

A New Trail

fundraising for cultural research
and land use and occupancy
studies - a reference guide



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Introduction

In Canada, no funding program currently exists that targets specific land use and occupancy research. Given the importance of this field of research and the increasing demand for support, both the government and private sectors should make greater resources available to First Nation communities to undertake these activities. Because this hasn't happened yet, you, the research director or community leader, will need to work extra hard and be especially creative in fundraising to pay for your land use and occupancy research initiative.

The goal of this guidebook is to help make this task easier for you. Through discussions with practitioners and funding agencies from across Canada, we have compiled a short-list of funding programs that might provide support for your cultural research projects. We were surprised to find so few funding programs that specifically target cultural research. Recognizing this, many practitioners from across Canada have recommended that a partnership approach to fundraising, where appropriate, might yield the greatest returns for your program. More recommendations are summarized in the next section, under the Fundraising Strategy section.

This guidebook also includes links to other funding reference tools, links to wage subsidy and employment programs that can help off-set the costs of your research, and an appendix of names of practitioners that have done a land use and occupancy research project or are engaged in this type of activity. This guidebook is not comprehensive – there are many other funding programs that could support you in your work. We have taken a snapshot in time and highlighted some of the more common funding programs, a list that will no doubt need updating over time. For now, we hope that this guidebook will both help you save time and lead you to find new funding sources to help pay for and complete your important work ahead.

First Nations and the Tax Act

There is an unresolved issue in Canada taxation law relating to the eligibility of First Nation governments for exemption under the *Income Tax Act*. This is an important issue for many First Nations who might be trying to access funding from foundations or other organizations who invest only in charitable organizations. Foundations can only invest in organizations that are deemed to be charitable, as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). You may run into this issue in your search for funds within the foundation sector. But there is hope.

It used to be that the CRA would only consider a First Nation band eligible for exemption if they had a recognized status of being a municipality (the issue as to whether First Nations may be considered to be a municipality in Canada was considered in the cases of *Otineka* and *Tawish*). In light of these rulings, however, the *Income Tax Act* was amended to extend the exemption to include any "public body performing a function of government in Canada". Clearly First Nation tribal entities would meet this criterion. This change to the Tax Act was put forward by the Minister of Finance on February 27, 2004. It is expected that the draft technical amendments will come into force sometime in 2007.

At the time of writing this piece, how "performing a function of government" is defined is still unclear. The CRA have said that they may qualify a First Nation as performing the functions of government if bylaws have been passed under ss. 81 and 83 of the Indian Act, or if the band has reached an "advanced stage of development". They may also accept the exemption where First Nations have been involved in negotiating land treaties (or have negotiated a settlement with Canada) and where the Nation provides community services. As this policy is relatively new, many foundations have yet to update their funding policies to reflect these changes. So you may still hit some barriers where a foundation says that they simply can't fund directly to a First Nation government entity.

So while we wait for clarity surrounding the amendments to the *Income Tax Act*, there are a few other options available to you in accessing charitable funds. One is to find a registered non-profit within your community to oversee your proposal and project funds. Most cultural centres or school boards for example, would be regarded as eligible charitable organizations, satisfying the requirements for foundation funding. If one doesn't exist in your community, you may approach an outside charitable organization, such as Tides Canada Foundation or Vancouver Foundation, to manage a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) on your behalf. This option is quite common; however, any organization managing a DAF will charge an administration fee ranging from 3 to 7 percent. You will have to decide your comfort level with this and test the waters with a third party registered non-profit.

Either way, you will need to be flexible and creative in your fundraising strategy. Your close relationships with funders will help in finding an optimal route to securing funds. It will likely be different with almost each funding source.

For more information on this, please consult:

First Nations' Tax Exemptions

By Woodward & Company, Barristers & Solicitors (current to June 23, 2006)
www.afoabc.org/documents/ICABConf_TaxExemptions_Lanine_.pdf

Aboriginal Tax Planning

By David Thompson, Doug Mathew and Samantha Mason (Current to December 1, 2003)

www.cle.bc.ca/CLE/Practice+Desk/Practice+Articles/Collection/02-app-aboriginaltaxplanning

Canada Revenue Agency

Charities Directorate

1-800-267-2384

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/charities/menu-e.html

Fundraising Strategy

There are many fundraising strategy references available at libraries and on the Internet. The following are four links that you might want to review to help you develop a fundraising strategy of your own.

Fundraising Ideas that Work for Grassroots Groups, by Ken Wyman

Brought to you courtesy of the Community Partnerships Programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage, this publication provides advice on fundraising for grassroots groups. It includes sections on the fundraising climate in Canada, the four types of fundraising, working with volunteers, and more.

Website: www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pc-cp/pubs/e/fr4gras1.htm

Charity Village Library

There are several articles relating to grant seeking found in the Charity Village Library that are worth reading, including:

- Top ten ways to get your proposal read
- Foundation collaboration—visioning for the future
- Grant makers get more focused
- Proposals that appeal or appal
- Understanding the funder and the proposal

Website: www.charityvillage.com/cv/research/rprop.html

Association of Fundraising Professionals

The Association of Fundraising Professionals represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. Some resources offered are for members only, but many are for general use

Website: www.afpnet.org/resource_center

EcoAction Fundraising Workshop

Presented at workshops on "Fundraising for Non-Profits" hosted by Environment Canada and Health Canada, this 74-page document includes sections on fundraising methods and strategies, writing for fundraising, developing a fundraising plan, and more.

Website: atlantic-web1.ns.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/default.asp?lang=En&nav=AD039ED9-01

In connecting with cultural research practitioners from across Canada, we asked these individuals if they have any specific tips to share with other First Nations who might be just setting out on developing a fundraising strategy of their own. The following page lists a summary of these tips and other suggestions provided by both Ecotrust Canada and the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation staff.

Ten Tips

1. **Be creative.** Think about how you might adapt your project to meet the guidelines of a funding program. For example, a funding program might not be interested in funding cultural research on its own, but might be more interested in providing support for forest management planning. Your proposal could incorporate a cultural research component within a forest management-planning proposal.
2. **Don't drift** too far away from your original goals to satisfy funding criteria, given what was mentioned above,
3. **Build relationships and network** these relationships to find funding. Fundraising is all about relationships. Call people and meet with people – don't rely on e-mail, the Internet or template cover letters to get your program funded. Follow-up on your proposal and keep in touch with the funding organization.
4. **Talk to other practitioners** in your region and elsewhere in Canada to find out about how they funded their research programs.
5. **Don't use the shotgun approach** in sending out dozens of proposals. Be focused and strategic, incubating relationships with the funders that you are targeting.
6. **Explore funding opportunities** through partnerships or joint ventures with industry, conservation organizations, academic institutions or government. Who is doing business in your territory? Would the outcomes of your cultural research benefit other parties? If so, then these parties might want to share the costs of the research (but not to share ownership of the research).
7. **Get support** for your project from all levels of your community. Demonstrate this level of support to funders in the form of letters of support, or by bringing in different community entities into your research proposal.
8. **Don't spend a lot of time chasing small grants.** It is often the same amount of work to secure a \$500 grant, as it is a \$50,000 grant.
9. **Educate funders.** Land use and occupancy research is a very specialized and complex field. It is often not very well understood by funders. Funders may not understand the importance of conducting this type of research and its spin-off benefits for planning and decision-making. You may have to work hard in helping funders understand your project and why it is important.
10. **Keep things simple,** avoid wordy proposals and stick to the funding criteria. Don't bite off more than you can chew – you only have limited time and personnel to do the work. Be realistic and build on your track record of successful work.

