

Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund (ITIF)

2023-2024 Application Guide

Ministry of Transportation

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1.0 Background

1.1 Purpose of the Application Guide

This application guide provides information on the Ministry of Transportation's Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund (ITIF), including the application process, eligibility criteria, reporting requirements, payment details, and application evaluation stage. The guide applies to the 2023-2024 fiscal year (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) and may be updated or modified in subsequent years. The guide should be reviewed before applying to ITIF in order to ensure that all requirements are understood and fulfilled.

1.2 Program Overview

ITIF is a competitive, application-based funding program managed by the Indigenous Relations Branch (IRB) of the Ministry of Transportation (the Ministry). It is open to both Indigenous communities and organizations in Ontario interested in pursuing transportation-related projects, programs, initiatives, or activities (projects). Funding for successful projects is tied to the fiscal year and projects must be fully implemented by the end of the fiscal year. This program is unable to fund multi-year projects.

The main intent of ITIF is to enable Indigenous communities and organizations to advance transportation-related initiatives, and it is also expected to support capacity-building and strengthen relationships between the Ministry and Indigenous communities and organizations.

The table below provides a summary of some outcomes that ITIF hopes to achieve through the funded projects, along with some performance measures that the Ministry may use to assess fulfillment of these outcomes. The success of the ITIF-funded projects will be evaluated by analyzing the achievements documented in the Interim and Final Reports noted in Section 6.0, and by applying performance measures and outcomes such as those below to the projects, if/as applicable.

Example Performance Measure	Example Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in new employment or training opportunities for Indigenous community members through the project • Increase in revenues for Indigenous organizations/communities through the project • Increase in profit-generating opportunities for Indigenous organizations/communities through the project 	Economic and regional development for Indigenous communities/organizations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in any new transportation services being delivered as a result of the resources/knowledge/skills gained through the project • Increase in the use of/engagement with the transportation system among community members (i.e., with the project itself, or other local transportation services through the project) • Increase in new transportation-related education or training opportunities provided to community members through the project 	<p>Increased Indigenous leadership/participation in the delivery of transportation-related activities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in transportation development/project management skills among Indigenous communities/organizations as a result of the project • Increase in understanding of community transportation gaps and opportunities among Indigenous communities/organizations as a result of the resources/knowledge/skills gained through the project • Increase in resources/sense of readiness among Indigenous communities/organizations for new transportation-related activities to be pursued as a result of the project 	<p>Greater capacity among Indigenous communities/organizations to pursue transportation-related activities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in improved mobility/access for community members as a result of the project • Increase in improved sense of safety among community members as a result of the project • Reduction in other social/economic challenges as a result of the project (i.e., reduced number of road accidents) 	<p>Enhanced quality of life for Indigenous peoples in Ontario</p>

1.3 Program Eligibility Criteria

A. Applicant Eligibility

The following Indigenous communities and organizations may apply for ITIF funding:

- First Nation communities in Ontario
- Métis communities in Ontario
- Indigenous organizations in Ontario

To be eligible to receive funding, the Applicant must meet all four of the following criteria:

1. Be a legal entity (e.g., established by or under legislation; federally or provincially incorporated; First Nation in the province of Ontario).
2. Be an Indigenous community in Ontario; a regional or provincial organization in Ontario representing First Nation, Métis, Inuit or urban Indigenous peoples or an Indigenous service provider.
3. Hold governance structures and accountability processes to properly administer and manage public funds and to carry out the projects for which transfer payments are made. The following may be considered as part of the eligibility criteria:
 - Expertise and experience necessary to conduct/carry out its responsibilities in compliance with Ministry requirements, which will be assessed through evaluation of the application;
 - Appropriate governance and control structures in place (e.g., Board of Directors, Chief and Council, Membership Processes, Annual Report, etc.);
 - Reliable and up-to-date financial reporting;
 - Establishment of a Canadian bank account; and
 - Use funds for activities taking place in Ontario and benefiting Indigenous peoples.
4. Not in default of the terms and conditions of any grant or loan agreement (i.e., reports due or surplus) with any ministry or agency of the Government of Ontario.

B. Project Eligibility

To be considered and evaluated for funding, the project must be related to the transportation sector and connected to one or more of the priority themes noted in Section 2.2 below.

