



CREation Funding Guide: Large Project Funding

Funding Summary

CREation is a multi-level funding program that will support strengths-based, community-focused and youth-led projects taking place in communities across Canada. Groups are eligible to apply for funding to support community programs and projects, while receiving innovative mentorship, training and capacity-building opportunities.

The Large Project Funding Stream will provide funding of up to \$80,000 to Indigenous non-profits and charities that seek to create impactful community change and increase the wellness, resiliency and engagement of Indigenous youth. Projects must be led by 3+ Indigenous youth (ages 15-29) who are meaningfully involved in project guidance, planning, implementation and/or evaluation.

Project Focus Areas

Successful projects will fall within the following areas:

Arts and Culture

Projects that increase access to arts, art-based workshops, cultural knowledge, traditions and ceremony

Innovation and Change

Projects will support youth groups in accessing capacity-building, knowledge mobilization and funding resources. Projects will focus on innovating healthcare systems, developing solutions to infrastructure and resource challenges (such as access to clean water and sustainable food sources) and increasing access to technology.

Intergenerational Relationship Building

Projects will engage multiple age groups and should help to enhance the sense of community (i.e. projects where youth participate in programs with Elders, families, adults, etc).

Resiliency Building

Projects will focus on organizational development in Indigenous agencies. The intention of this focus area is to increase leadership, governance, capacity and opportunity for Indigenous organizations to impact communities and systems. Projects can include organizational enhancements (i.e. training, website development, strategic plan development, consulting projects, purchase of supplies, etc).

Youth and Community Wellness

Projects will focus on enhancing community wellness and can include one-off events or long-term programs and any type of programming related to wellness (i.e. workshops, teachings, gatherings).



Eligibility

Funding in this stream is only open to incorporated/registered non-profit organizations and charities. CREation will prioritize funding Indigenous and youth-focused organizations. Projects must have a clear plan for how youth will lead and support projects (i.e. youth advisory, youth staff, etc)

Please note: for the purpose of this program CRE defines Indigenous as status and non-status First Nation, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada, living both on and off reserve.

Eligible groups and projects include:

- Incorporated non-profit organizations
- Registered Charities
- Indigenous organizations
- Youth Councils (that are a part of an incorporated organization)
- Grassroots groups that have an incorporated organization that has agreed to trustee the project (please include a trustee letter as a part of your application)

Ineligible groups and projects:

- Individuals
- Unincorporated and grassroots groups without a trustee
- Projects that are not youth-led (or where the majority of leadership is 30+)
- Non-Indigenous organizations
- Projects taking place outside of Canada
- For profit corporations

Ineligible Expenses

CRE will NOT fund projects that are political in nature, or that involve distributing substances (i.e. alcohol, non-traditional tobacco, marijuana, illicit substances, etc).

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Community Grants Committee that includes community members, program staff and CRE staff. All members will have experience running programs and initiatives, overseeing projects and offering community supports. A minimum of 75% of the review committee will be Indigenous, and 50% will be youth.

Capacity Building

All funded groups will be required to take part in online training/skills development workshops on managing, facilitating, evaluating, and reporting on programs. There will be orientation sessions for all new grantees. All grantees will be assigned a CRE staff member and will have individual meetings with this staff member throughout the project.

Reporting and Evaluation

Grantees will be asked to report twice on their projects.

Midterm Check In (6 months into project): Grantees will meet digitally with a CREation staff to talk through challenges and successes. Grantees will share updates on budget spending, completed activities and youth reach.

Final Report (2 months after project completion): Grantees will submit a budget report and an evaluation report. Grantees will receive a copy of the evaluation report within the first month of their project start date.

Grantees will have to collect data as a part of their reporting.

Financial Oversight and Trusteeship

Unincorporated/grassroots groups will require a non-profit to serve as their grant trustee. This trustee may be someone the applicants are already familiar with or CRE can support in connecting them with a willing organization as well as with creating a trustee agreement that ensures youth will be supported.

Release of Funds

CRE does not issue cheques. Funding will be sent to grantees via a Plooto bank transfer/direct deposit.

Funding will be released in three installments: 60% after the contract is signed, 35% following the midterm check in and the final 5% will be released after the submission of your final report.

Timelines

Stages	Summer Application Period
Applications Open	May 6th, 2021
Application Deadline	June 7th, 2021
Decisions Released	July 9th, 2021
Project Start Date	July 19th, 2021
Project End Date	July 14th, 2022
Final Report Due	September 14th, 2022

Questions

CRE encourages applicants to reach out if they have any questions. Please email creation@canadianroots.ca to speak to a member of the team.