



Federal Environmental Funding for First Nations

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Dedicated to Indigenous peoples General Programming

Food Security

AAFC Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative (\$8.5M/2018-2023)	<p>Supports Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs who are ready to launch agriculture and food systems projects and others who want to build their capacity to participate in the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake; Deadline September 20, 2021</p> <p>Contact: by phone at 1-866-367-8506 or by email at aadnc.adaptation.aandc@canada.ca</p> <p>Website: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/indigenous-agriculture-and-food-systems-initiative/?id=1542835055742</p>	AAFC AgriScience Program (\$338M/2018-2023)	<p>Aims to accelerate the pace of innovation by providing funding and support for Indigenous organizations' pre-commercial science activities and cutting-edge research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food sector and Canadians.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake: Projects Component Open</p> <p>Contact: by phone at 1-877-246-4682 or by email at aafc.agriscienceprogram-programmeagriscience.aac@canada.ca</p> <p>Website: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/agriscience-program-clusters/?id=1511185929317</p>
AAFC Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program (\$50M/2019-2024)	<p>Provide funds for groups' projects that address national or sector-wide priorities that help the agriculture industry address emerging issues and capitalize on opportunities.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake</p> <p>Contact: by phone at 1-877-246-4682 or by email at aafc.caspp-pcpsa.aac@canada.ca</p> <p>Website: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/canadian-agricultural-strategic-priorities-program/?id=1549325740130</p>	CANNOR Northern Isolated Community Initiatives Fund (\$15M/2019-2024)	<p>The fund helps strengthen and support Indigenous and northern food systems in three territories by supporting community-led projects, with funding for equipment, local food production projects, and skills training for local and Indigenous food producers. The fund is divided into three areas of focus; Support for Agriculture and Food Businesses; Northern Food and Innovation Challenge; and, Support for Northern Food Working Group & Territorial Initiatives.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake</p> <p>Contact: by email can-nor.operations.cannor@canada.ca or regional offices by phone at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NU, Iqaluit: 867-975-3757 • NWT, Yellowknife: 867-669-2608 • YK, Whitehorse: 867-667-3346 <p>Website: https://www.cannor.gc.ca/eng/1608663726079/1608663750441</p>
AAFC - Local Food Infrastructure Fund (\$50M/2019-2024)	<p>Strengthen access to food systems safe, healthy and culturally-diverse food for at-risk populations while promoting environmentally sustainable food systems.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake</p> <p>Contact: by phone at 1-877-246-4682 or by email at aafc.foodprogrammesalimentaires.aac@canada.ca</p> <p>Website: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/local-food-infrastructure-fund/?id=1560701480448</p>		
CIRNAC Harvesters Support Grant (\$40M/2020-2025)	<p>Provides funding to increase Indigenous peoples' access to traditional foods by reducing the high costs associated with traditional hunting and harvesting.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake</p> <p>Contact: aadnc.nutritionnordcanadanutritionnorthcanada.aandc@canada.ca</p> <p>Website: https://www.nutritionnorthcanada.gc.ca/eng/1586274027728/1586274048849</p>		