Existing funding guidebooks or lists of funding sources

There are many funding guidebooks and references already in circulation that can be used to help you discover new funding opportunities. The following is a list of some of these resources.

Environment Canada Eco-Action: National Green Source Funding Guide

The Green Source is a resource guide prepared by Environment Canada that will help you locate numerous sources of funding for environmental projects. It includes information on public and private sector programs and organizations that provide financial assistance, labour costs or in-kind donations to community groups. The Green Source is available in searchable database format, or in hard copy format available from the Environment Canada regional office serving your area.

Website: www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/before_e.html

Canadian Rural Information Service

Volunteers, charitable organizations and non-profit groups play an important role in rural communities. This pathfinder contains resources of interest to volunteers and voluntary groups. For people interested in volunteering, it provides links to databases and regional web sites that list volunteer opportunities. The resources section highlights key publications and web sites on the general subject of volunteering. The sources of funding section may help community projects and non-profit group locate non-government funding.

Website: www.rural.gc.ca/cris/vol/volunteer_e.phtml

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

The programs listed here have been created by INAC and other federal departments to enhance First Nation, Inuit and Innu economic development.

Website: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ecd/pas_e.html

Ecotrust Canada: Aboriginal Mapping Network

The Aboriginal Mapping Network is a collection of resource pages for First Nation mappers who are looking for answers to common questions regarding mapping, information management and GIS. It is a network where First Nation mappers can learn about what other native mappers are doing, and share their own experiences throughout the aboriginal community. The AMN has a British Columbia focus, but is not limited to this geographic region.

Website: www.nativemaps.org/?q=top_menu/1/72/77

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy: Directory of Foundations & Grants

The CCP's Canadian directory to foundations and grants is as a searchable online database. The Directory contains the most current, reliable and thoroughly researched profiles and grant information on over 3,100 foundations that are actively granting in Canada. Subscription cost is \$375 for this service, but the directory is very comprehensive with interactive search criteria including search by geographic region and keywords such as First Nations, conservation, environment and land use.

Website: www.ccp.ca

Canadian Environmental Grantmakers Network (CEGN): Canadian Environmental Grants Database

Grantseekers are strongly encouraged to visit these websites, which include information on each grantmaker's current funding interests and programs, guidelines, criteria, restrictions, deadlines and application process. This is an important next step in your research that will help you to focus your fundraising efforts by identifying those grant programs that are the best potential fit with your proposal. In addition to individual grant-maker websites, there are other good resources that provide further information on potential funding sources and approaches to fundraising. Several useful suggestions are provided in the Resources for Grantseekers section of CEGN's website.

Website: www.cegn.org

Charity Village

Charity Village is Canada's "supersite" for the non-profit sector. There are more than 3,000 pages of news, jobs, information and resources for executives, staffers, donors, and volunteers. The site has links to several funding guides and resources, including:

- **Charity Village Non-Profit Neighbourhood: Grant-Giving Foundations**
Links to the homepages of Canadian foundations with grant programs.
- **Charity Village Online Resources: Government Agencies and Departments**
Links to the homepages of federal and provincial government agencies and departments. Find general information and funding guidelines.
- **Charity Village Online Resources: Economic, Financial and Investment Information**
Links to Canadian public company filings, reports and media releases.
- **Charity Village Marketplace: Funding Sources Databases**
Links to commercially available sources for foundation, corporate, and government funding information.
- **Community of Science—Funding Opportunities for Canadians**
A searchable database of funding opportunities available to Canadians in Biomedical and Health Sciences, Science and Technology, Mathematics, Computer Science, Agriculture and Food Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Behavioural and Social Sciences, Education, Engineering, Energy and Law.
- **Database of Funding Agencies**
From the University of British Columbia's Office of Research Services. Searchable by key word, grant type, research area and deadline, and covers Health Sciences, Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. In addition to a long list of Canadian funding sources, the database contains a good cross-section of foreign agencies. The service also provides direct links to the homepages of major granting agencies.
- **Directory of Funding Agencies and Other Organizations of Interest**

From the University of Alberta's Research Grants office. Provides links to the homepages of foundations and agencies, organized by country.

- **Grant Deadline Page**
From the Dalhousie University Office of Research Services. A list of deadlines for major granting programs from government, agencies, and foundations. The site doesn't list contact information for the different granting organizations, but it does offer programs' specific deadlines organized by month.

Website: www.charityvillage.com

Private Foundations and Funding Programs

In discussion with practitioners and funders we have developed a short-list of funding programs that might be suitable in securing funding for cultural research initiatives. This list is not comprehensive and many programs can change their focus and funding criteria without notification.

Alberta Law Foundation

Program Name

Alberta Law Foundation

Program Description

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- conducting research into and recommending reform of law and the administration of justice
- establishing, maintaining and operating law libraries
- contributing to the legal education and knowledge of the people of Alberta and providing programs and facilities for those purposes
- providing assistance to native people's legal programs, student legal aid programs and programs of like nature
- contributing to the costs incurred by the Legal Aid Society of Alberta to administer a plan to provide legal aid

Who can apply?

Grants will not be made to an individual or for the support of a commercial venture. Funds are not available for bursaries, fellowships, sabbatical leave support, endowments, building funds, etc. The Foundation expects that major publications will be self-supporting with

respect to direct costs such as printing and distribution.

Project Focus

Projects must fall within the stated objects of the Alberta Law Foundation as interpreted by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Funding is available for both project grants and operating grants. The application process begins with a discussion of your program or project idea with the executive director. This will be followed by an exchange of drafts during the development of the application.

Funding Range

Grants may be of any size but all are subject to the availability of funds.

Application Timelines

Meeting dates and application deadlines are available from the office.

Contact Information

Tel: (403) 264-4701

E-mail:

contact@albertalawfoundation.org

Website: www.albertalawfoundation.org

The Bullitt Foundation

Program Name

The Bullitt Foundation

Program Description

The Bullitt Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation providing funding to nonprofit organizations working to protect, restore, and maintain the natural physical environment of the Pacific Northwest.

Who can apply?

The Foundation invites proposals from nonprofit organizations that serve Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana (including the Rocky Mountain

range), coastal Alaska from Cook Inlet to the Canadian border, and British Columbia.

Project Focus

The Foundation has the following program areas:

- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Conservation and Stewardship in Agriculture
- Energy and Climate Change
- Growth Management and Transportation
- Toxic and Radioactive Substances
- Training, Communications, and Unique Opportunities

Funding Range

Not specified – Prospective applicants are urged to contact the appropriate program officer to discuss their request prior to submittal.

Application Timelines

Grant application deadlines are May 1 and November 1.

Contact Information

Tel: (206) 343-0807

E-mail: info@bullitt.org

Website: www.bullitt.org

Cottonwood Foundation Grant

Program Name

Cottonwood Foundation Grant

Program Description

The Cottonwood Foundation is dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed, grassroots organizations that rely strongly

on volunteer efforts and where foundation support will make a significant difference.

