

FUNDING EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES

To qualify for a grant or donation, a project must fit within ten (10) charitable purposes or initiatives, as defined in the amended Gaming Framework Agreement. It is important to ensure all grants under each initiative compliments and does not replace any existing Federal or Provincial grants.

Further clarification on eligible expenses and eligible organizations when applying for funding.

*Under Policy 3.9 Ineligible Organizations – Payments **cannot** be made to an Individual and under the Gaming Framework Agreement section 7.5– The Community Development Corporations shall make distributions on a fair and equitable basis among the First Nations **organizations** and non-First Nations **organizations** in the communities in which each is located and in the surrounding areas, in the manner solely determined by the board of directors of each Community Development Corporation.*

Applications which include Prize Payout monies fall under this category of being ineligible as the payments are considered payouts to individuals. This would include prize payouts for golf tournaments, fish derbies, powwows, etc.

Therefore, please be advised that any projects that include payouts of funds to individuals will be excluded in part or in whole of such applications.

3.5.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding may be used for:

- Assisting in actual costs in the preparation of Business Plans and Feasibility Studies;
- Business ventures or enhancements with Business Plans;
- Equity/Capital Contributions to assist organizations to obtain the necessary financing from various lending institutions and/or Grant Programs;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building for economic development communities, Band governance and community planning.

3.5.2 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Funding is available for the following social initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial program funding:

- Elder support programs;
- Programs for the Homeless
- Day Care operations, early childhood interventions;
- Work transition programs;
- Higher Education transition programs;
- Programs and initiatives which target individuals with special needs;
- Meals on Wheels programs for individuals with disabilities and other special needs;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building;
- Special Crisis Funding

3.5.3 JUSTICE INITIATIVES

- Funding of awareness programs, conferences and or preventative/intervention programs
- Training, shelters, recreation, youth at risk, justice support programs, victim support services, restorative justice programs and the use of elders in restorative justice programs and mediation services
- Peace Keepers, Tribal Police and Security Services Training programs
- Support for policy/program development and or capacity building

3.5.4 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Funding is available for the following educational initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial program funding:

- School lunch programs, hot lunch programs, language retention and upgrading programs, in-school cultural awareness programs, school playground equipment, special needs programs, fine arts and the performing arts programming and activities and elder's mentoring programs.
- Scholarships
- Field trip, School Trips, Student Exchange Programs;
- Literacy Programs;
- First Nation Spirituality;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building.

3.5.5 RECREATION FACILITIES

Funding is available for the following recreation initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial funding:

- Youth Centres, development of recreational facilities, i.e. Ball diamonds, soccer fields, outdoor beach volleyball courts and other facilities;
- Recreational equipment purchases;
- Costs associated with hosting Youth Games (Winter and Summer Games, NAIG, etc.) and activities;
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- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building.

3.5.6 HEALTH INITIATIVES

Funding is available for the following health initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial funding:

- Traditional Healers;
- Water quality, health and safety issues;
- First responders: partnership and training, service delivery;
- Diabetes prevention and intervention programs, foot care for diabetics, nutrition programs, Dialysis and Defibrillator Equipment;
- Wellness conferences and/or workshops;
- Awareness and Prevention Programs (Addictions, Needle Exchange Program, Crystal Meth Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Elder Abuse, STD's Wellness Workshops, Community Clean-up, Pandemic Planning, etc.)
- Equipment for the disabled;
- Home Care Services;
- Traditional Healing Programs;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building;

3.5.7 SENIORS & YOUTH

- Seniors: Elder abuse prevention, palliative care programs, respite care programs, meals on wheels programs, nutrition programs, traditional healing, spirituality, veterans, special needs equipment and materials
- Elders Activities (includes an Elder's trip) – Allotment of \$10,000.00 per year per community over and above any project applications that may qualify under this initiative
- Summer Camps
- Youth: Boys and Girls club, cadets, girl guides, scouts, youth conferences, i.e. self-esteem, dating violence, teen pregnancy, addictions, gang violence, crime prevention/intervention, role modeling, bullying
- Support for policy/program development and or capacity building

3.5.8 CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Funding is available for the following cultural development initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial funding:

- Cultural and language development camps, arts and crafts;
- Spirituality workshops, conferences, traditional teachings, accepted ceremonial practices and traditional gatherings;
- Music and Fine Arts initiatives;
- Pow Wows
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building
- Each community is allotted \$10,000 per year specifically for Cultural Activities, over and above any application projects the Community may have that qualify for funding under this initiative.

3.5.9 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Funding is available for Community Infrastructure Development and Maintenance initiatives providing the funding is not replacing federal or provincial funding.

- Upgrading of recreational areas and facilities, playgrounds, parks, renovations for community centres and gathering places;
- Upgrade and renovations for housing
- Upgrades and/or maintenance of community owned roads, buildings, sewage systems, water treatment plants;
- Construction, acquisition, upgrades, operations and maintenance of community infrastructure which may include but not limited to:
 - Roadways;
 - Buildings;
 - Solid Waste Management;
 - Energy Systems;
 - Land Fill Sites;
 - Bridges;
 - Water Supply and/or Waste Water Treatment;
 - Churches and cemeteries;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building.

3.5.10 OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES

- Christmas fund, Christmas community meals, support for various fund-raising initiatives, special events such as sports days, rodeos, and tournaments;
- Allocation for this category shall be at the discretion of the Board;
- Support for policy/program development and/or capacity building.

Minor Emergency Situations

Funding to Minor Emergencies is used only when all other lines of funding have been exhausted. It is not to be used in place of federal or provincial funding sources. To qualify for funding the applicant must provide evidence of being denied other sources of money.

3.6.1 DEFINITION

For purposes of this category of funding, “Minor Emergency Situations” include an individual or a single-Family unit rather than the Community as a whole.

3.6.2 CRITERIA FOR MINOR EMERGENCIES

- The Maximum Grant is \$10,000 for most Minor Emergency situations.
- Examples of Minor Emergencies may include: Family homes destroyed by fire; Medical emergencies; Natural Disasters affecting living/lifestyle in crisis situations; and Pandemic Flu.
- Search and Rescue/Recovery Operations will be reviewed based on merit and not limited to the maximum. Should the cost of the Rescue/Recovery Operation exceed the maximum, 25% of the total cost of the Operation will be considered.

3.6.3 FIRE LOSS

Maximum for Fire Loss as per households on Reserve Communities Only:

1-3 persons - \$2,000.00
 4-6 persons - \$4,000.00
 7+ persons - \$6,000.00

Fire Loss Donations will be for Personal belongings only.

- NLCDC will review special or unique applications based on merit.
- Minor Emergency Donations are paid out of the Corporation’s Reserve Fund. No Minor
- Emergency applications/requests can be considered if the Reserve has been depleted.

Major Emergency Situations

All Major Emergency situations shall be reviewed based on merit and seriousness and generally affect the Community as a whole.

- There is a maximum of \$50,000.00. The Donation will be based on merit and seriousness.
- Examples of Major Emergencies include: Forest Fires; Floods; Chemical Spills, Pandemic Flu; Natural Disasters affecting community living/lifestyle in crisis situations.
- Major Emergency Donations are paid out of the Corporation’s Reserve Fund. No Major Emergency applications/requests can be considered if the Reserve has been depleted