



Healing Fund Criteria and Guidelines for Disbursement of Funds

The Healing Fund is intended to support healing for Indigenous Peoples from the direct and/or intergenerational impacts of residential schools. All applications are carefully considered. Successful applications will most closely reflect the Council's criteria. In applying for project support, applicants should first consider the following:

1. Applicants for funds are from Indigenous groups or Indigenous agencies. Participation in approved projects is open to non-Indigenous people when considered appropriate by the project organizers.
2. Applicants should be part of a community-based program (urban, rural or Indigenous community) and demonstrate how their community will be involved in the planning, direction, and follow-up to the event or program to be supported. Healing from the impact of residential schools should be the primary purpose of the project.
3. Applications must have (2) letters of support from the community in which the project takes place. Projects will not be considered if they lack letters of support. Letters of support are to be signed and dated prior to the deadline date. Letters from organizations should be on letterhead. Letters from a community person should be handwritten. Letters are not to be form letters.
4. A financial or budget statement indicating expenses and anticipated sources of revenue must accompany the application. **The budget must not exceed \$15,000, as this is the maximum grant allowable.** It is not intended that The Healing Fund be the sole source of funding for large or multi-year projects. The Healing Fund is not intended to supplement or replace funding available from federal or other government sources.

Sample Budget

Project Title: "Language on the Land"

Item	Description	Healing Fund	In-Kind Donations	Other Grant	Total
Write down each item on a separate line. Do not mix up or group items together. It becomes difficult to understand the budget when items are grouped together. No wages or administrative costs.	Describe each item with detail. Especially how each item was calculated. For example in calculating Meals for 30 people: 30 people x 10.00 per meal (lunch only) = \$300. Specify how many meals per day if you plan to provide more than one meal per day. Also include how many days if the event is more than one day. All of these factors need to be included in the actual cost.	This column should indicate the cost of the items that are requested for funding by the Healing Fund Grant only. This cannot go above \$15,000.	This column should indicate the cost of each item donated by your organization or partnership for the project you are proposing. Ex) space, human resources, admin, etc.	This column should indicate the cost of each item that is covered by another grant.	This column should indicate the total costs of the Healing Fund, In-Kind Donations and other Grants.
		15,000	5,000	5,000	25,000

The budget has to be clear on what the Healing Fund grant will cover.

The Healing Fund does not cover capital costs such as purchasing property, furniture or equipment.

The Healing Fund is not intended to provide wages but will cover facilitator fees and honoraria. Recommended maximum fees are: Facilitator \$250 per day and Elders \$100 per day.

Definitions are provided to assist applicant's provide clear budgets according to the Healing Fund Council's criteria.

Wage: A payment usually of money for labour or services usually according to contract and on an hourly, daily, or piecework basis.

Honoraria/Fee: A payment given for professional services that are rendered nominally without charge.

Facilitator: Some who helps to bring about an outcome (such as learning, productivity, or communication) by providing indirect or unobtrusive assistance, guidance, or supervision. Ex: *The workshop's facilitator kept discussion flowing smoothly.*

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5. Priority will be given to projects that encourage the process of healing, language and cultural restoration.
6. Applicants should indicate trauma informed practices and systems of support in place during and after their event or program to ensure that participants are cared for and not left alone in their communities during their healing journey.
7. All approved applicants will be asked to provide a report on the progress of their program or event so that the lessons learned along the way can be shared with others. Previously approved projects in 'good standing' (meaning all written reports were received containing both narrative and financial information) may be considered again after three years from the ending of their last project.

Application Process

- Applicants are encouraged to submit their 'complete and original' applications for funding by the either one of the following deadline dates:
 - March 15
 - September 15
- Late applications cannot be considered due to the high volume of funding requests and that the Healing Fund Council meets only twice per year.
- Projects that have already started cannot be submitted.
- Start date for March applications should be no sooner than **June 1** and for September applications no sooner than **December 1**. The Healing Fund Council meets in May and November in each year.
- Please be sure to specify the name of the organization to whom a cheque is payable because cheques are not payable to individuals. Also ensure to specify the address to which a cheque should be mailed.
- Funding is granted once every three years.

Types of Projects Funded

The process of healing is unique to each Indigenous community, and as such there are a variety of projects that have received funding from the Healing Fund. Here are some examples:

- Healing circles, sharing circles, and other programs for former residential schools survivors and their children;
- Residential school reunions;
- Workshops and training for Elders, resource people, counsellors and parents;
- Language recovery and cultural recovery programs;
- Traditional and cultural events, gatherings for Elders and youth with a focus on the wellness of men and women
- Collecting and publishing stories in books, newsletters, and other media such as videos, DVDs. CDs.

Types of Projects Not Funded

- Building projects
- Furniture or capital equipment purchases
- Salaries, wages, consultants
- Churches/Ministries
- Sundances, Pow Wows, Potlatches, Sweat lodges

Send your original application to:

The Healing Fund
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Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

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