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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Attention: Managers and Executive Directors**

**Re: 2025-26 Call for Territorial Development Funding proposals**

The NWT Region is accepting proposals for the funding for the 2025-26 year, under its Territorial Development Fund (TDF).

TDF supports small projects that improve capacity to more meaningfully engage in the political and social growth of the NWT. Its purpose is to help NWT organizations address a broad range of issues that affect their ability to participate in developing the territory. If you have priorities or projects that might partially or fully meet those goals, we encourage you to apply.

Examples of initiatives that might qualify include programs for youth or capacity development, reconciliation activities such as Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Persons Articles, or gender-based analysis.

There is no closing date this year, proposals will be considered as they are submitted. We may share your proposal with other federal programs to help you maximize funding opportunities. Please carefully review the attached proposal guidelines. If you have questions about the program, or whether your project might fit, please contact Jeanette Hernberg by e-mail at [Jeanette.Hernberg@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Jeanette.Hernberg@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Proposals are to be submitted to Ms. Hernberg at the email address listed above.

Sincerely,

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## **2025-2026 Proposal Guidelines Territorial Development Funding**

### **General**

Please include the following information in your proposal:

1. Background: Mandate and role
2. Work plan: Objectives and description of activities/processes planned including timelines.
3. Anticipated Results: Description of results to be achieved.
4. Criteria for Measuring Success.
5. Overall Budget including anticipated sources of revenues from:
  - a) other grant and contribution programs within DIAND;
  - b) other federal government departments and organizations;
  - c) other levels of government;
  - d) the applicant; and
  - e) other sources.

### **Objectives:**

To promote NWT political and social development in order to ensure Indigenous Peoples and Northerners determine their economic, political, social, and cultural development, and more particularly, to:

- expand knowledge and understanding of political and social development;
- facilitate innovative and diverse approaches to political development;
- increase the expert knowledge brought to bear on analysis of proposals and development of positions;
- enhance knowledge, understanding and skills related to roles and responsibilities within organizations and within the political and social development of the territories;
- build capacity to engage in the political and social environment; and
- develop self-reliance and ability to assume responsibility in the Canadian federation

### **Eligible Recipients**

Organizations, other levels of government and other non-federal entities, public or private, that have an interest in political and social development in the Northwest Territories.

### **Eligible Activities:**

The main activities to be carried out are:

1. consultation - projects centering on all types of facilitation and organization of forums, meetings and workshops; and the collection and dissemination of information or other activities that relate to the solicitation and exchange of information, ideas and points of view, in order to expand knowledge and understanding of political and issues and activities;
2. research - projects centering on any direct or indirect research that expand the knowledge and understanding of political and social issues;
3. capacity building - projects centering on measures, other than delivery of education and training courses, that support expert analysis and the development of positions; increase understanding and skills related to roles and responsibilities within organizations; or increase knowledge and skills to participate in the current political arena.

Proposals should focus on one or more of the following priorities:

- expanding knowledge of Northern issues;
- increasing understanding of roles and responsibilities within organizations and within the political and social development of the territories;
- fostering knowledge and skills to better participate in the current political arena;
- increasing community political participation, improving partnerships;
- cultural events;
- promoting effective functioning of community governance.

**Eligible Expenditures:**

The overall budget will include a breakdown of expenditures reasonable and necessary to carry out work plans. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Professional fees
- Communications
- Data collection, analysis and reporting
- Photocopying and printing
- Salaries and benefits for employees and casual workers
- Contract costs for administrative services
- Honoraria (limited to \$200 per day)
- Space rentals and purchase or rental of office equipment
- Travel, including meals and accommodations, and shipping costs. (Please ensure that the line items and categories align with those found in your end-of-year financial statements or audited financial statements).

## **Funding Details**

We encourage all applicants to seek multiple sources of funds to support larger proposals, as well as make their own financial and in-kind contributions. If you are asking for more than \$50,000, please demonstrate financial or in-kind support from your organization or other funders.

Organizations that have not yet met contribution agreement reporting requirements from the previous year may submit a proposal for 2024-25; however, we cannot approve or fund proposals from any such organizations all outstanding reporting requirements have been met.

Please note the department's policy on honoraria expenses. Honoraria of any kind cannot surpass a maximum of \$200 per day. Honoraria for individuals who otherwise receive a salary or remuneration for the purposes of managing or participating in a project are not eligible expenses and will not be funded. A breakdown of any honoraria paid is required for final reporting.

Please ensure that the line items and categories in your budget align with those that will be found in your end-of-year financial statements or audited financial statements.