Who can apply?

Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. Organizations in the United States and internationally are eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status (US registered charitable status), but Cottonwood Foundation will fund only charitable, non-profit organizations. Political and religious organizations, governmental agencies, for-profit businesses, private individuals, and universities are not eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Please note that organizations that promote the practice of any specific religion are not eligible for funding from the Cottonwood Foundation.

Project Focus

Cottonwood Foundation has a very limited amount of funding available, and will only award grants to organizations that meet all four of the following criteria:

- protect the environment
- promote cultural diversity
- empower people to meet their basic needs
- rely on volunteer efforts

If your organization does not meet these four criteria, it will not be eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation.

Funding Range

Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. Cottonwood Foundation typically funds projects for which \$1,000 US would make a specific and concrete difference.

Application Timelines

Cottonwood Foundation is not currently accepting unsolicited grant applications. Cottonwood Foundation may possibly again invite applications from organizations interested in becoming partners in the future. Please visit the website occasionally for updated information.

Additional Information

Tel: (651) 426-8797

E-mail: info@cottonwoodfdn.org

Website: www.cottonwoodfdn.org

The Law Foundation of British Columbia

Program Name

The Law Foundation of British Columbia

Program Description

The Law Foundation's Mission Statement is: "To use our income for the benefit of the public of the province of British Columbia by supporting programs that advance and promote the rule of law and a just society. The Law Foundation recognizes the diversity of the people of British Columbia and endeavors to be responsive to the diverse public of British Columbia in its workforce, Board and grant making."

The Law Foundation invests in five areas of activity:

- legal education
- legal research
- legal aid
- law reform
- law libraries

The Foundation recognizes that while its objectives are legal in nature, the income is to be allocated to programs that will benefit the general public of British Columbia.

Who can apply?

A grant application:

- must be submitted by a non-profit organization
- must fall within one or more of the five mandated areas
- must establish a clear benefit to the people of British Columbia

Project Focus

The Law Foundation is particularly interested in receiving proposals that meet needs in the following areas:

- Aboriginal Justice
- Family Law
- Legal Research
- Housing/Residential Tenancy Law
- Projects that meet the needs of culturally diverse groups

The Law Foundation will consider proposals in areas other than those listed above as long as they fall within the program objectives of the Law Foundation.

Funding Range

The maximum amount available for each project is \$75,000.

Note: If your project is for \$15,000 or below, please apply under the Law Foundation's 2006 Small Projects Initiative. For further information, please contact the Law Foundation, see contact information below.

Application Timelines

Please see the website for application guidelines and procedures.

Contact Information

Telephone: (604) 688-2337

E-mail: lfbc@telus.net

Website: www.lawfoundationbc.org

The McLean Foundation

Program Name

The McLean Foundation

Program Description

The McLean Foundation was established in 1945 by the late Mr. J. S. McLean.

Who can apply?

Grants made by the Foundation are restricted to organizations which are recognized by Revenue Canada as “charitable organizations” and which are able to provide a registration number. Grants are not made to individuals.

Project Focus

The Directors receive submissions from a large number of organizations, and the available income permits them to assist only a portion of these. They endeavor to maintain a flexible policy, with particular emphasis on projects showing promise of general social benefit but which may initially lack broad public appeal. Projects are in the categories of: Arts, Conservation, Education, Health, Welfare and General.

Application Timelines

The Foundation will only accept applications from organizations that have first submitted a Letter of Inquiry and then been asked to submit a full proposal. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applicants may check with the Secretary of the Foundation about specific deadlines and meeting dates.

Contact Information

Tel: (416) 964-6802

E-mail: info@mcleanfoundation.ca

Website: mcleanfoundation.ca

The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation

Program Name

George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation, Environment Program

Program Description

The Metcalf Environment Program seeks to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of people and organizations working together to ensure the ecological health and integrity of Southern Ontario’s natural and working lands.

Who can apply?

The Foundation does not support: political contributions, capital projects, endowments, scholarships or deficits.

Project Focus

The Environment Program will support the Foundations three core themes – dynamic leadership, integrated thinking, new ideas and practice – through two interrelated program components: Healthy Lands and Leaders in the Field. The Healthy Lands program is designed to support organizations that are: exploring and developing innovative approaches to tackling tough land use problems; actively seeking opportunities for ongoing dialogue, collaborative learning and reflection; and inspiring people and communities to contribute to positive change. The goal of the Leaders in the Field is to develop, strengthen and celebrate exceptional leaders working on land use issues. The program offers professional development, reflection and renewal to senior leaders and cultivates new leaders.

Funding Range

There is no maximum or minimum grant size. Applications should be submitted with budgets appropriate to the

organization's size and human resources capacity.

Application Timelines

The Foundation will review applications for the Environment Program twice annually, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Contact Information

Phone: 416-926-0366

Website: www.metcalffoundation.com

The Richard Ivey Foundation

Program Name

Conserving Canada's Forests Program

Program Description

The primary goals of the Foundation's Conserving Canada's Forests Program are twofold:

- increasing the amount of protected forest ecosystem in Canada
- expanding the adoption of sustainable forest practices in Canada

Who can apply?

The Richard Ivey Foundation typically provides support to national or provincial charitable environmental organizations with a demonstrated capacity and capability to effect change. Funding may be for a period of up to three years. Grantees are expected to work closely with staff in the development of project proposals.

Project Focus

The Foundation has identified three primary areas where it believes its grant-making efforts will help to achieve its program goals. These are Policy and Law, Applied Science and Markets.

1. Policy and Law:

Securing conservation-first land use outcomes in land use planning processes. Improving land use and policy decision-making processes regarding forest protection and practices. Improving processes for bringing new and traditional knowledge and ideas to policy development and decision-making. Supporting the responsible implementation of legal protections for wildlife, protected areas and sustainable resource use.

2. Applied Science:

Innovative science that directly supports land use or management practice outcomes. Conservation mapping, ecosystem science and wildlife biology projects that are precedent setting or produce broadly applicable outcomes and are made readily available to support the Foundation's efforts in policy, law and markets. Applied science projects must demonstrate that:

- the ecological value or problem under investigation has relevance to traceable, practical conservation outcomes;
- a clear link exists between chosen indicators and threats/issues being studied;
- a methodology that can measure a change in the indicators during the time frame of the project;
- the existence of a mechanism for information resulting from the project to influence conservation policy or land use planning decisions; and,
- a plan to produce a research product that is credible and accessible to a wide range of audiences.

3. Markets:

Assisting with building a sustainable business model for Forest Stewardship Council forest certification in Canada, and assisting with the development of markets for sustainable forest products. Supporting organizations that are working to engage consumers and retailers in programs that encourage the purchase of sustainably-produced forest products.

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Inquiry and proposal deadlines are updated yearly. Visit the Foundation's website for updated submission deadlines.

Contact Information

Tel: (416) 867-9229
Email: info@ivey.org
Website: www.ivey.org

The Thomas Sill Foundation

Program Name

The Thomas Sill Foundation Inc.

Program Description

The Thomas Sill Foundation exists to provide encouragement and financial assistance to qualifying organizations operating in Manitoba that are working to advance the quality of life in the province.

Who can apply?