NOTE: Projects may be completed on or off reserve.

For illustrative purposes, some examples of types of projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities to prepare Indigenous communities for participation in transportation activities (e.g., gap analysis, business planning, skills training, education initiatives)
- Transportation infrastructure planning and research, including active transportation plans and asset management plans (e.g., community asset inventories, transportation

asset climate change planning)

- Provision of transportation support for low-income/vulnerable community members (e.g., monthly bus passes, local transportation services, driver's licensing support such as test fees and the costs associated with holding driver's licensing ID clinics)
- Streetscape developments or improvements, including lighting at transit stops, signage, street furniture, sidewalks, bike paths and racks
- Transportation-related information and awareness campaigns, such as driver/pedestrian safety, safety of vulnerable transit riders, anti-human trafficking, initiatives to combat racism or harassment, and road construction/maintenance safety

2.0 The ITIF Application

2.1 Key Dates

The application period opens on January 17. Application forms must be submitted online through Transfer Payment Ontario at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government> by February 15 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Date	Activity
January 17, 2023	Application period opens
February 15, 2023	Application period closes
March/April 2023	Ministry reviews and evaluates applications
April/May 2023	Successful applicants notified

NOTE: Applications submitted after the deadline will not be eligible for ITIF funding in the 2023-2024 intake period. Late, incomplete, or ineligible applications will be invited to apply in the next ITIF intake period.

2.2 Project Information

Project Description

In the application form, a detailed **description of the project** that addresses the following questions will need to be provided (maximum 2,000 characters):

- What is the scope of the project?
- What are the steps/activities that need to be completed?
- What are the expected outcomes of the project?

Project Impact

In the application form, an **explanation of the need for the project** that addresses the following questions will need to be provided (maximum 2,000 characters):

- What issue/gap will the project address?

- Why is the project important for the community/organization?
- What benefits will the project bring to the community/organization?

Priority Themes

In addition, an **explanation of how the project is connected to at least one of the three priority themes** outlined in the application form will need to be provided (maximum 1,000 characters). For the 2023-2024 application period, the following themes have been selected:

1. Economic Development/Recovery

- This could include: asset inventories, education initiatives, skills training, transportation planning, financial/technical assessments, COVID-19 recovery strategies, research/implementation of new transportation technologies, investments in transportation infrastructure

2. Transportation Mobility

- This could include: campaigns and programs, adoption of/upgrades to micro-mobility platforms, accessibility considerations, streetscape improvements, local transportation services, initiatives to increase transit ridership

3. Community Well-Being & Transportation Safety (including Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)/Anti-Human Trafficking)

- This could include: awareness campaigns, safety improvements for transit users, needs assessments, transportation financial assistance/support for low-income and vulnerable community members (such as Indigenous women and girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, elders, etc.), equity-focused activities, building partnerships

Risks/Challenges

In addition, the Applicant will need to outline some potential **risks/challenges** of the project and how will they be mitigated (maximum 1,000 characters). These can include, but are not limited to, economic risks/challenges, social risks/challenges, technical risks/challenges, logistic or schedule risks/challenges, operational risks/challenges, performance risks/challenges, etc.

Partnerships/Collaborations

The Applicant will also need to list any **other communities, organizations, and/or businesses** involved in the project (maximum 1,000 characters).

2.3 Project Details/Work Plan

In the application form, the Applicant will need to provide a work plan that lists the anticipated milestones that will be achieved as part of the project and their descriptions

and tentative timelines. The work plan should provide a detailed overview of the project and its key components.

2.4 Budget

In the application form, the Applicant will be asked to outline a projected budget for their project. The Applicant will need to demonstrate how the funding will be used, including descriptions of the types of project activities that will be pursued and the anticipated amount of money that will be allocated towards each activity. Although quotes are not required, the budget should be completed as accurately and completely as possible to provide a detailed overview of the financial needs of the project.

Please note that any cost overruns must be covered by the Applicant if their project proposal is approved for funding.

2.5 Performance Measures

Performance measures can help track project results, ensure ITIF is meeting its objectives, and inform changes to improve program delivery and administration.

