



INDIGENOUS
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Applicant Guide



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About the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is grounded in the values of the People served. Guided by our vision, *Within the relations of all – to live well*, we honour the voices and wisdom of Indigenous communities, trusting that "community knows what community needs."

Our work embodies the tradition of giving back, shifting power, and ensuring resources flow to where they are most needed. Community recipients, volunteers, partners, and our team all play an essential role, holding up communities first and strengthening our collective understanding of the cycles of receiving and giving. Together, we are committed to fostering resilience, self-reliance, and abundance.

We are honoured to walk alongside Indigenous communities, supporting their needs and aspirations while building a future that reflects the richness of our shared traditions.

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

Bundles Program

Goals and Objectives

IPRF will honour that the community knows what the community needs. IPRF welcomes applications from community partners that are rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Be bold and creative in proposing projects that foster and support long-term, holistic approaches to community wellness and resilience. This can be achieved through some of the following ways:

- Transferring traditional knowledge through land-based learning;
- Strengthening community connectivity;
- Supporting mental health and spiritual wellness through ceremony;
- Fostering cultural programming;
- Reclaiming food sovereignty, and;
- Stewarding the land and water for future generations.

PROJECT AND REPORTING TIMELINES

Proposed projects should be carried out in a reasonable timeframe. For most projects, this will be within 18 months of receiving a Letter of Agreement confirming project funding.

A final report will be due within 6 weeks of your project completion.



Eligibility

Eligible Organizations



Applicants are required to share how their project assists the Indigenous populations they serve and the impact of the project on their community. Eligible organizations/groups must:

- 1 Be Indigenous-led and serving.** Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund defines “Indigenous-led” as organizations, groups or collectives that are created, informed, and governed by and for Indigenous people. Their operations and initiatives prioritize Indigenous leadership and knowledge at all levels of decision-making to ensure that Indigenous community perspectives, needs, and cultural values guide their program and project initiatives. Initiatives supported by IPRF must primarily serve and benefit Indigenous people and further Indigenous community wellness and resilience. A minimum of 51% of formal Board, Council and/or Committee members must be Indigenous people;
- 2 Be one of the following:**
 - A community group
 - A registered not-for-profit organization
 - A registered charity (qualified donee)
 - A community accepted and elected First Nations (bands), Métis, and Inuit Councils
- 3 Have a **bank account** in the name of the organization/group.**



Ineligible Organizations

The following are ineligible and cannot apply to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund:

- Individuals;
- For-profit companies;
- Non-Indigenous-led organizations;
- The Government of Canada (federal government);
- Provincial and territorial governments;
- Organizations/groups based outside of Canada;
- The Crown, and;
- The United Nations.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must:

- Be Indigenous-led, and;
- Serve Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit).



Ineligible Projects

- 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.



Eligible Expenses

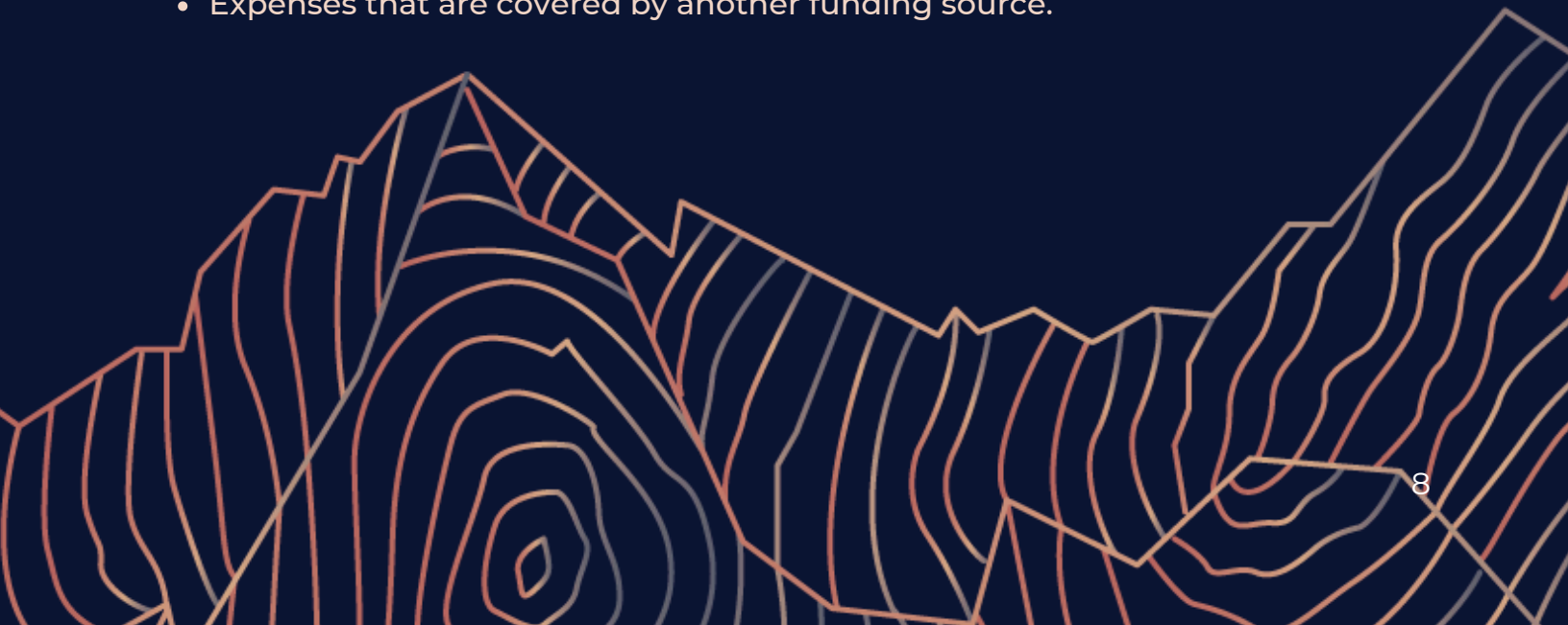
All budget items must be project-related.

Examples of eligible expenses include (but are not limited to):

- 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.

Ineligible Expenses

- Purchase of real property (land or building);
- Expenses incurred more than 18 months after the project start date, and;
- Expenses that are covered by another funding source.





How to Apply

When you are ready to apply, please submit your application through our [online Application Form](#). The application is available in other formats on the [IPRF website](#), and we suggest you draft your responses and gather all attachments before entering your application on the form. You can save and review your responses before submitting your application.

If, for any reason, you are unable to submit your application via the online application form, please contact the IPRF team at info@iprfund.ca before the application deadline. We will support you as best we can, including assisting with application submissions through:



Online written
response



Video
(max 3-5 min)



Handwritten
response



Phone Call

If you have any questions, please reach out to us to discuss your application.



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