

# Indigenous and Northern Initiatives Fund

**GRANT GUIDE**



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# Fund Objectives

The Fund challenges Indigenous and non-Indigenous Manitobans to engage in new and innovative approaches to reconciliation. Proposals submitted to the Indigenous and Northern Initiatives Fund will contribute to the following outcomes:

- Improve relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Manitoba.
- Improve the quality of life for Indigenous peoples, particularly with respect to economic development, job creation and educational initiatives.
- Support activities that align with the [Path to Reconciliation Act](#), the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action](#) and/or the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).
- Show clear, concrete and positive project benefits that align with the priorities of government as expressed in the provincial [Speech from the Throne](#), [ministerial mandate letters](#), the [100-Day Action Plan](#), and/or other provincial strategies and priorities.

# What We Fund

## Eligible Proposals

- Proposals that align with the Fund Objectives
- Proposals for single-year projects

## Ineligible Proposals

- Proposals for multi-year projects
- Proposals for capital projects
- Proposals to fund core operating costs
- Proposals that duplicate or overlap with existing programming (i.e. activities that fall primarily within the mandate of other department programming or jurisdictions)
- Proposals to support Section 35 Crown consultations

\* Applicants will be required to submit any outstanding deliverables (ex. final report, financial report) to Indigenous and Northern Relations before any new grant application is accepted.

## Who Can Apply

Indigenous and Non-Indigenous individuals and eligible organizations:

- Non-profit\* and for-profit organizations that
  - o have been existence for at least one year,
  - o are active, and
  - o are current in its filings under the Corporations Act (Manitoba).
- Registered charities (under the Income Tax Act)
- First Nation Communities and Northern Affairs Communities
- Schools and School Divisions
- Individuals and unincorporated organizations may apply with the endorsement of an eligible non-profit, for-profit or charitable organization (see list above). In these cases, funding will be issued through the eligible organization.

\* A non-profit organization is an organization organized and operated exclusively for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure, recreation, or any other purpose except profit.

## How Much We Fund

- Generally, proposals up to a maximum of \$25,000 will be eligible, but consideration will be given to larger proposals that demonstrate significant partnerships and the potential for exceptional regional or provincial impact.

## When to Apply

- Application Deadline: February 7, 2020
- If there are remaining funds after the first intake, a second intake may be considered.

## How to Apply

- Electronic application forms can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/inr/major-initiatives/indigenous-and-northern-initiatives-fund.html>
- If you are unable to complete the electronic application form, please contact Indigenous and Northern Relations by phone or e-mail:

**Phone:**

204-945-7569

**E-Mail:**

INRgeneral@gov.mb.ca

Attn: Indigenous and Northern Initiatives Fund

## Proposal Assessment

Proposals are assessed against:

- Completion of application requirements.
- Eligibility criteria (refer to “What We Fund” section)
- How the proposal aligns with the Fund Objectives.
- Other considerations could include: innovative projects; applicants who identify extraordinary need for provincial funding support; proposals that incorporate culturally relevant approaches to reconciliation; and proposals that identify exceptional regional or provincial impact.

## How Decisions Are Made

A Review Committee manages the proposal intake and assessment.

- Generally, funding for successful applicants will be processed within five to seven weeks of the application deadline.
- Successful applicants will be notified of the decision by letter, including the next steps in the funding process.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the decision by letter.

## Terms and Conditions

- Approved proposals equal to or less than \$5,000 will receive a grant funding letter issued by Manitoba.
- Approved proposals greater than \$5,000 will require a project grant funding agreement signed by the applicant and Manitoba.
- Project grant funding letters and agreements will outline the terms, the acceptable use of funds, project end date, payment process, treatment of project surplus or deficit and reporting requirements.

## Payment Process

- Ninety percent of the approved funding will be provided upon signing the grant funding agreement.
- The remaining ten percent will be available following project completion, and submission and acceptance of a final report and signed financial report.
- The percentage of initial funding and holdback may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Holdbacks will not be required for proposals valued less than \$5,000.
- Indigenous and Northern Relations requires a final report and financial reports for all approved projects. For projects over \$5,000, the final program payment will be paid upon receipt and acceptance of these reports.

## Reporting on Outcomes and Results

- Final reporting is required within 90 days of project completion or by the final deadline identified in the grant funding agreement, whichever is sooner. As part of the package, the financial report and the final report must be completed in full. Final payment will not be issued until both reporting reports have been approved by Manitoba.
- The final report may be supplemented with personal stories, narratives and photos to demonstrate project deliverables and outcomes. The lead organization/individual is responsible for obtaining consent to publicly disclose this information and/or photos.
- If the project has been endorsed by an eligible organization (refer to “Who Can Apply”), the certified financial report must be completed by the endorsing organization. The balance of the final report requirements must be completed by the project lead (i.e. the individual or unincorporated non-profit).
- Project proponents who do not submit a final report and/or certified financial report may not be eligible for future funding from Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

## **Contact Us**

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