A common approach to help with the development of good performance measures is to ensure they are “SMART,” meaning:

- Strategic/Specific: target a specific area for improvement;
- Measurable: quantify/show progress in some way;
- Attainable: within reach or achievable;
- Relevant/Realistic: appropriate and related to the program; and
- Time-frame specific: specify when the result(s) can be achieved.

Example: Road Safety

Performance Measure	Outcome
Number of traffic accidents each month	Local roads are consistently safe

In the application form, the Applicant will need to list some performance measures that will be used to measure the intended outcomes/goals of the project. Please refer to the table in Section 1.2 for examples to assist with the development of project performance measures, but please note that the Applicant is not required to include the performance measures in this table in their application. Performance measures will vary and be tailored to each project, depending on its nature.

2.6 Required Endorsement and Letters of Support

In order for the ITIF application to be submitted successfully and evaluated for funding, at least **one (1)** of the following documents must be uploaded as a PDF attachment to the application:

1. Band Council Resolution, Tribal Council Resolution, Métis Community Council Resolution, the Provincial Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) Resolution that references support for the project proposal submitted to the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund

AND/OR

2. Letter of Support from Chief, Band Council, Tribal Council, or Leader from an Indigenous Organization that speaks to the Applicant's project management experience, the skills they possess that would help them to successfully complete the project, and the importance of the project to address community transportation needs

3.0 Funding Requirements

3.1 Claim Amounts

In the application form, one of the following two project funding streams must be selected:

1. Small Projects Stream
 - Projects worth a maximum of \$30,000
2. Large Projects Stream
 - Projects worth a maximum of \$75,000

After selecting one of these two funding streams, the Applicant will be asked to provide a specific amount of funding requested for their project that cannot exceed the maximum amount of funding available for that particular stream. This means that Applicants who select the Small Projects Stream cannot request more than \$30,000, while Applicants who select the Large Projects Stream cannot request more than \$75,000.

NOTE: \$75,000 is the maximum amount of funding available for an ITIF project. The Ministry reserves the right to set limits on the amount of funding an Applicant will receive, including funding a project for less than the amount requested.

3.2 Funding from Other Sources

The Applicant must disclose all confirmed sources of funding for the project, in addition to the funding requested under ITIF. Whether or not a project is receiving funding from additional sources will not impact the scoring of the ITIF application. Applications will be

reviewed as a whole, and the additional funding may be one of the final considerations during evaluation regarding project need/priority.

3.3 Payment Details

Successful Applicants will be notified by the Ministry through email and/or subsequent correspondence regarding the amount of ITIF funding awarded to the project and details about the next steps. A funding agreement will confirm the amount of funding for which the Applicant is eligible and will also outline the payment schedule and the terms and conditions for receiving ITIF funding, including reporting requirements. Funds will only be provided to successful Applicants once a signed agreement is in place.

A Recipient receiving ITIF funds must use such funds, and any interest earned on such funds, exclusively towards the implementation of the ITIF project. The Recipient will not be allowed to use funds to offset any other expenditure.

The Recipient of ITIF funding is responsible for ensuring that the project is carried out in compliance with all federal and provincial laws and regulations, all municipal by-laws and any other orders, rules, and by-laws applicable to any aspect of the project.

All funds must be spent on or before March 31 of the fiscal year and the project must be completed by this date. Unless the Ministry otherwise agrees, any unused portion of the funds and related interest will be repaid to the Ministry at its request.

4.0 General Submission Information

4.1 Transfer Payment Ontario

Transfer Payment Ontario is the Province of Ontario's online application system for grant funding. It is important that you understand the steps for registering with Transfer Payment Ontario and validating the community/organization information prior to submitting your application.

Since Applicants must register with Transfer Payment Ontario to access application forms, most of the information requested in the first few sections of the application form (such as address, contact information, etc.) should be automatically filled in using data from the registration process.

Once an application has been started it may be saved or downloaded at any point and returned to later. Please refer to the Transfer Payment Ontario System Reference Guide for Applicants to access instructions on how to save and submit the application.

If you have any technical questions about Transfer Payment Ontario, please contact the Transfer Payment Ontario Customer Service Line at (416) 325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or by email at TPONCC@ontario.ca.

