

COVID-19 Funding

The Government of Canada's top priority is the health and safety of all Canadians, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been actively working with partners to support Indigenous Peoples and communities in preparing and responding to COVID-19. We recognize that First Nation, Inuit and Métis are among the most at risk and face unique challenges in addressing COVID-19, and that Indigenous leadership, governments and organizations are best placed to determine the needs of Indigenous Peoples and to develop community-based solutions that respond to these challenges.

Proposal-based COVID-19 Funding Streams

The Ontario Region is currently accepting funding requests under the Indigenous Community Support Fund, Indigenous Community Business Fund, and Public Health Measures funding streams. The table below summarizes the available funding, application deadlines and where to submit applications / request additional information on the funding stream.

Funding Stream	Available Funding	Application Deadline	Submitting Applications / Inquiries
Indigenous Community Support Fund	\$30,101,154 *Estimated based on needs	November 30, 2020	sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca
Indigenous Community Business Fund	\$5,874,062	In-take ongoing, subject to availability of funding	aadnc.ledontario.aandc@canada.ca
Public Health Measures	\$48,901,910 processed to date, in-take ongoing	In-take ongoing, subject to availability of funding	sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca

COVID-19 Funding Allocated to Date

Since March 1, 2020, approximately \$346.5M has been made available to Ontario Region First Nations, Métis and Indigenous organizations to support COVID-19 response efforts, and \$273.3M to provide additional supports for children and families, for a total of \$619.8M.

Of the \$346.5M that has been made available to support COVID-19, \$303.2M has been sourced from the \$2.4 billion that has been committed in specific COVID-19 support to Indigenous and northern communities and organizations. The remaining \$43.3M has been sourced from existing funding sources to support COVID-19 response efforts.

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Emergency Management Assistance	Funding fully allocated to recipients In March 2020, Indigenous Services Canada allocated \$64,000,000 to support immediate COVID-19 response efforts by First Nations on a needs-basis.	First Nations	Needs-based *Proposal required*	\$64,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	-
	Emergency Management Assistance Total:				\$64,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Indigenous Community Support Fund (Phase I)	Funding fully allocated for each component In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 18, 2020, the Government of Canada announced the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. The initial plan included \$305 million for a new, distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund to address immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, and urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations. On May 21, 2020, an additional \$75 million was added to this fund to support to regional, urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations.	First Nations	Formula-based	\$215,000,000	\$37,580,912	\$37,580,912	-
		Inuit	Formula-based	\$45,000,000	-	-	-
		Métis	Formula-based	\$30,000,000	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	-
		Urban and Off-Reserve	Needs-based *Proposal required*	\$90,000,000	\$21,928,250	\$21,928,250*	-
Indigenous Community Support Fund (Phase I) Total:				\$380,000,000	\$63,259,162	\$63,259,162	-
Indigenous Community Support Fund (Phase II)	Formula-based funding fully allocated to recipients Applications for needs-based funding can be submitted to: sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca. On August 12, the Government of Canada announced an additional \$305 million for the Indigenous Community Support Fund. It will be distributed through a combination of allocations directly to First Nations, Inuit and Métis leadership, and needs-based funding, which will be application driven. This funding will be available to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, as well as Indigenous communities	First Nations	Formula-based	\$107,672,639	\$18,797,646	\$18,797,646	-
		Inuit	Formula-based	\$22,500,000	-	-	-
		Métis	Formula-based	\$15,000,000	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000	-
		Indigenous Communities and Organizations	Needs-based	\$159,827,361	\$30,126,155 <i>*Estimated based on needs</i>	\$25,001	\$30,101,154 <i>*Estimated based on needs</i>

