional revenue, new markets, and/or new job opportunities;

* Examples of eligible activities include:

- Advertising campaigns, trade shows, seminars, and conferences;
- Research;
- Process and product development;
- Productivity improvement; and
- Investment in new technology and/or systems.

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[Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program](#)

SUMMARY	Provides funding to projects that resolve to challenges faced by the Canadian agricultural sector.
DEADLINE	Continuous intake
MAX FUNDING	Up to \$1,000,000

ELIGIBILITY

- * Be either:
 - > Non-profit organizations and associations, cooperatives, and marketing boards;
 - > Indigenous groups.
- * Be legal entities that can enter into legally binding agreements; and
- * Have relevant projects that are Canadian or sector-wide in scope.
- * Adaptation to new technology:
 - > Piloting new advances in agri-technology;
 - > Test and adopt technology solutions in collaboration with research centers;
 - > Solving technical hurdles to overcome barriers to the adoption of new technology;
 - > Develop more value-added products.
- * Environmental sustainability:
 - > Building sector capacity to mitigate agricultural greenhouse gas emissions.
 - > Strategic development and capacity building:
 - > Responding to new industry trade and regulatory demands;
 - > Providing diversified crop options;
 - > Develop long-term competitiveness strategies.
- * Addressing emerging issues:
 - > Providing solutions to "urgent" challenges facing the agricultural industry.
- * Administrative Costs
 - > Ongoing or core activities and overhead expenses (fundamental operational activities) will be calculated at a flat rate of 10% of total project costs.
 - > Capital assets with a per-item cost of more than \$100,000 will not be included in the calculation of administrative costs.
- * Salaries and benefits;
 - > Only the wages and benefits of staff directly related to the project are eligible.
- * Contracted services;
 - > Professional or specialized services for which a contract is entered into, such as inspection, consultant/expert services, installation, and Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012.
- * Travel costs;
 - > Costs directly related to the project, such as: per diems (accommodations, meals, taxis, and incidentals); air, rail and ground transportation (to an out-of-city destination).
- * Capital assets;
 - > Costs that are tangible assets that are purchased, constructed, developed, or otherwise required to complete the project;
 - > Expenditures for capital assets should not exceed 25% of total project costs.
- * Other direct project costs.
 - > Costs that are for project-related deliverables, such as shipping, translation, marketing costs related to the production of materials/documents/knowledge transfer, and other costs that AAFC deems eligible.

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[Creating, Knowing, Sharing: Small Scale Activities](#)

SUMMARY	This fund supports Indigenous arts professionals in acquiring materials for artistic production, and/or pursuing training and career development opportunities.
DEADLINE	03/15/2023 06/14/2023 09/14/2023 12/13/2023 03/20/2024
MAX FUNDING	Up to \$3,000

ELIGIBILITY

- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit arts professionals;
- * Aspiring First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists working under the guidance of a professional artist;
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit groups and/or cultural carriers;
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit art and culture non-profits; and
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit for-profit businesses in the arts and culture sector.

Note: To apply for this grant, you must create a profile in the Canada Council for the Arts online portal. Your profile must be verified before you can apply for grants. Be sure to create your profile at least 30 days before submitting your grant application.

- * Purchase of materials directly related to the proposed activity;
- * Cost of collecting or harvesting proposed materials;
- * Honoraria paid to arts and culture professionals for training or consultation;
- * One-time training workshops;
- * Conference or symposium fees; and
- * Travel costs directly related to the activity (can be up to 50% of total projected cost).

Note: If travel costs amount to more than 50% of the total projected costs, applicants should apply to the Travel stream of Creating, Knowing, Sharing instead of the Small Scale Activities stream.

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Creating, Knowing, Sharing: Travel

SUMMARY

This program funds travel initiatives that help Indigenous arts professionals access new markets and build their national/international presence.

DEADLINE

Any time before the departure date

MAX FUNDING

Up to \$30,000

ELIGIBILITY

- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit arts professionals;
- * Aspiring First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists working under the guidance of a professional artist;
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit groups and/or cultural carriers;
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit art and culture non-profits; and
- * First Nations, Métis, and Inuit for-profit businesses in the arts and culture sector.

Note: To apply for this grant, you must create a profile in the Canada Council for the Arts online portal. Your profile must be verified before you can apply for grants. Be sure to create your profile at least 30 days before submitting your grant application.