🏠 Infrastructure

CIRNAC First Nations Adapt Program (\$10.7M in 2021-22 \$5.2M ongoing starting in 2022)	Provides funding to First Nation communities located below the 60th parallel to assess and respond to climate change impacts on community infrastructure and emergency management. Application: Rolling Intake Contact: aadnc.adaptation.aandc@canada.ca Website: https://www.rcaanc-cimac.gc.ca/eng/1481305681144/1594738692193
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CIB Indigenous Community Infrastructure Investment Initiative (ICII) (\$1B)	\$1 billion for Indigenous community-based revenue-generating projects across five priority areas, namely green infrastructure (energy efficiency building retrofits), clean power, broadband, public transit and trade and transportation. CIB provides low-interest and long-term loans of at least \$5 million for up to 80% of total project capital costs for each project. Application: Rolling intake Contact: indigenous@cib-bic.ca Website: https://cib-bic.ca/en/partner-with-us/growth-plan/indigenous-infrastructure/
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ISC First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative (\$540M/Y)	This program supports First Nations with the development of sustainable waste management systems by investing in modern infrastructure, facility operations, training, awareness and partnerships. Application: Rolling Intake Contact: Regional ISC Contacts Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1491490781609/1533647730166
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ISC Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program (\$1B/Y)	The main objectives of the program are to make investments that: -Maximize the life cycle of physical assets; -Mitigate health and safety risks; -Ensure assets meet applicable codes and standards; -Ensure assets are managed in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Application: No application needed. Projects are identified, reviewed and selected by INAC, based on the First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plans. Contact: Regional ISC Contacts Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016395/1533641696528
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INFC Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) (\$1.4B/2021-2023)	This program is aimed at strengthening the resilience of Canadian communities through investments in infrastructure projects, including natural infrastructure projects, enabling them to better manage the risk associated with current and future natural hazards, such as floods, wildfires and droughts. Application: Open intake – launch TBC Contact: infc.dmaf-faac.inf@canada.ca Website: https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/index-eng.html
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CIRNAC Northern Responsible Energy Approach for Community Heat and Electricity program (\$5.3M/Y)	Funds renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, and related capacity building and planning in Northern communities in Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut Application: Rolling Intake Contact: by phone at 1-800-567-9604 or by email at aadnc.northernreache.aandc@canada.ca Website: https://www.rcaanc-cimac.gc.ca/eng/1481305379258/1594737453888
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ISC First Nations Infrastructure Fund (\$160M/Y)	Helps First Nation communities increase essential community infrastructure including assets such as roads, bridges, connectivity, and adaptation infrastructure such as dykes and dams to improve the quality of life and environment for First Nation communities. Application: No application needed. Projects are prioritized based on communities' 5-year First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plans. Contact: Regional ISC Contacts Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100010656/1533645154710#h2-3
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Regional ISC Contacts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB, Edmonton: 780-495-2773 • AB, Tsuut'ina: 403-292-5901 • BC, Vancouver: 604-775-5100 • MB, Winnipeg: 1-833-983-5910 • NWT, Yellowknife: Closed due to COVID-19 • NS, Amherst (Serves all Atlantic Regions): 1-902-661-6209 • Nunavut, Iqaluit: 1-800-567-9604 • ON, Toronto: 416-973-5282 • ON, Brantford: 519-751-6462 • ON, Fort Williams First Nations: 807-623-3534 • ON, Sudbury: 705-522-5100 • QB, Quebec City: 1-800-263-5592 • QB, Kahnawake: 450-638-1372 • SK, Regina: 306-780-5392 • SK, North Central District: 306-953-8522 • YK, Whitehorse: 1-800-661-0451 	
To find more information on regional contacts: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016936/153434266840	
ISC Public Enquiries: by phone at: 1-800-567-9604 or by email at: aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca	

