Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program
How to Access Funding

Purpose of this Document

This document provides:
- an overview of Indigenous Services Canada's Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP);
- an outline of the eligibility requirements to apply for funding; and
- information on starting the application process.

CCHAP Program Overview

The CCHAP operates in the North, helping communities carry out many different climate change adaption projects. Following engagement sessions across the North, the program was renewed in 2017. CCHAP now funds multi-year projects, provides more flexible funding agreements, and works in close partnership with INAC's Climate Change Preparedness in the North program to reduce the administrative burden in accessing these programs. With these changes, Indigenous Services Canada is now aspiring to fund larger, regional or multi-community projects in the coming years.

The program will continue to fund projects related to adapting to the health impacts of climate change in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Projects will be recommended for funding by the CCHAP through a territory-specific selection committee. These committees will be composed of key stakeholders from each territory, who are knowledgeable of the needs and priorities of their communities, regions and territory.

A community liaison from each of the three territories will offer assistance with project ideas and proposals, as well guidance to finding appropriate federal programs.

Program Objectives

Indigenous Services Canada's CCHAP for First Nations and Inuit communities, supports decision making through the enhancement of local knowledge related to climate change health risks and supports adaptation through implementation funding.

This program facilitates community education, awareness and resilience by providing funds to community-based vulnerability and risk assessments, the incorporation of local and traditional knowledge, and the development of regionally specific adaptation plans.

Eligibility Requirements for Projects

The CCHAP was created to support Inuit and First Nations communities in their efforts to adapt to the health impacts of climate change. As such, projects submitted to the CCHAP should have outcomes that improve the ability of Inuit and First Nations northerners to adapt to climate change impacts. Adaptation projects should also have a clearly defined focus on addressing health impacts caused by climate change.

Eligible projects may focus on topics such as:

- Adaptation planning
- Food security
- Traditional medicine
- Access to the land
- Knowledge sharing and education
- Mental health
- Water quality

Project types include:

- Traditional knowledge and western research studies (including knowledge transfer)
- Monitoring programs
- Workshops and on-the-land camps
- Adaptation and emergency planning
- Implementation of adaptation actions

All projects must have the support of the host community or communities.

Information Requirements for the *Project Idea*

Please provide your *Project Idea*, which includes the following information. It will be used to assess your project. The level of detail required will vary by project. There is no deadline to apply, and *Project Ideas* are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

➢ The *Project Idea* should include the following information:

    a. **Project Title**

    b. **Contact Information for Project Lead:**
- Name of Organization (if applicable) and contact person
- Street Address, city, territory or province, and postal code
- Phone number, fax number and email address

    c. **Community Priorities:**
- Describe the priority areas of action for the community

    d. **Project Objective(s):**

- Describe the overall purpose of this project, and what it will aim to achieve

e. **Project Description:**
- Describe how this project will accomplish the objectives stated above, how it is linked to climate change, whether it is needed to comply with particular regulations (if applicable), and/or plans to develop and implement adaptation initiatives/measures (if applicable). Please remember to include the details important to your project.

f. **Community Support:**
- Name of region/community
- Describe how the community is supporting the project

g. **Funding Information for all partners:**
- Funding organization / program
- Estimated annual contribution requested from CCHAP
- Estimated annual contribution from partners other than CCHAP

There are templates available upon request that help outline the necessary information requested in your *Project Idea*. In addition, there is a *Project Proposal* template, which includes instructions and an example for a final proposal based on the *Project Idea* submitted.

➢ The *Project Proposal* requires some further information, including:

h. **Budget**
- Further detail about anticipated spending including a breakdown

i. **Project team**
- Contact information
- Responsibilities of project team members
- Resumes for key staff

j. **Workplan**
- A breakdown of tasks involved in completing the project
- A schedule for completing the tasks

k. **Methodology**
- Proposed methods to achieving the tasks outlined in the workplan

Additional Information

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