- * Travel activities led by First Nations, Métis, or Inuit individuals, cultural carriers, or arts/culture professionals;
- * Must be by invitation;
- * The destination must be at least 100 km from the place of departure; and
- * Must have one of the following purposes:
 - Sharing artistic works or cultural knowledge;
 - Participating in significant artistic or cultural events;
 - Undertaking research activities;
 - Building professional and artistic networks;
 - Engaging in professional development opportunities;
 - Developing regional, national, or international markets.

Note: Touring is not an eligible activity for this program. Arts professionals who wish to tour should apply to the Arts Across Canada or Arts Abroad programs instead.

- * Transportation costs;
- * Accommodation per diem, up to 5 days per trip, at a maximum of \$150 per day;
- * Additional shipping or baggage costs directly related to the travel activity, up to a maximum of \$2500;
- * Registration fees, up to \$1000.

Note: Applicants cannot apply for activities that occur before the departure date or those that receive funding from another Canada Council program component.

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[Interim Applications for time-limited funding under Section 8 and 9 of the Indigenous Languages Act](#)

SUMMARY	Provides funding First Nation organizations delivering or supporting language revitalization services.
DEADLINE	Continuous intake
MAX FUNDING	\$500,000

ELIGIBILITY

- * May be any of the following organization types:
 - > First Nation governments, equivalent organizations and their delegated authorities;
 - > First Nations institutions including accredited programs;
 - > First Nations ad hoc group that has formed to do a specific work plan;
 - > First Nations non-profit organizations; and
 - > First Nations for-profit organizations.
 - Workplan activities must not result in income generation for the organization's sole benefit.
 - * Must be First Nations owned and controlled;
 - * Delivers or supports the delivery of language revitalization services;
 - * Have demonstrated long-term support from participating First Nations communities or organizations;
 - > E.g. resolutions, letters, or emails of support from First Nation communities, and/or organizations in the region,
 - * Have experience related to the delivery of regional, provincial, and/or other federal programming as the First Nations organization.
 - * Start-up costs for First Nations organizations whose mandate is to support the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance, and strengthening of their languages;
 - * Salaries and employee benefits;
 - * In exceptional circumstances, stipends, allowances, or honoraria for attendance or participation in a course or activity;
 - * Professional, consulting, and Elder fees;
 - * Professional development and training programs;
 - * Travel expenses, which must not exceed the rates permitted as per travel on government business;
 - * Meetings;
 - * Rent and utilities related to the activities;
 - * Translation and communications;
 - * Equipment rental, service, and purchase;
 - * Costs associated with information technology, including the purchase and upgrade of hardware and software;
 - * Minor renovation, in the context of promotional languages activities;
 - * Activities, supplies, and resource materials related to the activities;
 - * Photocopying and printing related to the activities;
- General liability insurance;
- * Administrative costs, such as bookkeeping services, office supplies, telephone, fax, utilities, postage and courier fees, printing, rent for office space, audit, and legal. Administrative costs cannot exceed 15% of the total approved funding.

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[TACC Business Equity Program](#)

SUMMARY	Provides funding to help Indigenous people and/or communities in the Coast Salish territory start, expand, or acquire businesses.
DEADLINE	Continuous intake
MAX FUNDING	Up to \$99,999 for individual businesses; Up to \$250,000 for community-owned businesses.

ELIGIBILITY

- * Canadian Aboriginal individuals (Status or Non-Status, Métis, Inuk) residing in the TACC service area, which includes: Lower Mainland (to Squamish), Fraser Valley and parts of Vancouver Island.
- * Canadian corporations, partnerships, associations, or other legal entities majority owned and controlled by Aboriginal individuals residing in the TACC service area;
- * Applicant must be involved full-time in a management capacity in the proposed business project, and must possess the relevant certifications, qualifications, and/or licenses; and
- * Applicant must be able to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost.
- * Projects may involve starting, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing a business, and must create measurable benefits, including but not limited to additional revenue, new markets, and/or new job opportunities;
- * Eligible market expansion activities include advertising campaigns, trade shows, seminars, and conferences;
- * Eligible innovation activities include research, process and product development, productivity improvement, and investment in new technology and/or systems;
- * Minimum project budget for starting, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing a business is \$25,000; and
- * Minimum project budget for marketing and innovation is \$10,000.