Grants are made to organizations which are resident in Manitoba, and which possess a charitable registration number. Grants will not be made for operating funds, conferences and seminars, deficit financing, endowment funds, emergency funds, program funding, or individuals.

Project Focus

Family and Community Services; Education; Health; Children and Youth, Arts and Culture; Heritage Conservation; Environment; Seniors. The Foundation provides primarily capital grants. Secondarily, pilot or demonstration projects receive consideration. Operating grants are rarely issued, and when awarded, are usually for start-up purposes. Grants will be considered for research projects, special projects, building funds, equipment funds, matching funds, and seed money.

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

There are no deadlines by which applications must be submitted. The Foundation meets regularly to render decisions on grant requests. Applicants should allow four months, from the submission of a request, to receive a response.

Contact Information

Tel: (204) 947-3782
Website: www.thomassillfoundation.com

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Program Name

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Program Description

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is a catalyst that enables Ontarians to work together to enhance the quality of life in their communities. OTF believes that communities across Ontario are rich in talent, creativity and drive and OTF grants stimulate communities to build on these assets. OTF's mission: "Building healthy and vibrant communities throughout

Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the voluntary sector, through investments in community-based initiatives.”

Who can apply?

The Ontario Trillium Foundation will fund any one of the following: registered charities, organizations incorporated as not-for-profits in a Canadian jurisdiction, unincorporated branches or chapters of charitable or incorporated not-for-profit organizations, First Nations initiatives through a Band Council resolution, Métis Charter communities, collaborative organizations, containing at least one eligible member.

Project Focus

The Ontario Trillium Foundation awards grants to fund operating, project and/or capital costs in support of: Arts and Culture, the Environment, Human and Social Services, and Sports and Recreation. The Foundation makes grants that have province-wide impact as well as grants that have local impact in communities across Ontario.

Funding Range

One-year or multi-year grants of up to \$75,000 per year for up to five years; or one-time grants of up to \$75,000 in most catchment areas and \$100,000 in larger catchment areas.

Application Timelines

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Contact Information

Tel: (416) 963-4927

E-mail: trillium@trilliumfoundation.org

Website: www.trilliumfoundation.org

The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation

Program Name

The Canadian North

Program Description

The Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation is dedicated to the development of sound and innovative public policies, founded on those values fundamental to Canadians, and designed to foster the continuing evolution of a dynamic and independent Canada.

Guiding Principles:

- We believe that progressive social policies and sound economic policies must be mutually reinforcing
- We believe that human development needs must be met in a way that recognizes the imperative to protect the environment
- We believe that full participation by Aboriginal Canadians in Canadian society must be secured in ways which respect their unique rights and cultural identity

Who can apply?

Through The Canadian North program, the Gordon Foundation offers support to Nunavut, Yukon and the Northwest Territories, Northern Quebec (Nunavik) and Northern Labrador (Nunatsiavut). Generally, a group applying to the Canadian North programme must be based in the North. We will consider proposals from groups based in Southern Canada only if they have one or more Northern partners.

Project Focus

The funding provided through the Canadian North Programme has 3 objectives:

- Modern Treaties and Governance:
To increase Northern aboriginal

- peoples' opportunities to review public policy, share knowledge and help form new policies that flow from their modern treaties.
- **Sustainable Communities:**
To expand public participation in building sustainable Northern communities.
 - **The Circumpolar World:**
To support indigenous people in Canada working together to shape circumpolar policies and to support opportunities for young northern Canadians to apply their leadership potential at a pan-northern and circumpolar level.

By "Canadian North" we mean Nunavut, Yukon and the Northwest Territories, though we will also consider proposals from Northern Quebec (Nunavik) and Northern Labrador (Nunatsiavut).

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Not specified.

Contact Information

Tel: (416) 601-4776
E-mail: james@gordonfn.org
Website: www.gordonfn.ca

Wildlife Habitat Canada

Program Name

Wildlife Habitat Canada

Program Description

Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) is a national, non-profit, conservation organization established in 1984 by Environment Canada, provincial wildlife agencies and conservation organizations.

WHC envisions a future where Canadians share a conservation ethic that recognizes the fundamental importance of wildlife habitats that are abundant, rich and support biodiversity, and that inspires the rest of the world.

The three objectives of the organization are:

- to promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat in order to retain the diversity, distribution and abundance of wildlife
- to provide a funding mechanism for the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat in Canada
- to foster coordination and leadership in the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat in Canada.

WHC works through partnerships with communities, landowners, governments, non-government organizations, and industry to find effective solutions to complex environmental problems facing wildlife habitat.

WHC's grant program continues to focus on wetland/waterfowl habitat conservation/restoration/enhancement initiatives.

Who can apply?

If you would like further information about project eligibility for support under WHC's grant program, please contact admin@whc.org.

Project Focus

Habitat Conservation, Restoration, and Enhancement Projects; Applied Research Projects on Wildlife Habitats. To be eligible for funding, projects must address one or more of WHC's priorities for funding. In particular, projects that

contribute directly or indirectly to the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of critical wetland habitats and associated uplands have the highest probability of receiving funding.

Funding Range

Within WHC's overall grant portfolio, the organization will not contribute more than 20% of its available funds to any one project in a given year (maximum contribution for 2007/08 will be \$200,000). As well, WHC tries to balance its available funding across Canada over time.

Application Timelines

Contact the organization for additional information, or visit their website.

Contact Information

Tel: (800) 669-7919
E-mail: reception@whc.org
Website: www.whc.org

Yukon Law Foundation

Program Name

Yukon Law Foundation

Program Description

The Foundation funds several law-related activities such as legal education, legal research, legal aid services, law reform and the development and maintenance of law libraries. In the past the Foundation has funded operations and individuals to develop resource material, to develop and deliver public lectures and presentations, to conduct research and to operate pilot projects in law-related areas.

Who can apply?

Organizations will be considered who are: conducting research into and recommending law reform, maintaining and operating law libraries for public use,

contributing to the legal education and knowledge of lawyers and the people of the Yukon and providing programs and facilities for that purpose, legal aid programs and related programs for the benefit of persons unable to afford the legal services they require, contributing to the special fund, contributing to other related projects or activities.

Project Focus

Legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform and maintenance of law libraries.

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation for additional information.

Application Timelines

An ad is placed in the two Whitehorse newspapers approximately two months prior to the deadline. The Foundation holds two general grant meetings a year. One is held in April and one in September.

Contact Information

Tel: (867) 668-4231
E-mail: info@lawsocietyyukon.com
Website: www.lawsocietyyukon.com

Community Foundations

Community foundations are found in local communities all across this country. They are usually locally focused with an emphasis on:

- i. Endowment Building/Donor Service
- ii. Grantmaking
- iii. Community Convening & Leadership

The Community Foundations of Canada is a membership organization representing over 130 community foundations across Canada. You can search for a community foundation near you from their web site at: www.community-fdn.ca

Here, we list a few foundations that might be interested in supporting a First Nations cultural research program. This list is not inclusive – please enquire with your local community foundation to determine eligibility and interest.

The Comox Valley Community Foundation

Program Name

The Comox Valley Community Foundation

Program Description

Established on April 24, 1996, the Comox Valley Community Foundation has experienced rapid growth - due in no small part to its volunteer's philosophy of getting out into the community to raise the foundation's visibility.

