

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Indigenous- Led Gambling Harm Reduction and Community Capacity Building Grant

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#Who can apply & eligibility requirements

Q1: Which organizations are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity?

A: This funding opportunity is open to any of the following agencies, organizations, and communities who operate non-profit or registered charity for adults (19+) in B.C.:

- First Nations, Bands, and/or Tribal Councils
- Treaty First Nation Governments
- Métis Nation Chartered Communities
- First Nations, Métis, Inuit, or urban Indigenous led organizations

This includes on-reserve and off-reserve services.

If you are unsure if your organization meets the requirements, please contact:

- Samantha Young, Project Manager, Support Recovery– Community Action Initiative
- Syoung@caibc.ca , 236-334-8240

Q2: Does my organization need to have previous ongoing gambling programs and initiatives?

A: No, your organization or Nation does not need to have previous or existing programming related to gambling. This grant is intended to support capacity building for both new and ongoing gambling programs and initiatives.

Q3: What does it mean by Indigenous led?

A: Indigenous-led organizations are those where Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit) have primary decision-making authority in both governance and day-to-day operations. Indigenous leadership shapes the organization's priorities and accountability, and Indigenous people are represented throughout all staffing levels.

Q4: What are the intended uses associated with this grant?

A: This funding is intended to support community-based capacity-building strategies aimed at reducing gambling-related harms and connections with co-occurring mental health and substance use considerations, including but not limited to:

- **Preparedness:** Assess community needs and resources to respond to gambling harms, such as collecting local data on prevalence, awareness, and risk factors, informing future planning and early identification strategies.
- **Prevention:** Create and deliver culturally grounded public education workshops and materials that raise awareness of gambling harms and promote safer behaviours within the community.
- **Response:** Establish a wrap-around support pathway that integrates counselling, cultural supports, and referral services for individuals and families experiencing gambling-related harms.
- **Recovery:** Deliver land-based healing and cultural reconnection programming, including access to Traditional Medicines and Indigenous games, to support wholistic, community-led recovery.
- Other capacity building initiatives, as determined by your organization or Nation
- For further examples, see the [Grant Guidelines \(Appendix A\)](#).

Q5: Can I apply for more than one Capacity Building Grant? Is there a limit on budget requests?

A: First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and urban Indigenous-led organizations can apply for one grant per Nation or organization. If your organization operates multiple sites, you can only apply for one grant with funding able to be used across multiple sites and initiatives. The maximum amount that can be requested each year is \$45,000 per year over a two-year period, to a maximum total of \$90,000 per grantee.

Q6: How do I apply based on a 2-year plan?

A: Applicants must submit a proposal that outlines activities for both Year 1 (Nov 2026- Oct 2027) and Year 2 (Nov 2027- Oct 2028). This should include a detailed plan and budget for each year, demonstrating how the work will build over time and achieve longer-term impact.

A separate grant application is not required for Year 2. Instead, Grants are awarded as one-year contracts. Continued funding beyond the first year will be considered based on the success of Year 1 activities and the strength of proposed plans for Year 2 and whether the grantee remains in good standing, including submitting reports on time and using funds as outlined in the contract.

Q7: Can my organization include administrative costs?

A: Yes, you may include administrative (admin) costs in your budget. Administrative costs are expenses that support the overall management and delivery of your project but are not directly tied to specific program activities.

Administrative costs are capped at a maximum of 15% of the total amount requested per year. For example, if you request \$45,000 each year, up to \$6,750 can be allocated to administrative expenses for each year.

Please note that in-kind contributions (e.g., donated time, space, or services) will not be considered as part of the administrative cost calculation or overall budget.

Q8: What is the call/storytelling session, and how can I prepare (if requested)?

A: This call is an opportunity to discuss your application in a relaxed, informal way. You can share more about your proposed activities, how you plan to carry out your project, and how it connects to culture-based care and/or one or more of the pillars. It is also a space for storytelling, where you can speak to your community's needs, strengths, and vision, and respond to any questions or feedback from the review committee.

Contact information

Q9: Who can I contact if I have questions about the application or need support with submission?

A: Applications can be submitted by email or by phone call. For any questions and support with the application process, please contact:

- Samantha Young, Project Manager, Indigenous Support Recovery– Community Action Initiative
- Syoung@caibc.ca , 236-334-8240

Applicants are also encouraged to consult the [Grant Guidelines](#)