

### Creating Safe Communities across Eeyou Istchee

### **Crime Prevention Fund**

**Policy Overview** 





This document outlines the policy on the Crime Prevention Fund administered by the Cree Nation Government – Department of Justice & Correctional Services (DOJCS).

The DOJCS established the Crime Prevention Fund to contribute to the creation of safe communities across Eeyou Istchee.





## **Objectives**

- Prevent and combat crime and contribute to the creation of safer communities by supporting initiatives and projects that:
  - reduce risk of individuals and youth of coming into contact with the justice and corrections system.
  - address early risk factors to avoid harm to vulnerable families, children and youth at risk.
  - encourage adoption of evidence-based practices on crime prevention.
  - raise education and awareness on priority crime issues.
  - provide support for parenting skills for parents, and life skills for youth.
  - create networks of support and change in community through partnerships and collaboration.
  - prevent recidivism in high risk groups.





## Proposed Projects Should:

- Prioritize the following issues and areas:
  - Violence, including family violence;
  - Alcohol, drug abuse and addiction;
  - Addressing trauma and mental health;
  - Building parental skills and encouraging safe family and community environment;
  - Promoting alternatives to school suspensions and prevention of schoolbased bullying;
  - Promoting alternatives to criminal justice.

All projects must incorporate Cree values, way of life and culture while taking into account Cree circumstances

- Target one or more of the following types of crime prevention:
  - First-level crime prevention focusing on strengthening community and social structures (focus on people and on improving the physical environment).
  - Second level crime prevention focusing on changing behaviours of those already engaging in criminal activity or presenting behavioural problems.
  - Third-level crime prevention focusing on gaining stability for those attempting to rehabilitate or reinsert into a community.





## Eligible Applicants

- ✓ Cree controlled organizations
- ✓ Cree beneficiaries
- ✓ Partnerships between Cree controlled organizations and other organizations
  - ✓ Cree partners must have > 50% control of project
- ✓ Community Justice Committees

#### Note:

- Partnerships with local and regional stakeholders are encouraged
- Representation from all Cree communities are encouraged, taking into account the size and need of each Cree community



### Admissible Project Proposals Must:

#### Demonstrate:

- How the project supports the objectives of the Crime Prevention Fund
- Involvement of the community and/or a community justice committee
- Full support by the relevant community(ies), as evidenced by relevant Band Council Resolution(s)

#### Demonstrate the applicant's capacity to:

- Administer the funds (including project implementation and reporting)
- Ensure confidentiality of project clientele
- Ensure safety of staff and clientele
- Have a fixed duration and be non-recurrent exceptionally, may be multi-year

#### Include:

- Educational and awareness components, as well as training and mentoring
- Detailed cost estimates, including any share to be borne by partner(s) and funding from other sources
- Clear milestones and timelines
- Detailed description of proposed activities and anticipated results;
- Recommendations for post-program follow-ups
- Measurement tools, including criteria to measure what would constitute successful outcomes
- Not duplicate existing projects, programs or services available for the same clientele





### Expenditures

#### Distribution of costs may include:

- Employee salaries & benefits
- Training
- Facility rentals
- Equipment rental/service/purchase
- Materials/supplies
- Honoraria and consulting fees
- Communication directly related to project activities
- Travel (within Quebec)
- Translation
- Insurance
- Administration (telephone, fax, printing, photocopying, etc.)

#### Distribution of costs DOES NOT cover:

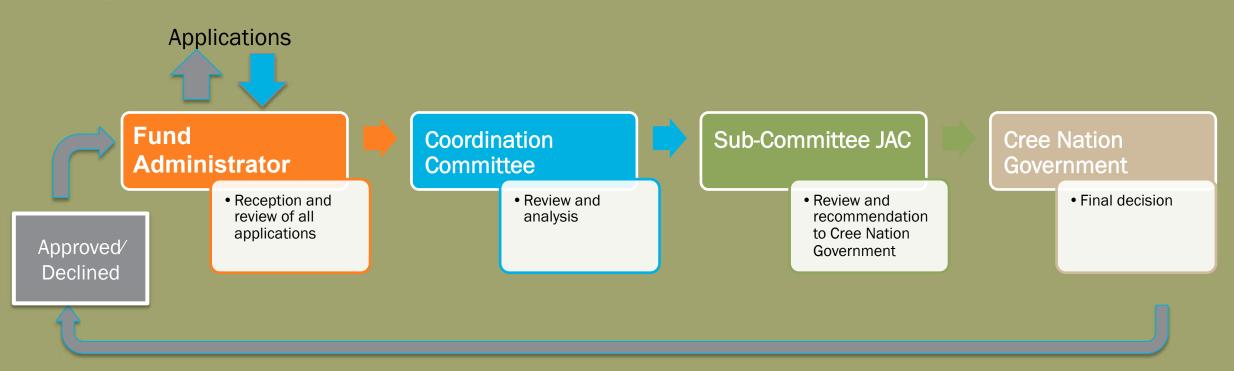
- Capital expenditures
- Commission ("finder's fee")
- Fines/penalties
- Salaries/honoraria for principal officer or members of the board of directors of the recipient of funding
- Costs incurred before the funding application is approved
- Contingency and miscellaneous fees
- Deficit recovery
- Financial incentives to offenders to meet the conditions of their reintegration orders
- Financial compensation or restitution to victims of crime
- Entertainment costs

No current or former employee of the DOJCS or member of a Community Justice Committee shall derive a direct or indirect benefit (honoraria, compensation, remuneration, reimbursement).





### Review & Approval Process



The applicant will be notified by the Fund Administrator of the final outcome of his or her application.





# **Contribution Agreement**

- Between successful applicant and Cree Nation Government, defining:
  - Level of contribution
  - Payment schedule
  - The project
  - The conditions and modalities of funding
  - Undertaking of the parties





# Reporting & Monitoring

- The recipient is required to:
  - Prepare a Work Plan
  - Provide quarterly reporting on:
    - >Actions/activities
    - > Evaluations (measurement tools)
    - > Financial reports

The Justice Department reserves the right to audit and evaluate all projects during their implementation and after their completion.

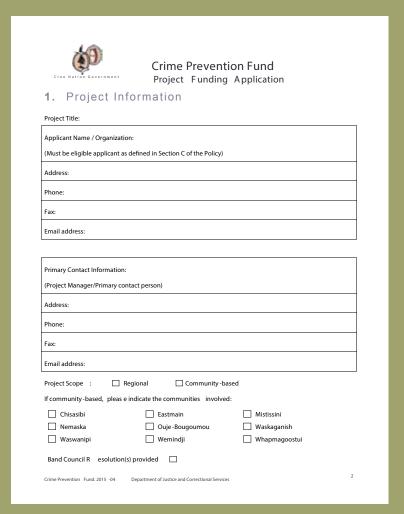




### Sample Project Funding Application

#### Sections:

- 1. Project Information
- 2. Project Description and Results
- 3. Applicant/Organizational Capacity
- 4. Partners
- 5. Project Workplan
- 6. Expenses (estimate)







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