Since 1998 the Comox Valley Community Foundation has received funding requests from 63 charitable organizations/societies. Requests totaling over \$300,000 have been reviewed with over \$135,000 disbursed for various community projects.

Who can apply?

The organization must be a federally registered charity, qualified donee under the income tax act, or must have prior arrangements to work with such an organization.

Project Focus

Comox Valley Community Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to the Comox Valley. Funded activities often provide a direct service to the community, or take an innovative approach to the community concern. Comox Valley Community Foundation is responsive to changing community needs and issues.

The Foundation will consider requests for:

- Program-related Projects (i.e. specific, time-limited activities or series of activities designed to meet certain goals)
- Capital Projects (i.e. construction, renovation or equipment purchases)

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation directly to discuss the scope of your project.

Application Timelines

The Comox Valley Community Foundation has in the past used a two-stage application process. On a trial basis, we are now allowing direct application without the initial letter of enquiry. This will simplify and shorten the application process. This change has been made in an attempt to make the foundation more accessible and more responsive to the needs of our community. See the website for yearly deadlines.

Contact Information

Tel: (250) 338-8444

E-mail: cvcf@shawcable.com
Website: www.cvcfoundation.org

Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie

Program Name

Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie

Program Description

The Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie exists to encourage increased flow of resources to community needs, to create and manage permanent endowment funds to meet those needs, and to respond to emerging needs that come with changing times.

Who can apply?

Only organizations in the surrounding area of Grande Prairie. No religious groups.

Project Focus

Broad perspective. Each year the Foundation is able to support community-based organizations serving children, youth and seniors; and supporting health, arts and culture as well as education, recreation and the environment.

Funding Range

Depends on the project. Will not fund 100%.

Application Timelines

March 30 and October 31.

Contact Information

Tel: (780) 538-2820
E-mail: cfggp@southpeace.org
Website:
www.buildingtomorrowtoday.com

The Victoria Foundation

Program Name

The Victoria Foundation

Program Description

The Victoria Foundation support and makes grants to vital local registered charities operating in the realm of the arts, culture, heritage, community services, education, health, recreation and the environment. Its environmental program has three priority areas; Ecosystem Awareness and Protections, Air & Water Quality, and Urban Sprawl and Sustainable Communities.

Who can apply?

Only registered charities are eligible for grants from the Victoria Foundation. Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committed board, fiscal responsibility, and effective management. Projects must benefit primarily the people of the County of Victoria (Southern Gulf Islands and Southern Vancouver Island), except for the Goodwill Fund which includes Vancouver Island and Powell River.

Project Focus

Arts and culture; education; conservation and recreation; First Nations organizations with a charitable status. Grants are awarded for definite purposes and for projects covering a specific period of time. Preference is given to programs which promote volunteer participation, and which do not duplicate services provided by other organizations.

Funding Range

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 depending on the fund.

Application Timelines

Grants from The Victoria Foundation's Community Fund are awarded on a semi-

annual basis in the spring and fall of each year.

Additional Information

Telephone: (250) 381-5532

E-mail: info@victoriafoundation.bc.ca

Website: www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca

The Vancouver Foundation

Program Name

The Vancouver Foundation

Program Description

Vancouver Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to British Columbians. Funded activities often provide a direct service to the community, or take an innovative approach to a community concern. Vancouver Foundation is responsive to changing community issues and priorities. The Foundation will consider requests for program related projects (i.e., specific, time-limited activity or series of activities designed to meet certain goals) and capital projects (i.e., construction, renovation or equipment purchases). The Foundation supports the following areas: animal welfare; arts and culture; children, youth and families; education; environment; four pillars; and health and social development.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include registered charities and qualified donees under the Income Tax Act as well as some First Nations bands that may be considered a public body performing a function of government. All these organizations must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effective management. Grants are not made to individuals or to businesses.

Project Focus

Vancouver Foundation supports innovation where there is demonstrated commitment, the likelihood of effectiveness, and strong potential to serve as a model to others. Projects should build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities. Projects should use, enhance, mobilize or expand the skills, capacities and assets of local people and their community. Where appropriate, those affected by the initiative should be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project. The organization should demonstrate a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial resources. Significant and appropriate support from other funding sources (including the community) should be evident, with evidence of collaboration with the community and/or other agencies in the field. The organization should demonstrate inclusiveness and respect for cultural diversity. Organizations should usually have at least 50% of their funding in place when they apply

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation directly to discuss the scope of your project.

Application Timelines

The three annual deadlines for receiving completed grant application forms are the first Friday in January, April and September. Please remember to allow a minimum of 16 weeks (four months). Vancouver Foundation does not provide retroactive funding. All funded activities must begin after the decision date.

Contact Information

Tel: (604) 688-2204

E-mail: info@vancouverfoundation.bc.ca

Website: www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca

The Community Foundation of Whistler

Program Name

The Community Foundation of Whistler

Program Description

Founded in 1999, the Community Foundation of Whistler is an independent, charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of community life in the Sea to Sky Corridor. We manage over 3.5 million dollars in donor funds and distribute the income to registered charities for community projects. We belong to the Community Foundations of Canada a group of 155 Foundations across Canada.

The CFOW Vision is to provide dedicated philanthropic leadership and resources, in perpetuity, to the Sea to Sky Communities.

Who can apply?

In order to be considered for funding, projects must demonstrate:

- Charitable Status or Sponsorship
- Involvement of those affected
- Organizational Commitment to the Project
- Significant support from other sources
- Evidence of collaboration
- Inclusiveness and respect for diversity
- Realistic plans for longer term funding
- Speak to the specific requirements of a particular grants program

Project Focus

The CFOW provides funding to community projects through a number of different grants programs including:

- Environmental Legacy Fund

- Community Grants Program

Please note that our criteria and schedule for each grants program may vary from year to year, so it is recommended that you contact us for more information before submitting an application or letter of intent.

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation directly to discuss the scope of your project.

Application Timelines

Application times vary from program to program. See website for more details.

Contact Information

Tel: (604) 935-8080

E-mail: info@whistlerfoundation.com

Website: www.whistlerfoundation.com

Federal Government Funding Programs

Government of Canada: First Nations Forestry Program

Program Name

First Nations Forestry Program

Program Description

The purpose of the First Nations Forestry Program is to improve economic conditions in status First Nations communities with full consideration of the principles of sustainable forest management. The four federal funding objectives of the program are:

- To enhance the capacity of First Nations to sustainably manage their forest lands
- To enhance the capacity of First Nations to operate and participate in forest-based development opportunities and their benefits
- To advance the knowledge of First Nations in sustainable forest management and forest-based development, and
- To enhance the institutional capacity of First Nations at the provincial and territorial level to support their participation in the forest-based economy.

Who can apply?

First Nations Band councils, First Nations organizations and any other First Nations group or company involved in improving economic conditions in status First Nations communities and who can contribute to the objectives of the FNFP.

Project Focus

The program focuses on supporting projects such as forest management plans and development; silviculture projects;

building capacity initiatives; capacity and natural resource workshops; research, training, and skill enhancement projects.

Funding Range

Up to \$25,000.

Application Timelines

Application deadlines are different for each province and territory. Please note the deadline in the province or territory in which you are submitting for FNFP funding. Please see website for more information on application procedures and guidelines.

