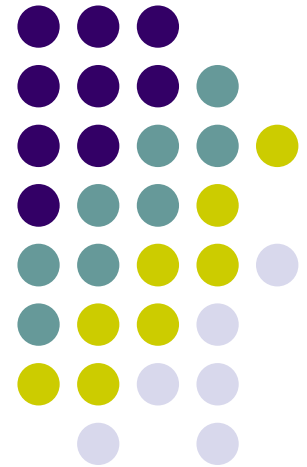


Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs New Relationship Fund

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New Relationship Fund Background



- Ontario established the New Relationship Fund May 15, 2008 to fulfill a key recommendation of the May 2007 Ipperwash Inquiry Report.
 - The Ipperwash Inquiry recommended the creation of a fund to enable Aboriginal people to develop “*..the resources and skills to effectively participate in the new processes and institutions recommended in the report.*”
- \$25 million was committed over two years (2008-10 and 2009-10) as an investment in building stronger, more prosperous First Nations and Métis communities.
- The New Relationship Fund objective is to improve relationships that lead to improved opportunities for Aboriginal people and communities.
 - The Primary focus is to build the consultation capacity of Aboriginal communities to consult with government and private sector parties where Aboriginal interests exist in relation to lands and resources through the Core Consultation Capacity Building component.
 - The Secondary focus of the Fund has three program components: Enhanced Capacity Building, Economic Development and Skills Training.
- The New Relationship Fund has flowed more than \$23 million to Aboriginal communities and organizations since it was launched in 2008.

2008-09 Launch



- Focus on building core capacity at the community or local level:
 - Hiring a consultation point person
 - Developing an internal community consultation and decision-making process
 - Developing a multi-year consultation plan
- Each First Nation was eligible to access up to \$40,000 and each Métis organization up to \$22,000.
- Funding was for the period of January 1 – March 31, 2009
- Results:
 - 89 applications received, some representing multiple communities – \$4.2M
 - 77 approved applications – approx \$4.0M
 - Approved applications representing 91 First Nation communities and 27 Métis organizations

2009-10 Launch



- Program materials for 2009-10 launched in March 2009
- 2009-10 funding focused on two key areas:
 - Primary focus: Building the core consultation capacity of First Nations communities and Métis organizations to consult with government and private sector parties where interests exist in relation to lands and resources; and
 - Secondary focus: Supporting skills training and economic development and build the capacity of Aboriginal organizations
- Maximum funding per First Nation community or Métis organization for Core Consultation Capacity Building - \$100,000
- Maximum funding per project for Skills Training, Economic Development and Enhanced Capacity - \$75,000

2009-10 Core Consultation Capacity



- Total Core funding approved for 86 individual applications representing 111 First Nations communities and 27 Métis organizations – \$12.7 million
- Projects were focused on securing a Consultation Point Person within each community, crafting an internal to community consultation decision making process and development of a multi-year plan to build consultation capacity. Many projects included community outreach and training for new and ongoing staff to assist in addressing consultation requests.

2009-10 Enhanced Capacity, Skills Training and Economic Development



- MAA received 200 applications representing \$14.8M in requested funding broken down between the three components as follows:
 - Enhanced Capacity: 61 applications, \$4.3M requested
 - Skills Training: 72 applications, \$5.8M requested
 - Economic Development: 67 applications, \$4.7M requested

2009-2010 Secondary Focus Review

Process and Results



- Competitive process
- Applications assessed by an inter-ministerial review panel against specific evaluation criteria aligned with the NRF mandate and objectives
- \$6.3 million allocated for 94 successful projects across the three components as follows:
 - Enhanced Capacity: 26 projects, \$1.8 million
 - Skills Training: 34 projects, \$2.3 million
 - Economic Development: 34 projects, \$2.2 million
- Examples of funded projects:
 - Pikangikum First Nation received \$75,000 through the Economic Development component to develop a business plan for a Sustainable Forest Licence towards an opportunity within the Whitefeather Forest which will result in the creation of 250 related jobs with spin-off benefits and revenues
 - Ontario Native Women's Association received \$75,000 through the Enhanced capacity component to strengthen capacity with leadership development, research consultation with membership, a provincial communications strategy and to update by-laws
 - Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre received \$75,000 through the Skills Training component to hire a Training Development Coordinator who will develop a media and digital program that provides enhanced computer skills for the urban Aboriginal population

Contact Information



- Information on the New Relationship Fund can be found on the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs web site at

<http://www.aboriginalaffairs.gov.on.ca/english/economy/overview.asp#fund>

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