4.2 Creating an Account

Applicants using Transfer Payment Ontario for the first time must create a “ONE-key” account and be enrolled in the Transfer Payment Common Registration system. If an Applicant has previously applied for funding from other programs through Transfer Payment Ontario, a new ONE-key account is not required, but you may still be required to enroll in the Transfer Payment Common Registration system.

Please visit Transfer Payment Ontario at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government> for information on how to set up an account.

Please note that the ONE-key account is registered at the individual level and not at the organization level. If someone in your organization has an account that is used for a different grant application, an individual account is still required if you are the one submitting the application.

4.3 Transfer Payment Ontario Assistance

Please refer to the steps below if you are experiencing difficulties accessing the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund through Transfer Payment Ontario. Oftentimes this issue stems from not switching the view to “List” or not registering or joining the community/organization. If you need to register your community or organization, please make sure to use the operating/legal name.

1. Create a ONE-key account (if you are new to Transfer Payment Ontario)
2. Log in to Transfer Payment Ontario with your ONE-key account
3. Perform an organization search by selecting “Join Organization.” If you see your community or organization, select it from the list and click “Join Organization.” If your community or organization does not appear, select “Cancel” and you will be redirected to the Transfer Payment Ontario Home Page where you will need to select “Register New Organization.”
4. Select “See Funding Opportunities”
5. From the “I am looking to page,” select the “Submit for Funding” menu card, and switch the view to “List”
6. The Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund will be located under the “Invitational Programs for my Organization” tab

If you are still experiencing issues, please contact the Transfer Payment Ontario Customer Service team through email (TPONCC@ontario.ca) or by phone (416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090).

If you contact the Transfer Payment Ontario Customer Service team and still cannot access the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund application, please contact IRB@ontario.ca. Please include the legal name for all the communities/organizations you represent in your email to ensure that they are added correctly.

5.0 Evaluation

5.1 The Evaluation Process

The Ministry will review and evaluate all ITIF applications received by the application deadline based on an application score card (see table below for rated criteria). High scoring applications will be considered for funding.

Application Component	Scored Criteria	Yes (Strong Evidence)	Somewhat (Good Evidence)	No (Minimal/No Evidence)
Project Description (total points available: 5)	Does the Applicant clearly outline the project scope, provide a detailed overview of the steps/activities that will be completed, and identify specific qualitative/quantitative project outcomes?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Project Impact (total points available: 5)	Does the Applicant clearly identify the specific issue/gap the project will address, persuasively articulate the importance of the project, and provide a detailed explanation of key project benefits?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Project Risks (total points available: 5)	Does the Applicant identify effective strategies to mitigate believable project risks/challenges?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Project connection to at least one of the three priority themes (total points available: 5)	Is the link between the project and priority theme(s) clearly explained with supporting examples?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point

Project Details/Work Plan (total points available: 5)	Does the work plan describe in detail the project milestones, activities, and their timelines?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Budget (total points available: 5)	Does the budget describe in detail the project expenditures and their associated costs?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Performance Measures (total points available: 5)	Does the Applicant provide strong performance metrics that will effectively track progress toward fulfilling specific project goals/outcomes?	4-5 points	2-3 points	1 point
Total (35 points)				

During the application review process, the Ministry may seek clarification and supplementary information from the Applicant. The clarification and additional information received from the Applicant will form an integral part of the ITIF application.

After the applications have been reviewed, the Ministry will notify all Applicants of their standing. Each successful Applicant will be informed of the maximum amount of funding the Ministry may provide to the successful Applicant for the project and details regarding the next steps. In the case of an unsuccessful application, the Ministry will inform the Applicant and provide a brief rationale as to why the project will not be funded. It is therefore important to provide accurate and up-to-date contact information and to regularly monitor the Applicant's phone and email to enable timely communication regarding the status of the application.

6.0 Reporting Requirements

If the project is awarded funding through ITIF, the Recipient will need to submit two reports using templates provided by the Ministry. The contact with the Applicant role will receive both reporting templates by email which must be returned fully completed to the Indigenous Relations Branch at IRB@ontario.ca by the respective deadlines provided below.

6.1 Report Details

1. Interim Report

The Recipient will be required to submit an Interim Report (see Appendix for template) that details the progress on the ITIF project on or before **November 30 of the fiscal year**.