Contact Information

Tel: (613) 947-7377

E-mail: bulletin@fnfp.gc.ca

Website: www.fnfp.gc.ca

Natural Resource Canada: First Nations Wildfire Protection Element

Program Name

Mountain Pine Beetle Program

Program Description

The First Nations Wildfire Protection Element is focused on reducing the wildland fire threat to First Nations communities in the beetle zone. Many First Nations communities are inherently at risk of direct impacts related to forest fires due to being located on relatively small parcels of land surrounded by large areas of forest. Many of the forestlands surrounding these communities have been impacted by the beetle infestation. In BC, there are over 100 First Nations located within the mountain pine beetle impacted zone.

Project Focus

Activities eligible for funding

consideration under the First Nations Wildfire Protection Element include:

- developing forest fuel management plans, and
- implementing forest fuel management plans:
 - layout of treatment areas, and
 - eligible forest stand treatments (i.e. thinning, pruning, fuel reduction and removal, planting, fire and fuel breaks).

Who can apply?

Eligible participants include First Nations bands and councils. Eligible land must meet the following three requirements:

- within a First Nations reserve
- surrounding a community starting from the outside boundary of the “Community Core” and outwards up to 100 metres, and
- be within the beetle zone.

Funding Range

Project funding will be determined based on an assessment of several decision factors, with a cap of \$100,000 per community per fiscal year to help ensure widespread access for communities.

How is the program delivered?

The First Nations Wildfire Protection Element is administered by Natural Resources Canada, in collaboration with First Nations and other forest fuel management partners. First Nations are invited to apply for program assistance. The Element is coordinated with the provincial program on adjacent crown lands.

Contact Information

Tel: 1-888-255-7041

E-mail: bwilson@pfc.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca

Website:

http://mpb.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/protect/community/first-nations_e.html

Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI): GeoConnections

Program Name

GeoConnections

Program Description

GeoConnections helps decision-makers use online location-based (or “geospatial”) information, such as maps and satellite images, to tackle some of Canada’s most pressing challenges. The program focuses on working with partners in public health, public safety and security, the environment and sustainable development, Aboriginal matters, and geomatics technology development.

Program Focus

Projects will address specific issues within one of four priority areas: **public health, public safety and security, environment and sustainable development, and matters of importance to Aboriginal People.** Projects should assess and make use of the policies, standards, technologies, services and datasets that comprise the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI) and facilitate information sharing in support of decision making. Furthermore, projects funded through this announcement of opportunity will build capacity within user groups, and also promote, expand, and increase the use of the CGDI. GeoConnections is soliciting letters of intent for initiatives comprised of one or more of the following projects: GeoConnections is soliciting letters of

intent for initiatives comprised of one or more of the following projects:

Category 1 - Strategic Planning:

Projects funded under this category support the development of strategic and business plans for the use of sustainable, collaborative geomatics strategies that leverage the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI).

Category 2 - Capacity Building:

Projects funded under this category support the building of internal, sustainable capacity (e.g. hardware/software, data, training) to use geomatics for decision-making within regional partnerships and support preparations to take advantage of the CGDI.

Category 3 - User Needs Assessments:

Projects funded under this category support the research of users' needs for data, geospatial decision support systems, and regional atlases that make use of standards endorsed by GeoConnections and technologies that form part of the CGDI.

Category 4 - Publishing Thematic Data:

Projects funded under this category support the publishing of geospatial data online through the CGDI by closest to source data suppliers. Projects must make use of standards endorsed by GeoConnections.

Category 5 - Thematic Data Standards:

Projects funded under this category support thematic geospatial data content standards through the development of best practice guides, data exchange guides and/or data models.

Category 6 - Regional Atlases for Community Awareness:

Projects funded under this category

support the collaborative development of online atlases that use the CGDI to enable access to integrated, distributed, regional-scale, inter-jurisdictional geospatial information as thematic views, relevant to specific end-users. Regional atlases will increase community awareness, and support the decision-making needs of actively engaged end-user communities.

Category 7 - Geospatial Decision Support Systems:

Projects funded under this category support the development of Geospatial Decision Support Systems that process and analyze essential data and information, including geospatial data and information that is required by decision makers. The systems must make use of standards endorsed by GeoConnections, and technologies which form part of the CGDI.

Funding Range

GeoConnections funding and project length varies depending on the type of project(s) applied for. The maximum funding per project ranges from \$40,000 to \$150,000.

Application Timeline

Please see website for the application process and deadlines.

Contact Information

Tel: (613) 992-0461

Toll Free: 1-877-221-6213

E-mail: info@geoconnections.org

Website:

www.geoconnections.org/en/opportunities/fa=IA07.xxxxxx1

Industry Sponsored Programs

BC Hydro, Corporate Donations

Program Name
Donations and Sponsorship Programs

Program Description

Donations

BC Hydro provides monetary and in-kind support to registered charities, registered not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Bands who meet the outlined criteria. Applicants may request one-time funding or multi-year agreements up to a maximum of three years.

Sponsorships

BC Hydro sponsorships support community activities and programs that form partnerships to strengthen B.C. communities. Our aim is to raise awareness of Power Smart initiatives by encouraging a change in our customers' attitude and behaviour toward saving energy.

Who can apply?

Preference is given to initiatives that:

- align with BC Hydro's purpose and long term business goals
- engage and support Aboriginal Peoples of B.C.
- involve communities where BC Hydro has facilities, operations and impacts
- support Power Smart programs or initiatives
- provide opportunities to customize promotional activities and allow for on-site customer education and interaction

Project Focus

Donations and Sponsorship funding areas include: Environment and Sustainability, Youth and Education, People and Leadership and Community Initiatives.

Funding Range
Not specified.

Application Timelines

Applications are accepted at anytime. You can expect a decision within 30 days on whether or not BC Hydro can provide the support that you have requested

Contact Information

If you require additional information, or would like help in determining your organization's eligibility to apply, please contact a regional BC Hydro office in your area.

Website:

<http://www.bchydro.com/community/outreach/outreach2335.html>

RBC Foundation

Program Name
RBC Foundation

Program Description

RBC focuses its support on a limited number of giving segments within the community:

- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Social Services
- Civic and the Environment
- Arts and Culture

Who can apply?

- Organizations that are federally registered charities with the Canadian Revenue Agency.

- Projects or programs that take place in communities where RBC has a business presence.
- Charitable organizations that provide direct community service.
- Websites delivering a specific service-related program.
- Programs with measurable social outcomes.

Funding Range

The dollar amount of a donation depends on the funding needed for the specific project. Please keep in mind that in the interests of long-term sustainability RBC encourage a broad base of donors and other revenue sources for all projects.

Application Timelines

Requests for funding are considered throughout the year.

Contact Information

Tel: 416-974-3113

E-mail: donations@rbc.com

Website: www.rbc.com/community/donations/index.html

Suncor Energy Foundation

Program Name

Suncor Energy Foundation

Program Description

The Foundation's funding priorities are educational, environmental and community-based initiatives that are aligned with Suncor's key operating communities. The Foundation seeks unique opportunities to enhance the quality of life in those communities and to add value through effective collaborations.

Who can apply?

