Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund Emergency COVID-19 Application

About the fund:

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is built upon the resiliency of, and guided by, Indigenous Peoples to support Indigenous communities through this current public health crisis.

This fund is different, guided by Indigenous Peoples from the East, South, West and North. Our goal is to provide needed resources as you navigate this stage of the pandemic. **We trust and understand Indigenous ingenuity, our diversity and respect that you know your communities better than anyone.** The application process is simple and straightforward.

Emergency Response for Long-term Resilience:

Resilience Fund Support:

Applicants who are seeking support are asked to reflect back to their customary way of life of living off the land, using the resources provided by taking only what you need, ensuring resources are left for those who follow you. It is this way of thinking that we are asking you to use in your application.

In this period of COVID19, through this fund, support would be provided to assist as many communities as possible. Support ranges from \$5,000 to \$30,000. More information can be found at http://www.iprfund.ca

Area of support would be the following, but not limited to:

- Operating funds to ensure the ongoing program sustainability of Indigenous-led organizations, Indigenous community groups, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities providing local support at a community level that have been affected by COVID-19;
- Training and financial support to areas where gaps in funding are needed to strengthen emergency health care efforts (*ex: training of new cleaning procedures*) and health-related transportation services (*ex: purchasing PPE for medical drivers*) **and community safety initiatives;**
- Sustainable access to food and strengthened local food systems (ex: purchasing food to distribute or cook and distribute to vulnerable groups, and purchasing gardening needs);
- Training and infrastructure to help communities overcome technological barriers and connectivity challenges (ex: purchasing additional connectivity for community social-distance use, connectivity for summer student support or assisting in training Elders who would not otherwise use Zoom or social media to get connected);
- Innovation in employment, internships and experiential learning, either virtually or through safe, social-distancing programming;

- Ensuring access to counselling, mental wellness and health supports where there are gaps in funding available from government programs (*ex: provide mental health or cultural classes virtually to those in need*);
- Innovative techniques and support for Elders and Healers who provide counselling, traditional medicines and teachings to youth in their communities;
- Request for funding to fulfill a gap where a shortage of funding for a specific program has been received from another foundation or organization.

We recommend reading the Applicant Guide before starting your application.

We are accepting applications using this form, please fill out and email to (<u>info@iprfund.ca</u>) or fax 1-613-280-1553. To verbally apply please call 613-262-3089 to book a video/phone call.

Contact Information:

1. Name of Group/Organization:

Name of Contact & Role:

Address:

Phone/Fax:

Email:

2. Where will your project take place (Nation territory, Province, City/Town, Postal Code)?

Application Information

Application: to support you in this process we do not expect you to write a 10-page document. However, we do ask you to please answer the following questions in the best way for you. In the spirit of our oral traditions a verbal application can be arranged. Please use these questions as a guideline and please book a time to call (see end of document for contact information) if you wish to do a verbal application.

3. Please describe the challenge that COVID-19 has brought to your community and your response. (Please add in what, if anything, you have done so far and if you have partners.)

4. What type of group are you?

Collective

Grassroots Organization

Other

Youth Council Community Group Indigenous communities that are qualified donees. Incorporated/ Registered Group

5. Is your group/organization Indigenous-led (meaning are decisions and direction provided by Indigenous peoples)? If yes, please share how decisions are made.

6. Do you have a charitable number or are partnering with someone who is a qualified donee¹. If yes, please provide the charitable number and name of qualified donee here:

Yes No (if no, that's okay please continue)

7. Is your community currently experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak or an increase?

Yes No

8. Is this an urgent social-economical or medical need?

Yes No

9. Do you have any current partners or have you been supported by other funders? If yes, please share who they are and amount of support.

¹ A qualified donee is an organization that can issue official donation receipts for gifts it receives from individuals and corporations.

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this challenge or your response?

11. Please provide the start and end date: (project must be complete before June 30,2021)

Budget Template:

When filling this out please think about how the budget relates to the work you will be doing, for example: what is the duration for the initiative, how are you going to use the funds, what do you need to purchase, and are you paying people (example: salaries or honorariums).

Amount	Need	Description of expense	Duration
Ex: \$1000	Salaries	Salaries for 2 people	2 weeks (mid to end of June)

Total amount requested:

12. Would you be willing for us to share this application with other potential funders? If yes, we will let you know who it was shared with.

Yes No

13. In the spirit of sharing how communities are responding to COVID-19 could we share your story? If yes, we will let you know who it was shared with.

Yes No

14. How did you hear about IPRF?

friend work colleague

social media other

Reporting Requirements:

Should your application be accepted the IPRF will ask you to report on the use of the funds provided. Honouring our oral traditions, we invite you to answer the questions through video/phone call or share a video (max 3-5 min). Please email: info@iprfund.ca to schedule a time.

Or if you prefer writing, we will be looking for answers to these questions (maximum 400 words per question.)

1. How did you use the support that was provided?

2. Were you able to implement your response within budget you submitted for the application? If you deviated from the budget, how and why were those deviations made?

3. Did you have any difficulty in implementing your response to COVID-19?

4. How has the support provided made a difference to your group/community?

5. Please share your successes, challenges and learnings.

6. If you had a partner or another funder, how did you use their support in your response?

7. Please provide us with any feedback on how we can improve. (Example: the application or reporting process.)

How to Apply:

We wish for you to apply in the best and simplest way for you and your organization/group, please choose one of the following:

By email at info@iprfund.ca

By fax 1-613-280-1553

By mail, please send to: IPRF % 1035 Bank St. #302, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5K3

By video. Not as comfortable with written communication? No problem, feel free to send us a 3 min video, share your YouTube video link or email/call to set up a time to orally provide your application (please note we will record for transcribing purposes.) Note you will still need to send your budget.

Application Timelines:

The first call out will begin **Tuesday**, **June 16th and will be ongoing**. Adjudication will take place bi-weekly and we will follow up with an email or letter to everyone with results.

As the curve of the pandemic changes, so will the response of the fund – moving from emergency funding to sustainability funding towards planning for the future. Please return to the website for updates.

Contact:

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