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## The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund

With the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, communities across Canada and around the world faced an unprecedented moment; one that has and continues to challenge our collective ability to deliver services that communities depend on. For Indigenous communities and Indigenous-led organizations working to respond to COVID-19 in the context of pre-existing economic and health disparities, the impacts are even more pronounced. This is especially true for Indigenous people in rural, remote, and Northern communities with inequitable access to basic support.

To address these critical gaps, a coalition of Indigenous leaders and philanthropic and corporate funders came together and established the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund. The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund has the support of over 30 foundations ([link here](#)).

This document intends to support applicants interested in applying to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund.



# Who is Eligible?

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund offers support to Indigenous-led organizations that have been especially affected by COVID-19 and are working towards new sustainability in this new “normal”.

Applicants are required to share how their project assists the Indigenous populations they serve, and the impact of the project on the community. Applicants must have a bank account in their organization’s name.

Examples of eligible organizations include:

- community groups;
- registered charities;
- registered not-for-profit organizations;
- public bodies performing a function of government in Canada.

Those ineligible to apply include:

- individuals;
- for-profit companies;
- the Government of Canada (federal government);
- provincial and territorial governments;
- the Crown; and
- the United Nations.

If you have additional questions about your eligibility, please contact:  
[info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca).

# Eligible projects

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund offers support to Indigenous-led organizations leading projects at the community level that has and continues to be affected by COVID-19.

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund will support projects serving Indigenous Peoples as they manage pandemic-related impacts and the after-effects of COVID-19.

Applicants can be approved for two (2) projects; but can only apply for one (1) project at a time. For those with one acceptance, the first project must be completed, and a report submitted before applying a second time.

Specifically, eligible projects will:

- Clearly address a pressing social inclusion or well-being need caused by Covid;
- Serve Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit);
- Be carried out in a short timeframe (within one year of the application) with a reasonable budget;
- Must be Indigenous-led, Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund defines Indigenous-led as 50% of positions at all levels of an organization be Indigenous.

Examples of eligible projects responding to urgent community needs while taking a long-term view on building community resilience through the provision of:

- Training and financial support to areas where gaps in funding are needed to strengthen emergency health care efforts (ex: training of new cleaning procedures) and health-related transportation services (ex: purchasing PPE for medical drivers) and community safety initiatives;
- Sustainable access to food security, food justice and food sovereignty (ex: purchasing food to distribute or cook and distribute to vulnerable groups, and purchasing gardening needs, developing food sovereignty infrastructures like gardens and greenhouses, or reclaiming the production or distribution of food systems to serve the community better);

- Training and infrastructure to help communities overcome technological barriers and connectivity challenges (ex: purchasing additional connectivity for community social-distance use, connectivity for summer student support or assisting in training Elders who would not otherwise use Zoom or social media to get connected);
- Innovation in employment, internships and experiential learning, either virtually or through safe, social-distancing programming;
- Ensuring access to counselling, mental and cultural wellness and health supports where there are gaps in funding available from government programs (ex: provide mental health or cultural classes virtually to those in need);
- Innovative techniques for Elders and Healers who provide counselling, traditional medicines and teachings to youth in their communities;
- Request for funding to fulfill a gap where a shortage of funding for a specific program has been received from another foundation or organization;
- Operating funds that allow for innovation and gaps in services to ensure ongoing sustainability for programs of Indigenous-led organizations, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities providing support at a community level that have been affected by COVID-19.



# Eligible expenses

All budget items must be project-related and incurred no more than three months before the application date and within one year of the application. Eligible expenses will vary depending on the project. The list below are examples of possible expenses.

- Elder honorarium;
- Wages and employment-related costs for existing or additional staff;
- Fees for professional service;
- Disability supports for staff of the recipient;
- Materials and supplies;
- Printing and communication;
- Travel costs including mileage (car mileage using the government of Canada's standard rates);
- Utilities;
- Insurance;
- Rental of premises;
- Lease, purchase and maintenance of equipment;
- Performance monitoring and reporting costs;
- Data collection; and
- Knowledge development activities.

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# Ineligible Projects and expenses

## Ineligible projects include:

- Projects that are designed for fundraising purposes;
- Projects that are fully completed before application;
- Profit generating projects or activities; and
- Any activity taking place outside of Canada.

## The following expenses are ineligible, and will not be supported by the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund:

- Purchase of real property (land or building);
- Expenses incurred more than three months before the application date;
- Expenses incurred more than one year after the application date.

Any expenses covered by another funding source. Projects may receive funding from other sources, but those funds may not cover the same expenses as this resiliency support funding.

## Timeline

The Fund started receiving applications in June 2020, and applications are ongoing monthly.

# **What is the resiliency funding amounts available through the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund?**

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund offers a range of support to organizations working in communities of various sizes and geographies. Applicants seeking support are asked to reflect on their customary way of living off the land, using the resources provided and taking only what they need, ensuring resources are left for those who follow you. We are asking you to use this way of thinking in your application.

\$5,000 to \$30,000 amounts of support are available in the form of what we call ‘gift/bundles.’ Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund uses the model of **‘money is medicine’**.

# How are decisions made?

Applications will be reviewed by all Indigenous review committees using the common criteria from the application questions, using a sliding point scale of 1 to 5.

# When can I expect to receive results?

The results for the next two intakes will be the week of October 31st, 2022 and the week of December 12th, 2022.

# What are the reporting requirements?

Should your application be accepted, Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund will ask you to report on the use of the funds provided. There are several ways that you can share the story of your project. We invite you to share in the way that is most comfortable for you.

- In keeping with our oral traditions, we invite you to share the information requested in the questions with one of our staff through a video/phone call,
- Or in a video (max 3-5 min) created by you and your organization.

**Please email: [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) to schedule a time. Or if you prefer writing, please answer the following questions (maximum 500 words per question).**

1. Were you able to provide the support in the way that you anticipated?
2. Were you able to complete the project within the budget you submitted for the application? If you were not, what changes did you make?
3. Did you have any difficulty in completing your project due to COVID-19?
4. Has the support made a difference to your group/community? If so, can you tell us how?
5. Please share your successes, challenges and learnings.
6. If you had a partner or another funder, how did you use their support in your project?
7. Please provide us with any feedback on how we can improve. (Example: the application or reporting process.)
8. Would you like to add anything else to your story or share any other comments?

# How to apply

We wish for you to apply in the best and simplest way for you and your organization/group. Please choose one of the following:

1. **By Online Application**, you can click the [link here](#) to access our online application.
2. **By Email**, you can find a fillable PDF or a PDF to fill out by hand at [www.iprfund.ca](http://www.iprfund.ca), then save or scan your completed application form and send it by email to: [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca).
3. **Send by FAX** to: 1-613-280-1553.
4. **By Oral or Video**. Not as comfortable with written communication? No problem, feel free to send us a 3 min video, share your YouTube video link or email/call ([info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) 403-797-0116) to set up a time to orally provide your application (please note we will record for transcribing purposes).

**At any point, if you have any questions, please reach out to us to discuss your proposal.**

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