

Pathways to Language Vitality Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Pathways to Language Vitality Program?

The Pathways to Language Vitality Program is a combination of four previously separate grant programs (BCLI, ILG, Language Nest and Language Gathering and Sharing). This new program offers one single funding stream that supports multiple project types. The purpose of this change is to reduce administrative burden for grant recipients and increase flexibility within grant funding.

The combination of the four previously separate funding streams into the Pathways to Language Vitality Program will:

- Reduce administrative burden by reducing the amount of paperwork for applicants who were previously receiving two or more of these grants.
- Improve communication between grant recipients and FPCC.
- Enable collaboration and long-term planning by allowing communities/organizations to propose plans for multiple language revitalization projects at once.
- Increase flexibility in spending by removing previous funding caps on project types (for example, Language Nests will no longer be limited at \$50,000).

Q: What types of projects can I apply for under this new program?

The following list is not exhaustive but will provide insight on the kinds of projects that are eligible under the Pathways to Language Vitality Program:

- Language Nests
- Language Gathering and Sharing projects
- Language Mentorship projects
- Language and Culture Camps
- Language Immersion Classes
- Language Resource Development
- Language Technology, Recording, and/or Documentation
- Media and/or Broadcasting in the Language
- Multi-Generational Language programs

Q: Can one community apply for multiple grants?

FPCC will be offering one funding opportunity per community/organization and we strongly encourage collaboration. If more than one application from a community is submitted, the Peer Review Committee will decide which project receives funding. In order to avoid being in direct competition with other community members or groups, it is strongly advised that applicants collaborate and submit one unified proposal. This demonstrates to the Peer Review Committee that there is support and consensus and that the project plan has been designed with long-term goals in mind.

Note: Multiple applications within a language group will not be in competition with each other so long as they come from separate communities/organizations.

Q: Can one application include multiple projects?

Yes! In fact, we encourage applicants to be creative and innovative in their project planning and to consider the community's long-term language revitalization plan. A single application from a community/organization can include several key projects. For example, if your community is interested in translation and documentation but also wants to receive funding for a Language Nest, you can apply for both projects under this one funding program.

Q: Can I hire outside agencies or consultants as part of my project?

You can hire outside agencies or consultants, including contractors and service providers. A maximum of 30% of the approved budget can be spent on the cost of outside agencies, contractors, consultants, or service providers. This includes all wages, travel expenses, equipment, technology expenses, etc. See Appendix A of the Funding Guide for more information, or request to see our Policy on Funding Third Parties.

A great resource to keep in mind (regardless of if the outside agency you are considering is an application or software developer) is our [Check Before You Tech](#) guide.

Q: Who should I list as the Primary Contact?

The Primary Contact will be the main point of contact for FPCC. They should be the person who will be managing the program, completing the interim and final reports, and overseeing the budget. The contact information given will be used by FPCC staff to send all correspondence and to request any additional information. Note that email is consistently used as a mode of communication throughout the proposal process.

Q: My community/organization uses more than one name interchangeably. Which name should be listed on my application?

The name listed should be the legal name of the community/organization that the funding agreement and cheque will be made out to. Please ensure that it is the full, legal name of the payee and that it is spelled correctly.

Q: How is my application judged?

An impartial Peer Review Committee is convened to review all applications submitted to the program. The Peer Review Committee is made up of language champions from First Nations communities and organizations throughout the province with experience in planning and delivering language projects in community. The Peer Review Committee carefully reads and reviews each application, scoring it according to specific criteria, and provides detailed feedback. Applicants are provided with this feedback to support and further develop their project planning and proposal writing skills.

The Funding Guide provides a brief list of some common elements that the Peer Review Committee looks for when judging.

Q: When is the deadline?

We will accept applications up until December 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Our deadline cutoff is at 4:00 p.m. to ensure that our staff will be available to assist and troubleshoot any potential technological issues.

We recommend sending in applications well before the cutoff date in order to avoid any issues that could delay your application being submitted.

Q: Can I use grant funds to hire people to help deliver this project?

Yes! FPCC recognizes that successful delivery of your project requires significant administrative effort, including managing project timelines, budgets, and reporting requirements. Grant funds may be used to hire necessary staff to administrate the project. If you are applying for Roots or Grow funding, it is recommended that you dedicate at least \$25,000 of project funds to hire a project administrator. This may be a part-time buy-out of an existing employee of your organization – ensuring that they are given dedicated hours to focus on the project – or you may hire a new part or full time employee exclusively for this project.

Q: We already have been approved for a multi-year BCLI grant. What will happen to that funding?

We invite BCLI applicants that are currently managing a multi-year project commitment to consider the following options as we transition from the BCLI to the Pathways program:

1. Continue with the pre-approved project workplan and budget as it stands for year 2 or 3. This project workplan and budget have already been reviewed by the Peer Review Committee, so no further review will be required. Funding will be delivered upon completion of required reporting in the current program year.
2. Continue with the pre-approved project workplan and budget AND apply for a top-up in funding for additional activities. Funding request must align with the appropriate Renew, Roots or Grow level. Additional activities and budget requests will be subject to review and approval by the Peer Review Committee.
3. Completely dissolve the pre-approved three-year workplan and budget and submit a new application. This option allows for applicants to assess the progress and outcomes of the current project and either shift directions to align with new goals, or to build on current projects with new integrated activities. This new application will be subject to review and approval by the Peer Review Committee.

We look forward to navigating this important change to a more holistic funding model with respect for all language work throughout the province. Our team is available to provide coaching for your project as we make this shift.