2. Final Report

The Recipient will be required to submit a Final Report (see Appendix for template) that includes a brief evaluation of the ITIF project within **sixty (60) days** after the end of the fiscal year (by May 30, 2024).

The Ministry will review each report submitted to ensure that it is completed to the Ministry's satisfaction and will connect with the Recipient for any clarifications and missing information as needed. The reports must be completed and submitted to the Ministry's satisfaction if the Recipient is to be considered for future funding under ITIF.

7.0 Disclaimer

All applications submitted to the Ministry are subject to the access to information provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act"). The Act provides all persons with a legal right of access to information in the custody or control, or both, of the Ministry, subject to a limited set of exemptions.

All projects must comply with relevant Canadian and Ontario laws, regulations, standards and policies.

8.0 Contact Information

Enquiries about program details and guidelines may be directed to:

Indigenous Relations Branch, Ministry of Transportation: IRB@ontario.ca

Technical questions regarding applying for this program via Transfer Payment Ontario may be directed to:

The Transfer Payment Ontario Customer Service Line at:

Email: TPONCC@ontario.ca

Telephone: (416) 325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090,

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Appendix A: Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund, 2023-2024 Application Form Template

NOTE: This template is for reference only. You must submit your application through Transfer Payment Ontario at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government>.

Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund 2023-2024

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Instructions	A – Community/Organization Information	B – Payment Information
C – Application Contact Information	D – Project Information	E – Project Details/Work Plan
F – Budget	G – Performance Measures	H – Declaration/Signing

Instructions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. EST

Program Background

The Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund is an application-based funding program delivered by the Indigenous Relations Branch at the Ministry of Transportation. It is open to Indigenous communities and organizations in Ontario interested in pursuing transportation-related projects.

Please note that in order to be eligible for funding:

- The Applicant must be an eligible Indigenous community or Indigenous organization in Ontario
- The proposed project must be related to the transportation sector and connected to one or more of the priority themes identified (Economic Development/Recovery; Transportation Mobility; Community Well-Being & Transportation Safety)
- The required documentation (letter of support/endorsement) must be attached to the application
- The application must be submitted by the deadline of February 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. EST

Before filling out the application, please read the entire 2023-2024 Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund Application Guide. It may be useful to print a copy of the Guide to refer to while completing the application to ensure that you understand the application process as well as the eligibility, reporting, and payment details.

Please complete all of the sections in the application form. Note that Ministry consideration of an application does not guarantee funding. Applications will be assessed on the basis of the information provided by the Applicant within the completed application forms and for their ability to achieve the objectives of the program.

The Ministry cannot guarantee funding to all Applicants, nor can the Ministry ensure that the total amount requested by successful Applicants will be granted. The Ministry reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to fund or not fund any particular project or program for which an application is submitted. The decision to fund all or part of an Applicant request will depend on its fit to the program priorities, assessment criteria and the overall demand of funds in the program.

A - Community/Organization Information

This section is not editable and displays, when applicable, general information about your community or organization submitted during the registration process. To make a change to this information, please send an email with the relevant changes to TPONCC@Ontario.ca. Once the change has been made, all future downloaded forms will include the updated information.

Community/Organization Name:

Community/Organization Legal Name:

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Business Number:

Date Incorporated:

Corporation Registration Number:

B - Payment Information

Should your application be successful, this information will be used to make payments.

New applicants: All new applicants must complete and send the Electronic Funds Transfer form to Ontario Shared Services for their banking information to be setup.

Existing applicants: If you have completed and submitted an Electronic Funds Transfer to Ontario Shared Services, please ensure your banking and business information is up-to-date for direct deposit payments and notifications.

For assistance, please call the Ontario Shared Services Contact Centre at 416-212-2345 or toll-free at 1-866-320-1756.

Payment Address

Payment Community/Organization Name (max. 100 characters):

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City/Town:

Province:

- ON
- AB
- MB
- NB
- NS
- NT
- NU
- PE
- QC
- SK
- YT

Postal Code:

Method of Payment:

- Electronic Fund Transfer

C - Application Contact Information

Please provide contacts for this application. Contacts with the Applicant role will receive email notifications regarding case submission, reports due, and payments. Contacts with the Payee role will receive notifications regarding payments. Contacts with signing authority will be prompted to digitally sign this form in Section H.