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	and organizations serving Indigenous peoples, including First Nations living off-reserve as well as Inuit and Metis living in urban centres.						
	Indigenous Community Support Fund (Phase I) Total:			\$305,000,000	50,798,801	20,697,647	\$30,101,154
Safe Return to elementary and secondary schools on reserves	<p>Allocations to recipients in progress</p> <p>On August 26, 2020, the Prime Minister announced \$112M to support a safe return to elementary and secondary schools on reserves.</p> <p>The investment will provide funding to meet the needs of schools and students, including, for example, for salaries for teachers, custodians and bus drivers (who may work additional hours during this period), access to technology, minor capital upgrades, purchase of e-learning software, and the development of take-home learning materials.</p>	First Nations	Formula-based	\$112,000,000	\$24,488,381	\$21,425,813	\$3,062,568
	Safe return to elementary and secondary schools on reserves Total:			\$112,000,000	\$24,488,381	\$21,425,813	\$3,062,568
PPE and cleaning supplies for schools	<p>Funding fully allocated to recipients</p> <p>First Nations School Emergencies – includes funding for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for First Nations schools, federally-operated schools, and post-secondary institutions.</p>	First Nations	Formula-based	\$ 6,404,604 * N/A for national figures.	\$6,404,604	\$6,404,604	-
	PPE and cleaning supplies for schools Total:			\$6,404,604	\$6,404,604	\$6,404,604	-
Post-Secondary Education	<p>Funding fully allocated to recipients</p> <p>The Government of Canada will provide an additional \$75.2 million to support First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation post-secondary students impacted by COVID-19.</p>	First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation post-secondary students	Formula-based	\$75,200,000	\$17,524,693	\$17,524,693	-
	Post-Secondary Education Total:			\$75,200,000	\$17,524,693	\$17,524,693	-

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Indigenous Post-Secondary Education Institutions	<i>Awaiting receipt of funding to initiate allocations.</i> On October 30, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$25.9 million to provide immediate support to Indigenous post-secondary institutions in 2020-21. The investment will help these institutions address increased costs and financial uncertainty resulting from the pandemic, including putting in place supports to retain staff, automating services to process student applications and registrations, adapting courses for online learning, and implementing public health and safety measures for in-person services.	Indigenous Post-Secondary Institutions	Formula-based	\$25,900,000	\$6,122,693	-	\$6,122,693
<i>Indigenous Post-Secondary Education Institution Total:</i>				\$25,900,000	\$6,122,693	-	\$6,122,693
Indigenous Community Business Fund	<i>Formula-based funding fully allocated.</i> <i>Proposals to access needs-based component can be submitted to aadnc.ledontario.aandc@canada.ca</i> On June 11, 2020, the Minister of Indigenous Services, announced additional funding totaling \$117 million for community-owned First Nation, Inuit and Métis businesses, including microbusinesses, that are not eligible for existing business support measures. The Indigenous Community Business Fund (ICBF) is intended to strengthen operations and increase the viability of First Nation, Inuit and Métis community-owned businesses during the pandemic. Funding will be allocated under two streams – a formula-based allocation (stream 1) and a needs-based allocation (stream 2).	Stream 1: First Nations	Formula-based	\$53,525,798	\$11,146,117	\$11,146,117	-
		Stream 2: First Nations, Inuit or Métis community- or collectively-owned business	Needs-based *Proposal required*	\$45,924,202	\$6,626,987	\$752,925	\$5,874,062
		Métis	Formula-based	\$17,550,000	<i>*Allocation TBD</i>	<i>*Allocation TBD</i>	<i>*Allocation TBD</i>

