

# **FUNDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING (CCP)**

**1. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has five sources of funding:**

- **First Nations Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)**
- **British Columbia Capacity Initiative (BCCI)**
- **Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Program**
- **Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)**
- **Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)**

**2. Plus, there are five sources of funding outside of INAC:**

- **Western Economic Diversification (WD)**
- **Community Futures**
- **Real Estate Foundation of BC**
- **Community to Community Forums (C2C)**
- **New Relationship Trust**

**Please refer to the attached document for details regarding: contacts, timing and amounts.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the individuals mentioned, and/or contact your funding services officer (604) 775-5100.**

# COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING (CCP)

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

### INTERNAL INAC FUNDING:

Fund	FIRST NATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (FNIF)
\$ available	Approximately \$17 million over five years for the BC Region There is no maximum funding level for individual proposals 25% of the fund is reserved for CCP in the BC Region
Deadline	Annual intake; deadlines announced in the fall
Contact	INAC, Jeff Lee, 604-666-5884, <a href="mailto:jeffery.lee@inac.gc.ca">jeffery.lee@inac.gc.ca</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/bc/proser/fna/infdev/fnif/fnif_e.html">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/bc/proser/fna/infdev/fnif/fnif_e.html</a>
Info	<p>This National, five year fund was announced in October 2007, by INAC, Infrastructure Canada and the Assembly of First Nations. The program's objectives are "to improve health and safety of First nation communities, contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment, improve the delivery of public services and enhance collaboration between First Nation communities, municipalities, provinces, other federal departments and the private sector."</p> <p>Includes four categories of funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Community Planning and Skills Development (<i>CCP falls within this category</i>)</li> <li>b. Solid Waste Management</li> <li>c. Roads and Bridges</li> <li>d. Energy Systems</li> <li>e. Connectivity</li> </ol>
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is one of the most flexible funds for CCP</li> <li>• A phased, two to three year proposal is encouraged</li> <li>• More detailed work plans and budget are needed beyond the FNIF application</li> </ul>

<b>Fund BRITISH COLUMBIA CAPACITY INITIATIVE (BCCI)</b>	
\$ available	Funding limit is \$75,000 per First Nation/Organization or \$200,000 per regional proposal where two or more First Nation/Organizations are working together
Deadline	Call for Proposal notices are sent out to First Nations and First Nation Organizations annually in early Fall. Closing date will be identified in the call letter and website. The Capacity Initiative Council meets annually in February to make funding recommendations to INAC.
Contact	INAC, Alice Wong, 604-775-5118, <a href="mailto:alice.wong@inac-ainc.gc.ca">alice.wong@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a> or Brenda Baylis, 604-666-5133, <a href="mailto:brenda.baylis@inac-ainc.gc.ca">brenda.baylis@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.bccapacity.org">www.bccapacity.org</a>
Info	<p>The objective of the BC Capacity Initiative is to enhance the capacity and expertise of First Nations, who have asserted Aboriginal title to prepare to negotiate and implement <i>land and resource components</i> of their Aboriginal claims settlements.</p> <p>There are four principles that guide the Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations communities should control their capacity building</li> <li>• Capacity building should be driven by the First Nation's vision of where it wants to be in the future</li> <li>• Capacity building should enhance First Nations' independence and interdependence</li> <li>• Mutually beneficial partnerships with non-First Nation organizations are an element of capacity building</li> </ul>
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The website has a valuable Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and the call for proposal package (when available) and BCCI related documents can be downloaded.</li> <li>• Applicants should ensure land-use planning is a substantial component within their CCP.</li> </ul>

<b>Fund PROFESSIONAL &amp; INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (P&amp;ID Program)</b>	
\$ Available	No maximum
Deadline	The program has a rolling intake and will continue to allocate funds until the budget is used.
Contact	INAC, Barbara Milczarski, 604-666-6320, <a href="mailto:barbara.milczarski@inac.gc.ca">barbara.milczarski@inac.gc.ca</a> or Brenda Baylis, 604-666-5133, <a href="mailto:brenda.baylis@inac-ainc.gc.ca">brenda.baylis@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ap/gov/igsp/pid/index-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ap/gov/igsp/pid/index-eng.asp</a>
Info	The objective of the P& ID Program is to fund initiatives which address needs in the areas of <i>human and institutional development</i> at the local level and at the level of emerging Regional and National First Nations and Inuit Organizations.
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program is well suited to fund smaller project amounts i.e. \$20,000 to \$30,000</li> </ul>