Please provide at least one contact with the Applicant role and one contact with Signing Authority. The same individual may assume both positions. If more than one contact is provided, please indicate the Primary contact.

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Salutation:

- Chief
- Dr.
- Miss
- Mr.

- Mrs.
- Ms.
- Mx

First Name:

Last Name:

Primary:

Role:

- Applicant
- Payee
- Other

Email Address:

Title:

Department:

Phone Number (Work):

Phone Number (Mobile):

Fax Number:

Signing Authority:

D - Project Information

1. Project Name (maximum 250 characters)

2. Please select the funding stream to which you are applying: A. Small Projects Stream (Projects worth a maximum of \$30,000) B. Large Projects Stream (Projects worth a maximum of \$75,000).

- Small Projects Stream
- Large Projects Stream

3. Please input the amount of funding you are requesting for your project. NOTE: If you selected the Small Projects Stream, you cannot request more than \$30,000. If you selected the Large Projects Stream, you cannot request more than \$75,000.

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4. Please provide a description of your proposed project in the text box below that addresses the following questions: • What is the scope of the project? • What are the steps/activities that need to be completed? • What are the expected outcomes of the project? (max. 2,000 characters)

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5. Please provide an explanation of the need for your project in the text box below that addresses the following questions: • What issue/gap will the project address? • Why is the project important for the community/organization? • What benefits will the project bring to the community/organization? (max. 2,000 characters)

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6. Please explain how your project ties into one or more of the following three themes in the text box below: A. Economic Development/Recovery; B. Transportation Mobility; C. Community Well-Being & Transportation Safety (max. 1,000 characters)

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7. Project Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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8. Project End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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9. What are some potential risks/challenges of the project and how will they be mitigated? (max. 1,000 characters)

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10. Please list all communities, organizations, and/or businesses involved in the project. (max. 1,000 characters)

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11. Please disclose all confirmed sources of funding for the project, in addition to the funding requested under the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund. (max. 1,000 characters)

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E - Project Details/Work Plan

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Project Detail {Key Milestones}	Description {Activities}	Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

F - Budget

Item	Description	Amount
Project Expenditures		
Expense Item 1 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 2 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 3 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 4 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 5 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 6 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 7 <Enter if applicable>		
Expense Item 8 <Enter if applicable>		
Total Expenditure		\$0.00

G - Performance Measures

Applicant-Provided Performance Metrics

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Metric	Description	Goal

H - Declaration/Signing

Applicants are expected to comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code (the "Code") and all other applicable laws (<http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/ontario-human-rights-code>). Failure to comply with the letter and spirit of the Code will render the applicant ineligible

for a grant and, in the event a grant is made, liable to repay the grant in its entirety at the request of the Ministry. Applicants should be aware that Government of Ontario institutions are bound by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.31 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90f31>), as amended from time to time, and that any information provided to them in connection with this application may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act. Applicants are advised that the names and addresses of organizations receiving grants, the amount of the grant awards, and the purpose for which grants are awarded is information made available to the public.

Declaration

The Applicant hereby certifies as follows:

- (a) the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete in every respect;
- (b) the Applicant understands any funding commitment will be provided by way of an approval letter signed by the responsible Minister and will be subject to any conditions included in such a letter. Conditions of funding may include the requirement for a funding agreement obligating the funding recipient to report on how the funding was spent and other accountability requirements;
- (c) the Applicant has read and understands the information contained in the Application Form;
- (d) the Applicant is aware that the information contained herein can be used for the assessment of grant eligibility and for statistical reporting;
- (e) the Applicant understands that it is expected to comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code and all other applicable laws;
- (f) the Applicant understands that the information contained in this application or submitted to the Ministry in connection with the grant is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (g) the Applicant is not in default of the terms and conditions of any grant, loan or transfer payment agreement with any ministry or agency of the Government of Ontario;
- (h) I am an authorized signing officer for the Applicant.