Charitable and non-charitable organizations may be eligible for funding

through the Suncor Energy Foundation if they meet the following criteria:

- fall within the Foundation's focus areas. We invest in initiatives that:
 - strengthen the communities in which we operate: central and northern Alberta (Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo, Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Edson); northeastern British Columbia (Fort St. John area); southwestern Ontario (Sarnia-Lambton)
 - provide new opportunities through education
 - address environmental issues.

Project Focus

Funding focus in areas of particular meaning to the energy industry and to Suncor employees and retirees (see above).

Funding Range

Not specified.

Application Timelines

Requests for donations and sponsorships are to be submitted through our on-line application process. Requests of \$50,000 or more by Canadian registered charitable organizations are reviewed quarterly. Suncor encourages you to submit prior to one of the following dates:

- February 10
- May 10
- August 10
- October 10

Contact Information

E-mail: sef@suncor.com

Website: <http://www.suncor.com/default.aspx?ID=2729>

Vancity Capital

Please Note: Vancity Capital does not provide grants. It offers flexible loans, which must be repaid.

Program Description

Vancity Capital provides growth capital to successful non-profits and co-operatives. Investment amounts range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 and can be used to assist in expanding successful programs or initiatives, undertaking new revenue generating activities, hiring additional staff or management, covering working capital requirements or new funding contracts and investing in new technology or equipment.

Vancity Capital looks for enterprises that can show:

- strong, balanced management skills
- earnings and cash flow that support repayment
- viable markets capable of sustaining earnings
- commitment of key participants and partners
- community support
- multiple returns on investment, such as net social or environmental benefits

Contact Information

Derek Gent
Investment Manager for Social Enterprises
Tel: (604) 877-7657
Main Switchboard: (604) 877-6565
E-mail: derek_gent@vancitycapital.com
Website: www.vancitycapital.com

Vancity Community Foundation

Through community funding, Vancity uses its resources to help communities to

thrive and prosper. In addition to grants, Vancity offers a range of community financing options.

Community Grants

Vancity Award

In 2001, the Vancity board created the Vancity Award to encourage bold, innovative community projects and to leave a lasting legacy in the communities where its members live and work. Each year, its members vote for the organization of their choice to receive a \$1 million grant

enviroFund grants

enviroFund grants are awarded for local community initiatives that address environmental concerns in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Greater Victoria area in a positive, constructive and creative manner. Grants of up to \$40,000 are funded from Vancity VISA card profits.

Green building grants

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to support green building initiatives and education. The new 2007 application forms are now available to download.

Vancity Carbon Offset Program

The Vancity Carbon Offset Program helps address climate change by supporting high-quality renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Canada. Each year we provide grants of up to \$100,000 to qualified projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Financing solutions

In addition to grants, Vancity offer innovative financing products, programs and partnerships tailored to the needs of the non-profit sector and supporting new areas of the economy such as social and environmental enterprises. They also make credit and support services available to

those with strong business plans that don't quite meet conventional lending criteria. These include our ABLED program supporting entrepreneurs with disabilities, and our Self Reliance Loans and Peer Lending programs for micro-entrepreneurs.

Contact Information

Tel: (604) 877-7000

Main Switchboard: (604) 877-7000

Website: www.vancity.com OR
www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/CommunityFunding/

Wage subsidy, contribution and employment programs

Many of these programs can be accessed to help offset the cost of conducting a land use and occupancy project. Contact the programs directly to discuss the funding eligibility of your project.

Service Canada: Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy (AHRDS)

The Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy (AHRDS) is designed to expand the employment opportunities of Aboriginal people across Canada. Under this Strategy, Aboriginal organizations design and deliver employment programs and services best suited to meet the unique needs of their communities.

The AHRDS is designed to assist Aboriginal people to prepare for, find, and keep jobs. All Aboriginal people, regardless of status or location, may access its programs and services. These include: labour market interventions; programs for youth, urban and Aboriginal persons living with disabilities; creation and maintenance of child care spaces (First Nations and Inuit Child Care), and capacity building for Agreement holders.

Contact Information

Each AHRDA holder has programs best suited to the community it serves. To find out what's available, start by finding your AHRDA holder:
http://srv119.services.gc.ca/AHRDSInternet/general/public/Locations/Locations_e.asp

For more information on AHRDS programs and services, visit their website:
<http://www17.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/AHRDSInternet/>

INAC: Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI)

To facilitate the process of equitable participation of Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian workforce through enhancing awareness, capacity and partnerships between Aboriginal peoples and all sectors of the economy.

AWPI, a partnership initiative of the federal government, is committed to increasing the participation of Aboriginal peoples in the labour market. Responsibility for AWPI is shared between the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) and the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS).

Contact Information

Contact your regional program coordinator: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/awpi/sta_e.html

Website: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/awpi

DIAND: Regional Partnership Fund (RPF)

The Regional Partnerships Fund (RPF) promotes First Nation, Inuit and Innu participation in, and expanded benefits from, major regional economic development initiatives through the support for the development of economic infrastructure.

Economic infrastructure is a physical undertaking which sets the stage for commercial or industrial development; it is not a commercial or industrial development. It may include energy production and distribution systems,

access roads, airstrips, terminals, wharfs, harbours and site services for commercial developments.

First Nation governments, representative organizations of Inuit and Innu communities and tribal councils, and other organizations mandated to carry out projects on their behalf may apply.

Applications are submitted to the INAC regional office or, where applicable, the Project Review Committee secretariat. Projects are reviewed and a funding decision is made. Where projects are approved, INAC enters into funding agreements with the recipients. Recipients are expected to report on the implementation and results of their projects.

Contact Information

Please view RPF website for the application process and *Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.*

Website: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ecd/prg/pg5_e.html

INAC: Resource Access Negotiations (RAN)

The Resource Access Negotiations (RAN) Program funds activities leading to the creation and early implementation of agreements, other than joint working agreements, for the following purposes:

- access business and employment opportunities in major resource projects;
- attract investment in on-reserve natural resources;
- access off-reserve natural resources; and

- manage off-reserve natural resources.

Negotiations are expected to lead to agreements which generate economic benefits from resource-based opportunities for First Nation, Inuit and Innu communities.

Joint working agreements are partnership agreements which identify issues, opportunities and priorities, and set out planning processes, cost-sharing arrangements and ongoing review processes.

Contact Information

Please view RAN website for the application process and *Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.*

Website: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ecd/prg/pg7_e.html

INAC: Resource Partnerships Program (RPP)

The Resource Partnerships Program (RPP) funds activities leading to the creation of joint working agreements. These are partnership agreements in which the parties commit themselves to enhancing Aboriginal participation in resource development. The agreements identify issues, opportunities and priorities, and set out planning processes, cost-sharing arrangements and ongoing review processes. Their goal is to obtain economic benefits from major regional resource development projects for First Nation, Inuit and Innu communities.

Projects must be related to large-scale resource developments in the areas of mining, forestry, energy development,

resource-based tourism, fisheries or agriculture

Contact Information

Please view RPP website for the application process and *Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.*

Website: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ecd/prg/pg6_e.html

Weyerhaeuser: Jobs for Youth

Weyerhaeuser's *Jobs for Youth Program* is designed to assist community non-profit organizations and young people seeking first-time summer employment. The program provides additional human resources for non-profit groups and helps students develop real-life skills, test out career aspirations and participate in community activities.

Interested organizations can apply to the program for a grant of up to \$2,500 to hire one or more students for the summer.

