



## **Heritage Stewardship Program Webinar Q&A**

April 25, 2023

### Heritage Stewardship Program (HSP)

This grant program combines Sense of Place, Climate Change, Oral Histories and Protocols, Digitization & Archiving priority streams to reduce the administrative burden on applicants and increase program flexibility. Applicants can apply for up to three priority areas, each \$10,000-\$25,000, to a maximum of \$75,000.

### Summary of Questions and Answers

1. Does FPCC fund Collectives?
  - a. FPCC is not currently funding Collectives through Heritage program as there are administrative challenges. We do not have a definition of Collectives at this time.
  
2. Individual with hereditary responsibility to look after the people and his House. Understanding what is in the Box of Treasures is a huge undertaking, and not everything (knowledge) has been shared and passed down. Much information has been lost, and family histories have been lost. Elders have suggested going to museums where this information might be found. They would be applying as an individual with a responsibility to the collective generations. Unsure how to go about it and whether it fits within this HSP grant program.
  - a. We currently do not fund collectives; however, another option could be to start a Society. Societies are eligible for HSP funding. If this is an avenue the applicant would like to explore, a one-on-one conversation with Heritage program staff is recommended.
  
3. As an Indigenous-led Collective, can we partner with a neighbouring Band or registered NGO, and do the work under their administration/management?
  - a. Yes, absolutely. In a scenario where the Band partners with a Collective, the Band (First Nation) will have to apply for the grant. We have seen this in the past,



where a Band has successfully applied on grant funding in partnership with a Collective.

4. Can multiple departments within the same First Nation apply for the same funding, or is it only allocated once per First Nation?
  - a. In theory, multiple departments could apply. However, FPCC encourages collaboration with ideally only one application moving forward per grant, as one of the criteria in funding allocation is regional distribution of funding across the province. FPCC wants to ensure that as many different First Nation communities across the province have an opportunity to receive funding. We want to distribute the funding as equitably as possible. Collaboration works best for one application, or they can also consider other grants, such as the Braided Knowledge Grant.
  
5. How many projects is HSP looking at funding this year?
  - a. Last year HSP funded 16 projects and we are hoping to fund 16 this year.
  
6. When will the next application period be open after May 2023?
  - a. We are tentatively planning to open the next round of HSP on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. So, there will be one more cycle before funding for this program runs out. At this time, we are uncertain whether funding will become available for HSP after 2024.
  
7. Our Nation is looking to officially reinstate traditional place names throughout the territory. We need to connect Elders to discuss approach for place names in shared territories with neighbouring Nations. Would a gathering of Elders and Youth for the purpose of establishing Place Name protocols be appropriate under this grant?
  - a. This project sounds well aligned with the Sense of Place stream of the HSP. It could also fit under the Braided Knowledge Grant. If you would like to chat about your project in more detail, please reach out to Paulina ([hsp@fpcc.ca](mailto:hsp@fpcc.ca)).
  
8. How do we structure the grant application for multiple priority streams?
  - a. The Grant Portal allows you to select which priority areas you are interested in, and it automatically sets the application for all the components you need to



complete for the grant submission. Therefore, you can apply for up to three streams within the one HSP grant application.

9. If we are approved for the HSP grant, could the research derived from it ladder into the HIP program and give our project a higher priority in the next step through the Heritage Infrastructure Program?
  - a. The research derived could be used to inform your HIP project and/or application, but there is no 'laddering' system that would give the project priority.
  
10. How long does approval take after the grant submission?
  - a. Applications for the Heritage Stewardship Program are evaluated on a rolling basis. Generally, it takes approximately four weeks for a decision from the submission date. The earlier you submit, the quicker the turnaround might be, as closer to the deadline there will likely be more applications in the queue. Funding for all our grant programs is heavily subscribed. Please work with Paulina and share the application before the final submission. FPCC staff are not on the PRC, so we are here to support and provide comments and suggestions to improve your submission and chances to be funded.
  
11. What percentage of applications are funded?
  - a. Many applications are received, and every cycle is different. The sooner you prepare the application and seek some feedback from Paulina, the better the likelihood of success. As an example of success rates, the HIP first cycle had 100 applicants and funded 11 projects. In the most recent cycle, FPCC received 60 HIP applications and funded 16.