Declaration/Signing:

6. Please describe the remaining project activities that still need to be completed:

Activity	Brief Description

7. Using the performance measures and intended outcomes/goals provided in the application, please provide an update on the progress toward fulfilling these outcomes/goals (you may also add new outcomes/goals and performance measures not provided in the application):

8. Please comment on any challenges you are experiencing and any concerns you may have about the completion of the project:

Appendix C: Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund, 2023-2024 Final Report Template

The Recipient is responsible for submitting this Final Report to the Indigenous Relations Branch (IRB) at MTO within **sixty (60) days** after the end of the fiscal year (**by May 30, 2024**). Please email the completed Final Report to IRB@ontario.ca, copying your IRB contact(s).

NOTE: *This template is for reference only and may be subject to change.*

1.a) Full name of the contact submitting the Final Report:

b) Telephone number of the contact:

c) Email address of the contact:

2. Full name of the Indigenous community or organization receiving funding:

3.a) Please confirm the end date of the ITIF project:

NOTE: If the project is still being completed, please input the expected end date.

b) Were there any project delays of which the Ministry should be aware? If yes, please provide details:

4. Please describe all activities that were initiated or completed as part of the ITIF project:

Activity	Brief Description

5. Please explain how the full funding for the project was spent by outlining the amount of money that was allocated towards each activity included in question 4:

Activity/Item	Cost

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6. Using the performance measures and outcomes/goals provided in the application, please explain how the project is meeting or not meeting these outcomes/goals (you may also add new outcomes/goals and performance measures not provided in the application):

7. The following performance measures and outcomes have been identified by the Ministry as important for tracking how ITIF is fulfilling its intended objectives. Please explain how the project is meeting or not meeting these outcomes:

Performance Measure	Outcome	Recipient Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in new employment or training opportunities for Indigenous community members through the project • Increase in revenues for Indigenous organizations/communities through the project • Increase in profit-generating opportunities for Indigenous organizations/communities through the project 	Economic and regional development for Indigenous communities/organizations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in any new transportation services being delivered as a result of the resources/knowledge/skills gained through the project • Increase in the use of/engagement with the transportation system among community members (i.e., with the project itself, or other local transportation services through the project) • Increase in new transportation-related education or training opportunities provided to community members through the project 	Increased Indigenous leadership/participation in the delivery of transportation-related activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in transportation development/project 	Greater capacity among Indigenous	

<p>management skills among Indigenous communities/organizations as a result of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in understanding of community transportation gaps and opportunities among Indigenous communities/organizations as a result of the resources/knowledge/skills gained through the project • Increase in resources/sense of readiness among Indigenous communities/organizations for new transportation-related activities to be pursued as a result of the project 	<p>communities/organizations to pursue transportation-related activities</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in improved mobility/access for community members as a result of the project • Increase in improved sense of safety among community members as a result of the project • Reduction in other social/economic challenges as a result of the project (i.e., reduced number of road accidents) 	<p>Enhanced quality of life for Indigenous peoples in Ontario</p>	

8. How have members of the community/organization responded to the project so far?

9. Please comment on any project challenges you experienced and what resources would have helped you to better overcome these challenges:

10. What was your experience participating in the program and working with the Ministry? Please share your feedback:

Appendix D: Definitions

“agreement” means an agreement entered into between the Ministry and a Recipient, and any amendments executed in accordance with the terms of the agreement, that sets out the terms and conditions under which the Ministry agrees to provide Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund funding to the Recipient for an Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund project.

“Applicant” means the entity that is requesting funds from the Province through the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund.

“application form” means the Transfer Payment Ontario Application Form, including all required supporting documentation, submitted by the Applicant for funding under the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund, and includes all information contained therein.

“Final Report” means the form that outlines the project information and outcomes. See Appendix C.

“funds” means the money the Province provides to the Recipient pursuant to an agreement; “funding” has the same meaning.

“Interim Report” means the form that outlines the project information and status. See Appendix B.

“ITIF” means Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund.

“ITIF project” means an Applicant’s program, project, initiative, campaign, or activity described in the Applicant’s Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund application and which the Ministry has approved, either as is or with any necessary modifications.

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Transportation responsible for the administration of the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund.

“output” means what an activity produces in terms of specific goods, services or products.

“performance measure” means quantifiable information that provides a reliable basis for directly assessing achievement, change or performance over time.

“project” means a program, project, initiative, campaign, or activity described in an Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund application for Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund funding.

“Recipient” means an Applicant the Ministry has selected as eligible for funding under the Indigenous Transportation Initiatives Fund.