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	<p><i>Proposal template can be located at https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033474/1100100033477#a1</i></p>						
	Indigenous Community Business Fund Total:			\$117,000,000	\$17,773,104	\$11,899,042	\$5,874,062
Emergency Shelter Operations	<p>Funding fully allocated to recipients</p> <p>As part of the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, the government of Canada will provide up to \$10 million to ISC's network of shelters on reserve and in Yukon to help them manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities. The funding is being distributed through ISC's regional offices through existing contribution agreements and using FVPP authorities.</p> <p>Eligible recipients are the 46 shelters currently receiving operational funding through the FVPP. The amount for each shelter was determined using a formula that includes factors such as on-reserve population, remoteness and number of beds.</p>	Shelters serving First Nations communities across Canada	Formula-based	\$10,000,000	\$2,211,520	\$2,211,520	-
	Emergency Shelter Operations Total:			\$10,000,000	\$2,211,520	\$2,211,520	-
Additional Support for Social Programs Administered through the 1965 Agreement.	<p>Funding fully allocated to recipients</p> <p>The Government of Canada will provide an additional \$270 million to this program to address increased demand from First Nations individuals and families affected by COVID-19.</p> <p>In Ontario, the delivery of Income Assistance, Assisted Living, Child Care, and Child and Family Services programming for eligible on-reserve members is administered, in whole or in part, through the 1965 agreement with the Province of Ontario.</p>	Province of Ontario delivery partners	Formula-based	\$270,000,000	\$4,055,799	\$4,055,799	-

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	As part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 response, additional funding has been allocated to support the Income Assistance and First Nations Child and Family Services programs.						
	Funding fully allocated to recipients Income Assistance (Basic Needs and Service Delivery)	First Nations, organizations and other service providers			\$42,855,028.00	\$42,855,028.00	-
	Additional Social Program Funding Total:			\$270,000,000	\$46,910,827	\$46,910,827	-
Public Health Response	Funding allocations on-going based on funding requests received. Requests for funding can be submitted to: sac.covid-19fnhbontario.isc@canada.ca On May 29 th , the Prime Minister announced support for ongoing public health response to COVID-19 in Indigenous communities. This funding is intended for community-led responses to the pandemic, and provides targeted increases in primary health care resources for First Nations communities. In case of outbreaks, this funding can be drawn upon to provide surge capacity and additional support for community-based services in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.	First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Indigenous organizations, and other health care providers	Needs-based *Proposal required*	\$285,100,000	\$48,901,910* <i>*Regional allocation represents the draw on the national allocation to date.</i>	\$41,402,673	\$7,499,237
	Public Health Response Total:			\$285,100,000	\$48,901,910	\$41,402,673	\$7,499,237
Wage Enhancements for Community-employed Health	Funding allocations in progress This funding is intended to support temporary wage increases for community-employed health and assisted living workers. Work performed on and after April 24 until August 13, 2020 is eligible for the hourly pandemic	First Nations	Formula	\$5,903,264* <i>*N/A for national figures.</i>	\$5,903,264	\$5,903,264	-

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and Assisted Living Workers	<p>pay and counts towards determining eligibility for the pandemic lump sum payment.</p> <p>This short term wage boost is intended for essential, front line workers who are assuming extra risk, and have not already been compensated through provincial measures.</p>						
Wage Enhancements Total:				\$5,903,264	\$5,903,264	-	\$5,903,264
Mental Health and Wellness	<p>Awaiting receipt of funding to initiate allocations.</p> <p>On August 25, 2020, the Government of Canada announced funding \$82.5 million in 2020-21 to adapt Indigenous mental health and wellness services and to provide surge capacity to address mental wellness needs in Indigenous communities related to COVID-19.</p> <p>The Department will work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners and communities as well as provincial/territorial governments to support the culturally-safe adaptation of mental wellness services in the current COVID-19 context, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for culturally competent services such as on the land activities, community-based health supports, and mental wellness teams; • Expanding mental health services to meet increasing demand (e.g., virtual counselling, crisis line surge capacity); and, • Supporting Indigenous partners to develop innovative strategies to address substance use and improve access to treatment services. 	First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Indigenous organizations, and other health care providers	Formula	\$82,500,000	\$11,597,124	\$937,500	\$10,659,624
Mental Health and Wellness Total:				\$82,500,000	\$11,597,124	\$937,500	\$10,659,624