The 2007 program is now closed. An application for the 2008 program will be available early next year. The closing date for applications is April 1.

Contact Information

For specific inquiries, or to submit an outline of an initiative to the major grants program, please email canadian.grants@weyerhaeuser.com or Tel: (604) 661-8138
Jobs for Youth link: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/citizenship/philanthropy/canadagivingprogram.asp#Jobs%20For%20Youth%20Program>

Website: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/>

ECO Canada: Environmental Careers Organization

ECO Canada develops programs that meet both the demand of employers (recruitment and retention tools and human resource materials) and facilitates the supply of labour by providing practitioners and students with career resources, internships, and certification.

ECO Canada is one of about 30 sector councils that were established with federal startup funding to bring employers, workers, educators, and governments together to address human resource challenges facing the Canadian economy. Launched with the help of government funding, ECO Canada is an autonomous organization that is directed by industry and its stakeholders and many of its project are funded by the government of Canada.

ECO Canada can provide a subsidy to cover up to one third of the salary of any junior or entry-level position your company creates in 2007.

ECO Canada is now accepting applications from small- to medium-sized private enterprises performing environmental work.

As funding is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, apply today by logging in to your account or signing up to become a member and clicking on "Hire an Intern" in the Employer portal.

Contact Information

Tel: (403) 233-0748
E-mail: info@eco.ca or
Website: <http://www.eco.ca/>

Service Canada

Service Canada is about improving the delivery of government services. It helps Canadians access a wide range of the government services and benefits they need quickly and easily.

Service Canada's goal is to provide Canadians with one-stop, personalized service they can access however they choose – by telephone, Internet, or in person. Employment services are for all Canadians, including specific services for Aboriginal Peoples, Peoples with disabilities, Veterans and Youth and Students.

Such employment programs include:

- Aboriginal Training Program in Museum Practices
- Bold Eagle Program
- Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program
- (FSWEP) Federal Student Work Experience Program
- Federal Public Sector Youth Internship Program
- Job Placement Program for Veterans

Contact Information

Learn more about Service Canada, the employment programs and services offered and the scope of activities:
<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/subjects/employment/index.shtml>

Or Find a Service Canada Centre near you: <http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/>

Website: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca>

Appendix A – Practitioners, Contacts and Other Resources

The following is a list of people who were contacted during the initial research of this guidebook. These names include people who have completed land use and occupancy research, are currently engaged in this type of work or people who work to support cultural research. This list is not comprehensive in representing the full community of people committed to cultural research across Canada. This list is a starting point to help you build a network for your work. The names are organized by province.

To help protect the privacy of these individuals, we have not posted their contact phone numbers or e-mails. If you would like to contact someone on this list directly, please contact Mr. Greg Kehm, Information Services Manager for their coordinates at: 604-682-4141 or gregk@ecotrustcan.org.

Alberta: Ozzie Sawicki, Consultant; Owen Snider, Aboriginal Law Association; Adrianna Davies, Heritage Community Foundation; Deborah Bartlett; Milton Freeman; Karla Jessen Williamson, Arctic Institute

British Columbia: Natasha Thorpe, Golder and Associates; Chris Scott, Osoyoos Indian Band; Tobey Baker, Squamish First Nation; Tonio Sadik, Namgis First Nation; George Speck, Namgis First Nation; Dave Smith, Sto:lo Nation; Dave Schaepe, Sto:lo Nation; Sonny McHailsee, Sto:lo Nation; Edna Boston, Cariboo Tribal Council; Gordon Keener, Canoe Creek First Nation; Leslie Stump, Tsilhqot'in National Government; Vic Clement, Ktunaxa-Kinbasket Tribal Council; Harold Prince, Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council; Trevor Morrison, Gitksan Treaty Office; Terry Tobias, Consultant; Eileen Stephenson, INAC - BC Region; Susan Rivet, Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management; Bernadette Manual, Upper Nicola Indian Band; Nello Cataldo, First Nation Forestry Program; Steve Gallagher, Union of BC Indian Chiefs; Andrea Reimer, The Western Canada Wilderness Committee; Rob Hutton, Okanagan Indian Band; Wayne Robertson, Law Foundation of British Columbia; Scott Cousins, Canoe Creek First Nation.

Manitoba: Irene Linklater, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Keely Tenfingers, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Louis Malcolm, West Region Tribal Council; Gaile-Whelan Enns, Manitoba Wildlands; Dr. Fikret Berkes, University of Manitoba; Chief Blackbird, Keeseekoowenin First Nation; Don Sullivan, Boreal Forest Network

New Brunswick: Virginia Gail Sark, Eel Ground First Nation.

Nova Scotia: Donald Julien, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq; Ernest Walker, Aboriginal Affairs, Nova Scotia.

Northwest Territories: Petr Cizek, Consultant; Joanne Barnaby, Consultant.

Ontario: Stephen Kilburn, Consultant; Jeff Greenerg, Auditor General's office; Sean Lynch, National Coordinator for Eco-Action; Bonnie Couchie, Pic River; Peggy Smith, National Aboriginal Forestry Association; Donna Elliot, Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat; David Carruthers, Consultant; Grant Thornton, Northern Ontario Heritage

Fund; Michel Lavoie, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund; Dave Colvin, Ministry of Natural Resources Jocelyn Smith, Lake Superior First Nation Development Trust; David Mackett, Ministry of Natural Resources; Allan Dokis, Union of Ontario Indians; Peter Recollet, Wannapittoi First Nation; Audrey Mayes, Assembly of First Nations; Carole Nadjiwan, Batchewana First Nation; Sharlene Bomberry, GeoSystems; Michelle Bomberry, Six Nations of the Grand River; Mary Lynn Morgan, Bridge Street Church Foundation; Barbara Edwards, Canadian Women's Foundation; Deborah Senior, Hudson's Bay Foundation; Jenn Miller, The Trillium Foundation; Jennifer Toderan, RBC Foundation; Paul Pepe, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation & the Rural Economic Development Program; Dr. Leanne Simpson, Indigenous Environmental Studies Program, Trent University.

Quebec: Tanya Barnaby, Mi'gmawai, Mawiomi Secretariate.

Saskatchewan: Dr. Weiler, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations; Jeff Mike, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations; and Jamie Benson, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

USA: Wendy Francis, National Roundtable & Economy.

Other Resources:

Chief Kerry's Moose: a guidebook to land use and occupancy mapping, research design and data collection. Author: Terry Tobias, 2000. For copies and more information, please see: <http://www.nativemaps.org/?q=node/1423>

Indigenous Landscapes: A Study in Ethnocartography: Authors: Mac Chapin and Bill Threlkeld, 2001. For copies and more information, please see: <http://www.nativelands.org/>

The Aboriginal Mapping Network: The Aboriginal Mapping Network is a collection of resource pages for First Nation mappers who are looking for answers to common questions regarding mapping, information management and GIS. It is a network where First Nation mappers can learn about what other native mappers are doing, and share their own experiences throughout the aboriginal community. The AMN has a British Columbia focus, but is not limited to this geographic region. It is intended to be used by any group who is active in aboriginal mapping, from the introductory level, to the advanced. It is a source for both technical information on GIS mapping, to general information relevant to decision makers. For more information, please see: <http://www.nativemaps.org>