

Indigenous Community Support Fund

Need-based funding (ICSF4)

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- In June 2021, \$26.3 million was provided in direct allocations to First Nations (including Block, NRF Grant and Self-Governing nations)
- An additional \$26.3 million in direct allocation will be provided in September 2021
- FN communities have the flexibility to determine how to use that direct allocation and can absolutely support off-reserve members with that funding.
- Direct allocations for off-reserve members/activities is also being considered.
- If the community's needs exceed the ICSF4 direct allocation provided (on and off reserve), First Nations are eligible to apply for additional funding.
- The ICSF funding request process for needs-based activities recently opened and requests are currently being accepted.
- BC Region's budget for needs based activities is set at \$13.3 million.
- BC Region may request more funding from the national contingency if funding requests exceed regional budget.
- BC Region's budget for off-reserve needs based activities is set at \$12.2 million.
- There is **no deadline** for the Indigenous Community Support Fund needs-based funding. First Nations and Indigenous organizations are encouraged to send their requests for additional resources when needs arise. Requests will continue to be accepted and recommended until funds are exhausted.
- It is recommended that applicants work with their First Nation Administration to confirm the request for funding is based on need with no other funding sources available.
- It is recommended your First Nation work together across departments to submit one application including all current needs for the First Nation.



- The report for both on and off-reserve ICSF funding must be reported on one sole annual Activities and Expenditures report. The Annual Activities and Expenditures Report (DCI# 4548549) for the Indigenous Community Support Fund due date is July 31.

Examples of activities that can be funded:

Reasonable COVID-19-related activities may be eligible including, but not limited to:

- Perimeter Security (e.g. check points and road closure)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Non-Medical Staff (e.g. masks for perimeter security staff)
- Installation of Physical Barriers (e.g. Plexiglas, fencing, signage)
- Food Security (e.g. local food banks, food deliveries for people in isolation, community freezers)
- Transportation (e.g. truck/vehicle delivery for goods, fuel)
- Cleaning Supplies (e.g. disinfectant, hand sanitizers, soap, wipes)
- Additional Non-Medical Staff Costs (e.g. employee's overtime)
- Lodging and Accommodation (e.g. land-based isolation sites)
- Minor Infrastructure (e.g. adapting existing buildings, temporary gatehouses)
- Mental Wellness Support (e.g. mental support initiatives, culturally competent supports)
- Cultural Supports (e.g. on-land activities, ceremonies)
- Seniors Support (e.g. elder/senior transportation to appointments, prescriptions)
- Child and Family Supports (e.g. educational materials)
- Online Learning Supports (e.g. computers, tablets)
- Communication of Information (e.g. infographics, radio announcements)
- Vaccine Support (e.g. transportation for off-reserve or urban Indigenous communities)
- Administration Costs (max 15%)
- Other

Community and Family Supports:

- Indigenous healing and cultural well-being activities
- Wellbeing workshops and information fairs
- Recovery activities
- Memorials
- Community and social groups
- Online wellness/coping resources
- Community events
- Mental health communication supports
- Emotional/psychological supports
- Targeted outreach programs
- Community dialogues/working groups
- Traditional and cultural healing ceremonies

Note: Proposals for Wellness and Health related activities are reviewed in consultation with FNHA. Activities that are not supported at FNHA will come back to ISC for further review and eligibility.

For each activity please provide the following information:

- *Project description:*
 - How it supports your community to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19?
 - Breakdown of costs associated with each activity for staff wages (hours/rate), materials and supplies
 - Submitting a request with activities that clearly outline how the proposal supports those most in need within the community. Requests for activities that support all members may require follow up to identify a needs based approach

- *COVID-19 risk:*
 - is there risk of COVID-19 in the community or population that needs to be addressed (for example, an outbreak has been declared in the community, or there is a high rate of transmission in your organization or community's urban area)?
 - how will the proposed activities address urgent, immediate community needs to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and containment efforts?

- *Readiness:*
 - are there any obstacles to starting your project?
 - are staff and resources available?
 - has your community or organization provided similar services in the past and could it begin providing expanded or enhanced services to address COVID-19 issues immediately?

- *Human impact:*
 - does the project directly address the impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous populations (such as isolation, transportation, food security, safe places, health and safety) while preventing, protecting, mitigating, responding to, or recovering from the pandemic?
 - how many peoples will be impacted by these activities and who are the participants for each activity (for example, community members, women, youth, Elders, homeless individuals)
 - how will the needs of the most vulnerable be prioritized and addressed?
 - does the project offer direct, meaningful benefit to the participants

- *Prior funding:*

- has your community or organization already received governmental funding for the identified COVID-19 need?

- **When considering activities, please note:**

- Maximum rates for Perimeter Security are: Up to 2 contracted personnel per checkpoint, up to 24 hours a day at a maximum rate of \$24.66/hour.
- Capital purchases are an ineligible expense, please consider leasing/renting equipment.

If you have any questions regarding your ICFS needs based proposal, please contact aadnc.isbccovid19.aandc@canada.ca.