



Empowering the Cree youth while promoting their general welfare

Youth Engagement Fund

Policy Overview



Cree Nation Government



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

The DOJCS established the Youth Engagement Fund to promote the general welfare of the Cree youth across Eeyou Istchee.





Objectives

- Support local Youth Councils in the development of programs designed specifically for Cree youth to address issues such as:
 - Prevention of crime.
 - Abuse of alcohol and drugs.
 - Bullying.
 - Alternatives to school suspensions.
 - Prevention of suicide.
 - Promotion of Cree culture, language, history and traditions.





Proposed Projects Should:

- Target youth \leq 35 years old who are experiencing difficulties at school or in their communities.
- Enable Cree youth to:
 - foster skills to keep from offending/re-offending.
 - remain accountable for their actions.
 - develop sense of responsibility in their communities.

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





Eligible Applicants

- ✓ Cree bands
- ✓ Cree Nation Youth Council
- ✓ Local Youth Councils

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 Youth Engagement 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

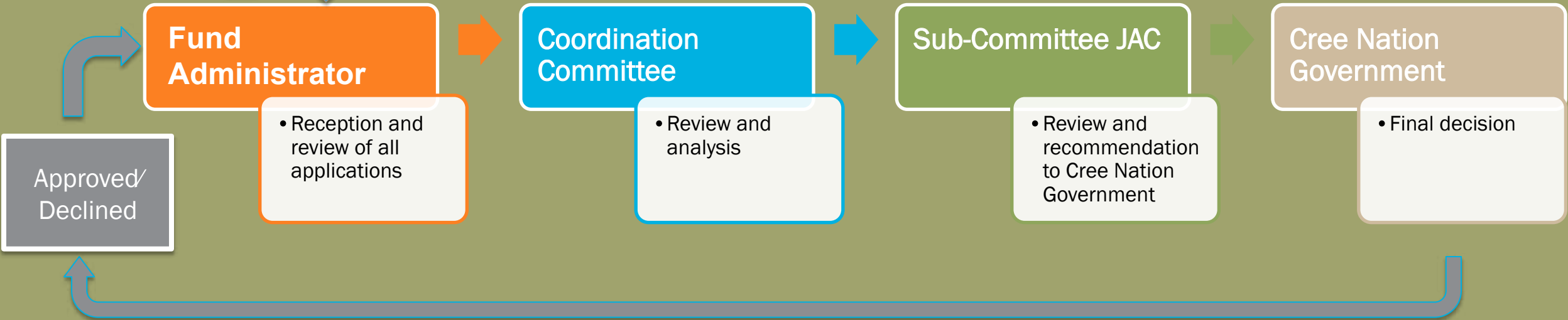
No current or former employee of the DOJCS or member of a Community Justice Committee shall derive a direct or indirect benefit (honoraria, compensation, remuneration, reimbursement).





Review & Approval Process

Applications



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)

 Youth Engagement Fund
PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION

1. Project Information

Project Title: _____

Applicant Name / Organization:
(Must be eligible applicant as defined in Section C of the Policy)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Primary Contact Information:
(Project Manager/Primary contact person)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Project Scope : Regional Community-based

If community-based, please indicate the community(ies) involved:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chisasibi	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastmain	<input type="checkbox"/> Mistissini
<input type="checkbox"/> Nemaska	<input type="checkbox"/> Ouje-Bougoumou	<input type="checkbox"/> Waskaganish
<input type="checkbox"/> Waswanipi	<input type="checkbox"/> Wemindji	<input type="checkbox"/> Whapmagoostui

Band Council Resolution(s) provided

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