INFC Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program (\$1.5B/2021-2026)	This program includes retrofits, repairs, upgrades and new builds, which would support good jobs and local economic growth, contribute to climate objectives and serve high-needs communities across Canada. Application: Rolling intake for small to medium scale retrofits / July 6, 2021 for first round of intake for large retrofits and new builds Contact: infc.gicbp-pbcvi.inf@canada.ca Website: https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/index-eng.html
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NRCAN Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways (\$964M/2021-2025)	<p>Provides financial support towards smart renewable energy and grid modernization projects. The Program support GHG reductions, increasing renewable energy in Canada, and increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion in the renewable energy and electricity sectors. The Program has a capacity building stream to support projects to advance to shovel-readiness.</p> <p>Deadline: Rolling Intake Contact: nrcan.sreps-erite.mcan@canada.ca Website: https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/climate-change/green-infrastructure-programs/smart-renewables-and-electrification-pathways-program</p>
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NRCAN Canada Greener Homes Grant (\$2.6B/7Y)	<p>Will provide grants up to \$5000 for energy efficiency retrofits to homes, supported by an EnerGuide evaluation. Will also provide support for recruitment and training of EnerGuide energy advisors.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake (expected launch Spring 2021) Contact: ruth.talbot@canada.ca Website: https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/science-and-data/funding-partnerships/funding-opportunities/funding-grants-incentives/our-action-starts-home-home-energy-retrofit-initiative/23230</p>
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NRCAN Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (\$280M/2019-2024)	<p>Offers funding to support the installation of localized EV chargers (level 2 and higher) in locations such as multi-unit residential buildings, workplaces, public places and on-street.</p> <p>Application: Deadline June 22, 2022 Contact: nrcan.taf-tcr.mcan@canada.ca Website: https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-transportation/zero-emission-vehicle-infrastructure-program/21876</p>
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<p>Upcoming NRCAN Programs</p> <p><i>Off Diesel/Clean energy transition</i> <i>Ensure that rural, remote and Indigenous communities that currently rely on diesel have the opportunity to be powered by clean, reliable energy by 2030.</i></p> <p><i>Clean Fuels Fund</i> <i>Will provide \$1.5 billion over 5 years to support to build out new production capacity for clean fuels (e.g. hydrogen, advanced ethanol, renewable diesel, renewable natural gas), establish biomass supply chains, and develop essential codes and standards. Expected launch is summer 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage RD&D</i> <i>Announced in federal Budget 2021, this funding will deliver \$319 million to support research, development and demonstration of CCUS technologies to advance commercial viability. For more information contact nrcan.energyinnovation-innovationenergetique.mcan@canada.ca</i></p>	
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↑ Economic Development

ACOA Business Development Program

This program can help you start up, expand or modernize your business. Focusing on small and medium-sized enterprises and co-operatives, the program provides access to capital in the form of interest-free repayable assistance.

The Business Development Program also provides financial assistance, in the form of non-repayable assistance, to not-for-profit organizations that provide support to Atlantic businesses

Application: Rolling Intake
Contact: ACOA.information.APECA@acoa-apeca.gc.ca
Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/services/bdp.html>

ACOA Contacts

- Head Office: 1-800-561-7862
- Nova Scotia: 1-800-565-1228
- New Brunswick: 1-800-561-4030
- Prince Edward Island: 1-800-871-2596
- Newfoundland and Labrador: 1-800-668-1010
- Ottawa: 613-941-7241

CANNOR Inclusive Diversification and Economic Advancement in the North (\$75M/5Y)

Promotes economic development in the North in order to strengthen territorial economies and increase economic participation by Northerners. The program is divided into four program streams: Sector & Capacity Development; Business Scale-Up and Productivity; Small Scale Economic Infrastructure; and, Economic Infrastructure Studies (large scale).

Application: Rolling Intake
Contact: by email can-nor.operations.cannor@canada.ca or regional offices by phone at:

- NU, Iqaluit: 867-975-3757
- NWT, Yellowknife: 867-669-2608
- YK, Whitehorse: 867-667-3346

Website: <https://www.cannor.gc.ca/eng/1385477070180/1385477215760>

CANNOR Northern Aboriginal Economic Opportunities Program (CROP \$10.8M/Y) (EBD \$2.3M/Y)

Increases the participation of northern Indigenous communities and businesses in economic opportunities. The program is composed of two program streams: The Community Readiness and Opportunities Planning fund, and the Entrepreneurship and Business Development fund.

Application: Rolling Intake
Contact: by email can-nor.operations.cannor@canada.ca or regional offices by phone at:

- NU, Iqaluit: 867-975-3757
- NWT, Yellowknife: 867-669-2608
- YK, Whitehorse: 867-667-3346

Website: <https://www.cannor.gc.ca/eng/1385486556734/1385486648146>

ACOA Innovative Communities Fund

This fund invests in strategic projects that build the economies of Atlantic Canada's communities. Working in partnership with Atlantic communities and stakeholders, the program builds on the strengths of communities and provides the tools needed to identify opportunities available for their sustainable economic growth. The Innovative Communities Fund focuses on investments that lead to long-term employment and economic capacity building in rural communities. Urban initiatives that stimulate the competitiveness and vitality of rural communities may be considered on a selective basis.