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Adaptation of Community Infrastructure	<p><i>Awaiting receipt of funding to initiate allocations.</i> On October 30, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$59 million for First Nations to adapt their on reserve community infrastructure.</p> <p>First Nations can use the funds to implement public health and safety measures in community buildings by adding hand washing stations, buying hand sanitizers, personal protective equipment for staff, and cleaning supplies, installing signage and barriers to promote physical distancing, and doing safety checks and upgrades to existing ventilation systems.</p>	First Nations	Formula-based	\$59,000,000	\$7,669,889	-	\$7,669,889
<i>Adaption of Community Infrastructure Total:</i>				\$59,000,000	\$7,669,889	-	\$7,669,889
Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Facilities	<p><i>Awaiting further details on regional allocation and receipt of funding to initiate allocations.</i> On October 30, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$120.7 million to help Indigenous early learning and child care facilities safely operate during the pandemic.</p> <p>The investment is expected to support over 35,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation children who access culturally relevant Indigenous early learning and child care programs. This funding will be co-managed through existing early learning and child care partnerships. It will assist Indigenous communities in addressing their most critical needs, including implementing enhanced cleaning protocols, hiring additional staff, and offering training.</p>	Indigenous early learning and child care facilities	Formula-based	\$120,700,000	*Allocation TBD	*Allocation TBD	*Allocation TBD
<i>Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Facilities Total:</i>				\$120,700,000	*Allocation TBD	*Allocation TBD	*Allocation TBD

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Other COVID-19 Response Funding	Funding processed on an on-going basis as requests as received Jordan's Principle (COVID-19 response)	First Nations	Needs-based	\$1,370,618* *N/A for national figures.	\$1,370,618	\$1,167,667	\$202,951
	Funding processed on an on-going basis as claims are received CHRT Orders supported via COVID-19 response funding	First Nations	Claims-based process	\$3,461,564* *N/A for national figures.	\$3,461,564	\$3,461,564	-
	Funding fully allocated to recipients Youth Employment Strategy	First Nations	Formula-based	\$26,293,647	\$5,113,297	\$5,113,297	-
	Funding allocations in progress Indigenous Services Canada is providing additional infrastructure project funding to support the costs associated with COVID-19 delays for water and school projects.	First Nations, Tribal Councils	Project-based	\$33,400,000	\$18,176,932	\$3,744,513	\$14,432,419
	Funding fully allocated to recipients Indigenous Services Canada is providing one time supplemental funding for First Nations with a Reserve Land Environmental Management Program (RLEMP) during fiscal year 2020-2021 to assist with the adapted operational activities that communities have or need to develop in light of COVID-19. This funding may also be used to assist with additional equipment needs to provide land management services to their communities.	First Nations	Formula-based	\$3,780,008	\$817,485	\$817,485	-
Other COVID-19 Response Funding Total:				\$68,305,837	\$28,939,896	\$14,304,526	\$14,635,370
Total COVID-19 Response Funding to Date:				\$1,987,013,705	\$346,505,868	\$254,978,007	\$91,527,861

Additional Funding Supporting Children and Families

Additional Funding supporting Children and Families	Ontario Region Total	Allocated to Recipients	Allocations in Progress
Family Violence Prevention Program**	\$7,492,939	\$7,492,939	-
Community Based Prevention**	\$15,789,119	\$15,789,119	-
CHRT Orders (flowed since March 1, 2020, based on 188 processed claims)**	\$92,315,053	\$92,315,053	-
Community Well-Being and Jurisdiction Initiatives**	\$21,861,854	\$21,861,854	-
Jordan's Principle – (total approved as of November 2020 – including NAN Choose Life – excludes Jordan's Principle funding noted above)*	\$135,828,264	\$131,897,910	\$3,930,354
<i>Additional Funding support Children and Families Total:</i>	\$273,287,229	\$269,356,875	\$3,930,354

Notes:

* indicates funding available - disbursement underway

** indicates funding has flowed

Total COVID-19 Response and Additional Funding Supporting Children and Families

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COVID-19 Response	\$346,505,868	\$254,978,007	\$91,527,861
Additional Funding supporting Children and Families	\$273,287,229	\$269,356,875	\$3,930,354
Grand Total	\$619,793,097	\$524,334,882	\$95,458,215