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<b>Fund</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (CEOP)</b>
\$ Available	up to \$3 million
Deadline	Limited budgets will be allocated to those projects judged to have the greatest economic impact, so apply early in fiscal year.
Contact	INAC, Economic Development Directorate, 604-666-7891
Website	<a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/index-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/index-eng.asp</a>
Info	The Community Economic Opportunities Program provides project-based support to those First Nation and Inuit communities that have the best opportunities for public services in economic development. In these communities, the Community Economic Opportunities Program is expected to lead to community economic benefits including more community employment, greater use of land and resources under community control, enhanced community economic infrastructure, more and larger community businesses, more business opportunities, and a better climate and environment for community economic development
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants should ensure economic development planning is a substantial component within their CCP proposal.</li> <li>• Important program guidelines can be found at: <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/pg-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/pg-eng.asp</a></li> <li>• The program will fund up to \$3 million but funding will not exceed two thirds of the total project cost for economic infrastructure projects or 80 % of the total project costs for all other project types. Recipients must provide at least 10% of eligible project expenditures.</li> <li>• Recipients must submit a brief Statement of Intent before submission of an application. INAC will review the Statement of Intent and will decide whether the project meets program criteria and then, will advise the recipient on the development of the application.</li> </ul>

<b>Fund</b>	<b>ABORIGINAL BUSINESS CANADA (ABC)</b>
\$ Available	To be determined with Regional Development Officer
Deadline	To be determined with Regional Development Officer
Contact	INAC, <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/index-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/index-eng.asp</a> Click on "Regional Development Officer" link to find an Officer near you.
Website	<a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/abt/index-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/abt/index-eng.asp</a>
Info	<p>Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) is an Indian and Northern Affairs Canada program that maximizes Aboriginal people's participation in the economy through business development.</p> <p>ABC provides support to Aboriginal entrepreneurs for a range of activities including business planning, start-up, expansion and marketing.</p> <p>We provide eligible majority-owned Aboriginal enterprises with:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial assistance;</li> <li>• business information and resource materials; and</li> <li>• referrals to other possible sources of financing or business support.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>We work with clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of all Aboriginal heritage groups;</li> <li>• on-reserve and off-reserve; and</li> <li>• in urban, rural and remote areas.</li> </ul>
Tips	You can find answers to Frequently Asked Questions at: <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/ref/faq/index-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/ref/faq/index-eng.asp</a>

## EXTERNAL FUNDING:

<b>Fund</b>	
<b>WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION (WD)</b>	<p>WD invests in community-driven projects and other initiatives designed to increase productivity and competitiveness, and improve the quality of life in western communities.</p> <p>Funding is available for community projects that support at least one of WD's three strategic priorities: <a href="#">innovation</a>, <a href="#">entrepreneurship</a> and <a href="#">community economic development</a>.</p> <p>WD administers a number of programs in the west including Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and Infrastructure Canada Program and recommends that interested recipients contact a program officer at a local WD office for invaluable assistance about sources of funds and the application process.</p>
Website	<a href="http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/default.asp">http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/default.asp</a>

<b>Fund</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY FUTURES</b>	<p>Community Futures has a webpage that lists many funding sources for community development.</p> <p>These pages provide information on sources of funding and support for community development in BC. Most of the programs listed are funding-oriented, however, programs that provide other forms of support and assistance are also included. The primary focus is support for social, economic, and environmental community development initiatives in rural areas, however the programs are not necessarily exclusive to rural. Contact information for each program is provided to facilitate direct access to current and updated program information.</p> <p>For searching, you can browse by category and there is a First Nations &amp; Aboriginal Peoples category with 109 sources of funding.</p>
Website	<a href="http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html">http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html</a>

<b>Fund</b>	<b>REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION OF BC</b>
\$ Available	Apply for and justify funded needed; The most recent grant approvals range from \$5,000 to \$240,000
Deadline	Every Quarter: Mar, Jun, Sept, Nov (Actual day posted on website)
Contact	Jen McCaffrey, Grants Officer, 604-638-2284
Website	<a href="http://www.realestatefoundation.com">http://www.realestatefoundation.com</a>
Info	<p>Mission of Real Estate Foundation To support sustainable real estate and land use practices for the benefit of British Columbians.</p> <p>The Real Estate Foundation provides both project funding and endowment grants to non-profit organizations. Project funding is granted to help an organization attain particular goals in a specified time period.</p>
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects should have a distinct land use focus that benefits the whole community. Projects should aim to generate community well-being and to create wealth for the community.</li> <li>• The Foundation expects that the recipient will also contribute funds to the project.</li> <li>• To be funded, you must go through a two stage process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- submit a letter of inquiry</li> <li>- submit a grant application</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Letter of Inquiry is your introductory letter to the Foundation and outlines your project. The Foundation will invite you to submit a grant application, if it approves your Letter of Inquiry. Grant applications submitted without an approved Letter of Inquiry will be rejected.</p>