Application: Rolling Intake
Contact: ACOA.information.APECA@acoa-apeca.gc.ca
Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/services/icf.html>

Regional Economic Growth Through Innovation

The Regional Economic Growth Through Innovation offers funding through Regional Economic Development Agencies:

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario
- Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario
- Western Economic Diversification

The Business Scale-up and Productivity stream offers funding to help businesses to accelerate their growth and assists with the adoption of innovative technologies that support scale-up, productivity and global competitiveness as well as the development of and entry into new markets. Funding under this stream provides no-interest, repayable contributions from \$500,000 up to \$10 million to businesses.

The Regional Innovation Ecosystems stream helps create, grow and develop strong and inclusive regional networks that support business growth and innovation. It also fosters the entrepreneurial environment necessary for more innovative regional economies and increases the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, women entrepreneurs and under-represented groups. Funding under this stream provides non-repayable contributions from \$500,000 up to \$10 million to not-for-profit organizations

Application: Rolling Intake
For more information contact your Regional Development Agency: https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/h_07662.html

ESDC Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (\$2B over 5 years and \$408.2M per year ongoing.)

The program provides funding toward skills upgrading and training to employment for Indigenous people in various economic sectors including environmental assessment, protection and preservation.

Application: Funding provided to a set number of recipients. No open Call for Proposals.
Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/indigenous-skills-employment-training.html>



ECCC Climate Action and Awareness Fund (\$206M/2020-2025)

The Climate Action and Awareness Fund – Advancing Climate Change Science and Technology Component, supports projects that can create middle class jobs for Canadians who work in science and technology, academia and at the grassroots community level to reduce Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions.

Application: *Deadline June 10th, 2021*
Contact: *ec.fasc-caaf.ec@canada.ca*
Website: *https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/funding-programs/climate-action-awareness-fund.html*

NRCAN Indigenous Forestry Initiative (\$13M/2019-2021)

Provides financial support to Indigenous-led economic development projects in Canada’s forest sector.

Application: *Rolling Intake. Applications received by Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 23:59 PDT will be reviewed at the next evaluation session, scheduled for August 2021.*
Contact:
Atlantic Forestry Centre (NB, NS, PE, NL)
 • (506) 452-3007; *darren.allen@canada.ca*
 • (709) 637-4906; *doreen.churchill@canada.ca*
Laurentian Forestry Centre (QC)
 • (418) 648-2236;
marie-claude.gros-louis@canada.ca
Great Lakes Forestry Centre (ON)
 • (705) 541-5593; *maureen.mcilwrick@canada.ca*
Northern Forestry Centre (MB, SK, AB, NT, NU)
 • (587) 337-1515; *bryana.rouselle@canada.ca*
Pacific Forestry Centre (BC, YT)
 • (604) 345-2731; *angela.preissl@canada.ca*
 • (250) 298-2343; *maureen.scott@canada.ca*
Website: *https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/science-data/funding-partnerships/funding-opportunities/forest-sector-funding-programs/indigenous-forestry-initiative/13125*

FEDDEV Community Economic Development and Diversification

Funding under this stream provides repayable contributions to businesses (including Indigenous businesses) or non-repayable contributions to not-for-profit organizations, from \$250,000 to \$5 million, in small communities aims to generate sustainable, inclusive growth and help small and rural communities in southern Ontario to fully participate in, and benefit from economic opportunities.

Application: *Rolling Intake*
Contact: *By phone at 1-866-593-5505 or through FedDev Ontario’s generic inbox go to: https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/00018.html?OpenDocument*
Website: *https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/h_00122.html?OpenDocument*

FEDDEV - Community Futures Program

The national Community Futures Program in the southern Ontario region provides operational funding to Community Futures Development Corporations. There are two Indigenous Community Futures Development Corporations in Southern Ontario, Two Rivers Community Development Centre and Tecumseh Community Development Corporation. These Community Futures Development Corporations provide business support programming and are considered Aboriginal Financial Institutions. The two other Aboriginal Financial Institutions in southern Ontario, Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario — is owned by Status Indian farmers in Ontario, and the Métis Voyageur Development Fund Inc. — is a Métis owned and controlled economic development agency, based in Ottawa.

