

With the approval of the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) Project, the Government of Canada committed to administer new contribution funding to support the work of the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for TMX. A total of \$42 million has been allocated over five years from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022.

The committee will be integral to identifying, assessing, and selecting proposals that address the interests and concerns of potentially impacted Indigenous communities. Natural Resources Canada will administer the capacity funding based on recommendations from the committee.

Funding will support Indigenous participation in monitoring the energy infrastructure projects, and addressing Indigenous issues and priorities of the 117 potentially impacted communities related to:

- Environmental protection;
- Socioeconomic outcomes; and
- Safety.

CURRENT PRIORITIES

1 ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

EXAMPLE: Host community engagement sessions to share information on project activities.

2 CAPACITY AND DEVELOPMENT

EXAMPLE: Train Indigenous environmental monitors; Develop community-based emergency management plans/protocols.

3 RESEARCH, STUDIES AND DATA GATHERING

EXAMPLE: Assess gaps, develop Indigenous use-and-occupancy mapping.

4 FRAMEWORKS, PLANS, STRATEGIES AND ADVICE

EXAMPLE: Develop strategies and plans for marine and/or terrestrial monitoring.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES



Integrate Indigenous interests, knowledge and values into monitoring.



Increase knowledge and capacity of Indigenous communities related to project activities.



Respond to issues and priorities identified by Indigenous communities.



Train Indigenous groups in environmental monitoring, marine safety, and/or emergency planning and management.

INTAKE PROCESS

SUBMIT PROPOSAL

Complete applications include:

- PROPOSAL TEMPLATE
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, as identified in the Proposal Template

A program officer can work with you to develop a proposal.



EVALUATION & SELECTION

Proposal selection will be based on the Committee's mandate and current priorities.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- ELIGIBILITY
- MANAGEMENT CAPACITY
- FINANCIAL CAPACITY
- RISK
- OUTCOMES

CONSIDERATIONS

- BROAD BENEFITS
- REGIONAL PRIORITIES
- CAPACITY
- CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



DECISION

All applicants will be notified of a decision in writing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

1. Who is eligible to apply for funding under the IAMC Contribution Program?

Eligible Recipients include:

- Indigenous communities or governments;
- Tribal Councils or entities that fulfill a similar function (e.g. general council);
- Indigenous validly incorporated or registered for-profit and not-for-profit organizations and corporations; and
- Other (Contact us).

2. What kinds of costs are eligible for funding?

Eligible costs are those considered necessary to support the purpose of the Contribution and include the following:

- Salaries, wages, and benefits;
- Travel expenses (based on National Joint Council rates);
- Professional and technical services;
- Facility/transportation rentals;
- Equipment and machinery costs;
- Hospitality, honoraria, and ceremonial costs, where relevant and reasonable; and,
- Administration (up to 10% of eligible costs).

FUNDING

1. What type of funding is available?

Natural Resources Canada will administer non-repayable contributions.

2. What is a contribution, and how is it different from a grant?

A contribution is to be accounted for and is subject to audit.

3. How much funding is available this year?

Up to \$5 million is available this fiscal year (April to March) to support Committee priorities, such as capacity funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. What are the proposal deadlines?

Proposals are accepted on continuous basis.

2. When will I find out if my proposal has been approved?

A funding decision will be communicated between 30 to 60 business days of receiving a complete proposal, depending on the timing of the Committee review.

3. On what basis might my proposal be rejected?

Project benefits must support communities potentially impacted by the TMEP.

The Committee will identify priorities on an annual basis. Proposals will be selected based on an evaluation of its merits, alignment with Committee priorities, and program budget.

Preference may be given to proposals that:

- Support more than one community;
- Address specific areas of priority identified by the Committee (e.g. water crossings);
- Address regional priorities;
- Prioritize support based on the schedule of construction; and
- Support a community/communities with low capacity.

4. What kind of support is available for developing a proposal?

Program Officers from Natural Resources Canada can work with applicants to develop strong proposals. Contact us for assistance.

For more detailed information, please contact us for the Program Guide and Proposal Template.

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