



FIRST PEOPLES'
CULTURAL COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Braided Infrastructure Program
Funding Opportunity for B.C.
First Nations**

June 9, 2023



Submission Deadline

Proposal deadline: Thursday, July 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

BIP (Braided Infrastructure Program) EOI (Expression of Interest) contact:

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All communications and questions regarding this Braided Infrastructure Program (BIP) Pilot Project Expression of Interest (EOI) should be directed to the EOI contact Lucas via email. Email is the preferred method of communication. Please include "BIP EOI" in the subject line for all EOI-related correspondence.

Program Description

This Braided Infrastructure Program (BIP) Pilot Project Funding Opportunity supports B.C. First Nations' efforts to develop an infrastructure project that braid together arts, culture, heritage, and languages for B.C. First Nations. The BIP will fund projects that implement a broad range of infrastructure projects that conserve, repair, or develop Indigenous cultural heritage, arts, and language infrastructure. This includes:

- Historical, art, language and cultural places, archives, and collections that are of collective value to a B.C. First Nation community
- Physical infrastructure such as buildings, trails, and structures that support public and community access to:
 - Stories of historic places and the places themselves
 - The transmission of community memory and traditional practices, crafts, and trades
 - Cultural materials that support telling the stories of historic sites and the transmission of community memory and traditional practices, arts, and trades
 - Art and language materials and forms.

Call for Expression of Interest

If your community or organization is interested in applying for this BIP EOI, please download the BIP EOI guidelines and application form and email your completed application form to Lucas.

[**BIP EOI application form**](#)

[**BIP EOI guidelines**](#)

Timeline

Please ensure the timeline in your application form reflects the timeline below.

- i. BIP EOI applications due – **July 20, 2023**
- ii. Funding awarded – **Aug 31, 2023**
- iii. Project start/funding awarded – **September 8, 2023**
- iv. Interim report due – **March 1, 2024**
- v. Projects must be completed – **July 12, 2024**
- vi. Final report due – **Aug 15, 2024**

Funding

Applicants may apply for **\$100,000 to \$250,000**.

Applicants may seek funding from the FPCC heritage, language and/or art grant programs in addition to the BIP EOI, but the costs must not be duplicated.

For successful applicants, funding will be distributed in 3 phases (65% at the start of the project, 20% for a satisfactory interim report, and 15% for a satisfactory final report).

Who is eligible to apply?

B.C.-based organizations that have a mandate or focus that includes First Nations' heritage.

Eligible applicants include:

- B.C. First Nations bands or Tribal Councils
- Not-for-profit societies registered in B.C. in good standing and governed by B.C. First Nations individuals (at least 75% of directors identify as First Nations)
- B.C. First Nations-led museums, cultural, arts of language spaces (at least 75% of directors identify as First Nations)
- Urban and off-reserve B.C. First Nations organizations (at least 75% of directors identify as First Nations)
- B.C. First Nations schools or adult education centres operating in B.C. on First Nations lands* (Please note that applications from First Nations schools that serve one community must be submitted through their respective Nation/Band Office.)

*FPCC is unable to fund K–12 classroom activities or post-secondary accredited courses or tuition.

Note that all new non-profit societies/organizations must provide FPCC with their certificate of registration, proof of insurance, and banking information to receive funding. All organizations may be asked to provide incorporation documents confirming legal name, verification of profit or non-profit status, a copy of the organization's by-laws and constitution and a list of the organization's current Board of Directors and/or governance structure. If your application is successful, you will be contacted to provide this information before a funding agreement can be issued.

Ineligible Applicants

- Organizations or individuals who are not from a B.C. First Nation
- Collectives (the program only accepts registered societies, see above)
- For-profit organizations and businesses, entities, individuals, and commercial ventures
- Previous grant recipients who are in default of the grant reporting requirements. These applicants are ineligible until all required documentation is complete.
- Government organizations, including municipalities
- Universities, colleges, and non-First Nations schools
- Private clubs, groups, and organizations with exclusive memberships
- Religious organizations

- Corporations

Collaboration is Encouraged

- FPCC strongly encourages collaboration. Only one program application per Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization will be eligible for funding. 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.

Application Submission

All Expressions of Interest application forms must be submitted to Lucas via email (HIP@fpcc.ca) by **July 20, 2023 (no extensions will be considered)**.