FedDev Ontario also supports Indigenous end recipients and clean technology projects through some of its not-for-profit partners, including:

- *Aboriginal Impact Capital*
- *Scale-Up Platform Hubs: Communitech, MaRS Discovery Direct and Invest Ottawa*
- *Southern Ontario Fund for Investment in Innovation*



Climate Change and Adaptation

AAFC Agricultural Climate Solutions (\$185M/2021-2031)	<p>Establish a strong Canada-wide network of regional collaborations made up of farmers, scientists and other sectoral stakeholders. Led by farmers, they will develop, validate, and share the beneficial management practices that best store carbon and mitigate climate change.</p> <p>Application: Grant funding application (April 1 to June 15, 2021) Contact: aafc.acs-sac.aac@canada.ca Website: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agriculture-and-the-environment/agricultural-climate-solutions/?id=1615985409730</p>	CIRNAC Climate Change Preparedness in the North Program (\$8.4M/Y)	<p>Enhance capacity of Indigenous and northern communities and governments to adapt to climate change by providing funding for climate change adaptation projects in Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake Contact: by phone at 1-800-567-9604 or by email at aadnc.adaptnord-northernadapt.aandc@canada.ca Website: https://www.rcaanc-cimac.gc.ca/eng/1481305554936/1594738066665</p>
ISC Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects (\$3M/Y)	<p>The Centre is an Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization supporting the technical and scientific capacity of Indigenous communities to address cumulative effects.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake Contact: by phone at 1-800-823-2456 or using online form at https://www.icce-caec.ca/contact-us/#wpcf7-f1016-p1010-o1 Website: https://www.icce-caec.ca</p>	ISC Strategic Partnerships Initiative (\$14.5M)	<p>The initiative is a unique set of horizontal authorities which allow investments from various federal departments and regional agencies to be coordinated to support Indigenous participation in complex economic development opportunities. There are currently 21 departments and agencies that are signatories to the Strategic Partnership Initiative.</p> <p>Application: No application - initiatives (which are made up of projects) are reviewed and approved by a federal DG-level interdepartmental committee. Contact: ips-spi@canada.ca Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1330016561558/1594122175203</p>
ISC Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (\$5.2M/Y)	<p>Support First Nation and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change with funding for community and region based projects. First Nations in British Columbia are supported through the First Nations Health Authority.</p> <p>Application: In the South, the annual call for proposals will launch summer 2021. In the North and BC, contact the programs for information. Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the South: sac.cchap-pccas.isc@canada.ca. In the North: cchapn@canada.ca. In BC: Environmental.Health@fnha.ca <p>Website: www.ClimateTelling.info</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake Contact: Regional ISC Contacts found on page 2 Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1534954090122/1535120506707#chp2</p>	ISC First Nations Emergency Management Assistance Program (\$64.9M/Y)	<p>Helps communities on reserve access emergency assistance services.</p> <p>Application: Rolling Intake Contact: Regional ISC Contacts found on page 2 Website: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1534954090122/1535120506707#chp2</p>
TC Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles Program (\$233M)	<p>The program provides incentives to purchase or lease eligible zero-emission vehicles (including plug-in hybrids) to reduce overall emissions from transportation and contribute to Canada's goal of reducing GHG emissions</p> <p>Deadline: Rolling Intake Contact: IZEV-ivze@tc.gc.ca Website: http://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/road/innovative-technologies/zero-emission-vehicles.html</p>	NRCAN Two Billion Trees (\$500M /10 years, targeted funding for Indigenous stream)	<p>The 2 Billion Trees Program funds tree-planting activities across the supply chain, from seed collection to monitoring. The program's goal is to plant 2 billion trees by 2030 and reduce GHG emissions.</p> <p>Of the \$3B program budget, \$500M is dedicated as Indigenous stream to support Indigenous partnerships and capacity building for communities and organizations. However, Indigenous applicants are also eligible for funding under other streams.</p> <p>Application: Request for Information closes May 27th. Call for Proposals are expected to launch in the Fall 2021. Contact: nrcan.2btrees-2garbres.nrcan@canada.ca Website: https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/science-and-data/funding-partnerships/funding-opportunities/forest-sector-funding-programs/growing-canadas-forests-program/23308</p>