Frequently Asked Questions

Application Questions:

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 program staff to send correspondence and to request any additional information, if needed.

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: Can one application include multiple projects?

Yes, a single application can encompass multiple project types. In fact, we encourage applicants to be wide-reaching in their project planning and to consider the community's long-term language revitalization plan when applying.

Q: When is the deadline?

We will accept applications up until December 6, 2021 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 technological issues.

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

General Questions:

Q: What is the Pathways to Language Vitality Program?

The Pathways to Language Vitality Program (Pathways) was launched in 2020. This program was created in response to community feedback and combines four previously separate funding streams: the B.C. Language Initiative, Indigenous Language Grants, Language Nest Program, and Language Gathering & Sharing Grants.

The purpose of integrating these funding streams into one single program is to reduce administrative burden for applicants while increasing funding flexibility to better meet each community's unique needs in achieving sustainable, long-term language revitalization. This integrated program recognizes that multiple, coordinated strategies are needed for successful language revitalization within any community. The Pathways program creates the opportunity for communities to implement multiple connected projects in a coordinated way, leading to greater outcomes across the community. This integrated program recognizes that multiple, coordinated strategies are needed for successful language revitalization within any community. The Pathways program creates the opportunity for communities to implement multiple connected projects in a coordinated way, leading to greater outcomes across the community.

The Pathways program supports community-led projects that revitalize B.C. First Nations languages through documentation, the creation of new fluent speakers, and strategic language planning. Eligible projects include immersion projects (including language nests), documentation, resource and materials development, and community engagement.

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

The Pathways Program offers three different strategy types that a project can fall under: Language Immersion Programs; Language Documentation, Recording, and/or Resource Development Programs; and/or Community Engagement and Language Through Culture Programs.

Please contact our program staff at pathways@fpcc.ca if you would like more information about whether or not your project best fits under this program, and which strategies it may apply to. We've provided a non-exhaustive list which gives examples of eligible Pathways projects:

Language Immersion:
- Language Nests
- Multi-generational Language Immersion Programs
- Language Immersion Classes
- Language Immersion Camps
- Mentor-Apprentice-based Programs

Language Documentation, Recording, and/or Resource Development:
- Language Resource Development
- Language Technology, Recording, and/or Documentation
- Media and/or Broadcasting in the Language

Community Engagement and Language Through Culture
- Language Classes
- Language Camps
- Language Gathering and Sharing Programs
- Community-to-Community Mentorships

Q: Can one community apply for multiple grants?

FPCC will be offering one funding opportunity per Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization through the Pathways to Language Vitality Program and strongly encourages collaboration.

If more than one application from the same Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization is submitted, the Peer Review Committee will decide which proposal will receive funding, so it is strongly advised that applicants collaborate and submit one unified proposal. This demonstrates that there is support and consensus for the program, as well as being inclusive and designed with long-term goals in mind.

Please note that applications from First Nations schools that serve one community must be submitted through their respective Nations/band offices.

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.

If you are considering third party involvement, please review our [Check Before You Tech](#) resource – a guide to choosing language apps and software as a part of your language revitalization plan.

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. 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: How is my application evaluated?

An impartial adjudication committee (Peer Review Committee) will convene to review all proposals. This panel of experts is made up of language champions from First Nations communities and organizations throughout the province and may include language specialists, administrators, and knowledge keepers.

The Peer Review Committee carefully reads and reviews each application, scoring it according to specific criteria, and providing detailed feedback. This feedback is shared with the applicants to provide support and help develop their project planning and proposal writing skills, as well as to share overall advice, guidance, and/or inspiration for language revitalization.

Generally, the committee rates each proposal and then makes recommendations according to the following criteria:

- Demonstration that language revitalization is the primary focus
- Demonstrated expertise and capacity for language transmission
- Demonstrated community language needs
- Demonstrated community support
- Demonstrated community participation and community access to materials created
- Community collaboration and/or partnership support
- Realistic and reasonable budget, which identifies other sources of revenue and other resources required to complete the program
- Clear objectives, deliverables and evaluation plan
- Overall merit of program

Q: What would be considered an ineligible proposal?

Some examples are listed below:

- Application deadline not met
- Insufficient detail in budget or ineligible expenses in budget
- Insufficient detail in the program objectives and activities
- Application form not signed by an authorized representative (Chief, Chief Councillor, Executive Director)
- No demonstration of community support by a Band Council Resolution (or official letter of support signed by Band Manager or Chief Councillor).
- For societies: Lack of official community support letter signed by Executive Director or General Manager
- Previous reporting of past FPHLCC/FPCC programs has not been completed by the deadline date

Q: What is a Language Status Assessment?

The Language Status Assessment (LSA) is a survey on the status of First Nations languages. The LSA helps communities document and track information such as the number of fluent speakers, semi-speakers, learners and more. It is required for communities applying for language funding from FPCC.

When listing the communities that will be served by your project, please note that all communities listed will require a Language Status Assessment (LSA). If you are not able to complete an LSA on behalf of one of the communities listed, a designated representative of the community will need to complete it.

If you are not sure if an updated LSA has been submitted for your community(ies), please contact LSA@fpcc.ca.