Fund	COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUMS (C2C)
\$ Available	50% of Allowable Costs to host a Forum
Deadline	Calls for applications twice a year: Spring and Fall. Details on following websites.
Contact	Contacts through websites
Websites	Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), <a href="http://www.civicnet.bc.ca">www.civicnet.bc.ca</a> and First Nations Summit (FNS), <a href="http://www.fns.bc.ca">www.fns.bc.ca</a>
Info	<p>The C2C Forum is a provincially and federally sponsored program in which “host” communities that hold a forum can get half of allowable costs covered. The program is administered by UBCM and supported by FNS.</p> <p>From the C2C Information Booklet:  C2C forums are about opening lines of communication and building relationships between neighbours. In this case, the neighbours are local governments and First Nations. Across BC, many of these communities already share schools, stores, recreation areas, roads and highways, and sewer and water services. They have used C2C forums to develop closer working relationships, provide or share services, work jointly on issues and look for opportunities to partner on new projects. Regular communication and cooperation has led to the establishment of formal agreements between communities that cover a range of subjects – from sharing infrastructure and services to long-term economic development.</p>
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The C2C Information Booklet has very good supporting information and should be the launching pad for anyone interested in the forum program.</li> <li>• All municipal, regional district and First Nation governments (i.e. band or tribal council) in BC are eligible to apply for funding for a C2C forum.</li> <li>• Once a host community applies and receives approval for a forum, the forum must be held by December 31, if applied for in spring and be held by March 31, if applied for in fall.</li> <li>• The host community receives the first portion of its funding once a date for the forum has been set. The rest of the funding will be released once a final report on the forum is submitted.</li> </ul>



<b>Fund</b>	
	<b>NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST</b>
\$ Available	Maximum \$25,000 per First Nation or \$50,000 per three(3) First Nations' Partnership
Deadline	Intake is ongoing until the Annual Budget is fully utilized
Contact	Toll-free: 1-877-922-3338, ask for Program Officer
Website	<a href="http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/programs/capacity/direct-support">http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/programs/capacity/direct-support</a>
Info	<p>The New Relationship Trust (NRT) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening First Nations in BC through capacity building.</p> <p><b>Initiative Description</b></p> <p>The New Relationship Trust (NRT) <i>Direct Support Initiative</i> supports BC First Nations in their endeavours to provide "Capacity Building" benefits for their communities. Support is available in two streams, as follows:</p> <p>a) A maximum of \$25,000 per project will be available where one (1) First Nation is involved; or</p> <p>b) A maximum of \$50,000 per project will be available where three (3) partnering First Nations are involved.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nation projects will only be funded under either stream "a" or "b" above;</li> <li>• Project proposals will be reviewed and approved by NRT;</li> <li>• Applicants must identify a minimum of 25% equity (from their own or other sources) to support total project costs; and</li> <li>• Funding will not be provided to First Nations that have an existing agreement with NRT that has outstanding requirements.</li> </ul> <p>There is a two-step application process for the Direct Support Initiative. The first step requires applicants to submit a two (2) page Letter of Intent that will be reviewed to determine whether they meet the basic eligibility and project criteria. Only those applicants who have fulfilled this requirement will be considered and evaluated in step two of the application process. The second step requires applicants to submit a detailed proposal that will allow NRT to further assess whether a proposed project meets the initiative requirements. Only those applicants who meet all the requirements and demonstrate an essential need for funding will be considered for approval.</p> <p><i>Please note</i>, a key goal of NRT's Capacity Initiatives is to provide BC First Nations with access to information and knowledge that is essential to successful Nation building. As a</p>

	<p>result, NRT will require final copies of all Capacity Development initiative outcomes from successful applicants. This information will be shared with other First Nations.</p>
<p>Tips</p>	<p><b>Initiative Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of \$25,000 per project will be available where one (1) First Nation is involved.</li> <li>• A maximum of \$50,000 per project will be available where three (3) partnering First Nations are involved.</li> <li>• Projects must identify a minimum of 25% equity (own or other sources) to support total project costs.</li> <li>• No communities will be approved until they are up to date with reporting requirements from previous engagements.</li> <li>• New Relationship Trust Capacity Building Initiatives will open on specific opening dates (to be determined each year) and close when total allocated funds have been committed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reporting Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting Criteria for First Nations need to include:</li> <li>• An interim and completed Executive Summary of the project.</li> <li>• Samples, templates, copies of work completed, process, methodology, feedback.</li> <li>• A description of how New Relationship Trust funding leveraged other sources of funding.</li> <li>• A breakdown of how many dollars went out to First Nation communities.</li> <li>• First Nations need to provide electronic copies of all written deliverables.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: See website for additional information such as eligible and ineligible expenses, eligibility and selection criteria and examples of eligible projects.</b></p>