

Urban Partnerships (UP) Program

1 URBAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING

The objective for the Urban Partnerships program is to increase the participation of urban Aboriginal people in the economy. The overarching approach to achieve this outcome is through the development and/or enhancement of partnerships at the community, regional and national level.

Investments made through the Urban Partnership program will reduce barriers, whether real or perceived, to urban Aboriginal peoples' participation in the economy by achieving one or more of the following expected results:

- Urban Aboriginal community groups and organizations have enhanced capacity to be self-reliant in seeking meaningful partnerships with traditional and non-traditional partners;
- Partners collaborate on policy, program, planning and projects towards improving socio-economic conditions for urban Aboriginal peoples, with a focus on Aboriginal youth;
- Projects enable and empower urban Aboriginal youth to access available education, employment and skills development activities and services;
- Projects ease Aboriginal peoples' transitions to urban centres from reserves and northern and more remote communities;
- Projects attract additional investments, leverage resources, increase infrastructure and other supports available to urban Aboriginal peoples.

UP is not intended to provide ongoing operational support to organizations, or supplement a shortage of funding under another program or initiative of any level of government, or support an already successful program or initiative, especially as a repetitive delivery offering.

2 URBAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM ACTIVITY AREAS

The goals of the Urban Partnerships program are to support investments in projects which support transitions to cities from reserves and northern and remote communities that will attract additional investments to increase participation in the economy. A project funded by Urban Partnerships is expected to demonstrate their ability to deliver culturally relevant and culturally safe programming for Aboriginal people in urban centres.

Urban Partnerships initiatives and projects eligible for funding support include:

- Initiatives that support urban Aboriginal individuals and communities in reducing barriers to participation in the economy;
- Research on, and evaluation of, issues and initiatives pertaining to urban Aboriginal participation in the economy;
- Development, testing and piloting of approaches to urban Aboriginal participation in the economy;
- Initiatives that engage urban Aboriginal individuals and communities, and other stakeholders in addressing urban Aboriginal participation in the economy;

- Initiatives that support existing general programs and services that serve urban Aboriginal peoples to become culturally appropriate through partnerships with Aboriginal people.

UP investments must link to a strategic outcome and demonstrate the existence of a plan and/or partnership that will sustain the momentum generated by the investment.

3 PARTNERSHIPS

The UP program works to increase urban Aboriginal participation in the economy by providing funding to projects that leverage partnerships and additional investments from other stakeholders, and by achieving one or more of the following expected results:

- Urban Aboriginal community groups and organizations have enhanced capacity to be self-reliant in seeking partnerships with traditional and non-traditional partners;
- Partners collaborate on policy, program, planning and project initiatives to improve socio-economic conditions for urban Aboriginal individuals, families and communities.

Urban Partnership initiatives or projects must demonstrate one or more of the following partnership commitments in their project:

- A partner or other stakeholder committed to continuing funding support to the project or initiative after the Urban Aboriginal Strategy provides short-term bridge or phased-approach funding;
- A partner or other stakeholder committed to considering the recommendations of a feasibility study, performance evaluation, or other analysis of findings that will result in a change in policy, program, service delivery or investments;
- A partner or other stakeholder committed to considering the adoption of the findings of an engagement, assessment, progress, research, evolution, framework or other such directional documentation on urban Aboriginal matters.

Partnership Types:

- **Informal Partnership** – an informal or formal agreement between parties to work together.
- **Formal (mature) partnership** – Where all parties are accountable for the results and risk something if the partnership is not successful

Reporting on both financial and in-kind support from all partnerships will be required.

4 UP FUNDING STREAMS

Applicants must apply under one (1) funding stream only – Social Enterprise, Innovation or Youth. Each stream has a different application form so it is important you complete the correct one for the stream you are applying. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$85,000 in UP funding for Youth, Innovation and Start-up or expansion of a Social Enterprise. Projects are eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 in the Social Enterprise stream for completing a Feasibility Study and Business Plan, and pre-startup expenses.

“Participation in the economy” means that Aboriginal Peoples have the skills, knowledge and training to secure, maintain and excel in a strong and vibrant Canadian economy. It is generally accepted that increased participation in the economy is achieved by individuals having a suitable education, a skill set, life skills, self-advocacy skills and can access and utilize services/supports that reduce small challenges that created barriers, such as transportation and childcare.

The focus of the Urban Partnerships program is on the development of partnerships that advance Aboriginal peoples’ participation in the Canadian economy. Due to the complexities related to achieving this outcome and the realities of the Aboriginal population including the emerging urban Aboriginal youth demographic, the Urban Partnerships Program will encourage the development of projects and partnerships that involve and support urban Aboriginal youth.

Funding investments made through the Urban Partnerships program are guided the Regional Strategic Plans. These plans will be developed collaboratively by community and regional stakeholders. While funding investments made through the Urban Partnerships program are guided by Regional Strategic Plans, a project cannot be deemed ineligible if it does not align to a plan.

STREAM DEFINITIONS & GOALS:

In order to support the effective implementation of the Urban Partnerships program and to ensure the project funding generates demonstrable results aligned with present day priorities, the Urban Partnerships program will target the following three key thematic activities areas – Youth, Social Economy and Social Enterprise initiatives, and Innovation – which are described as follows:

Youth (aged 16-24 only)

- Projects and initiatives that enhance the capacity of urban Aboriginal youth to be self-reliant by shifting attitudes and values that promote lifelong labour force attachment;
- Projects that transfer skills related to self-advocacy, systems navigation, healthy living, and provide education supports, including but not limited to stay in school and return to school initiatives at the secondary school level, mentoring and tutoring;
- Projects that bridge or enable youth to meaningfully access existing employment and training programs, and/or prepare youth for self-employment opportunities not available through other existing program resources;
- Specific outreach projects and engagement with high-risk and hard-to-reach urban Aboriginal youth.

Social economy and social enterprise initiatives

- Projects that facilitate organizational learning and capacity building that supports social economy and social enterprise initiatives;
- Projects that Social enterprise business start-up or pilot projects;
- Projects that promote promising business models and knowledge transfer to aspiring social enterprise business entrepreneurs.

Innovation Initiatives

- Projects that are designed to remove barriers to increase self-reliance, and demonstrate the ability to create and mobilize systemic change in the lives of urban Aboriginal people by building resilience within the urban Aboriginal population so as to positively impact their economic participation in the short, medium and long-term;

- Projects that engage and bring together urban Aboriginal individuals, communities, and other stakeholders to address systemic challenges in novel and untested ways within the aforementioned UP Program parameters with the objective of reducing these systemic challenges and/or encouraging greater participation in the economy.

5 WHO CAN APPLY

- Incorporated not-for-profit organizations
- Aboriginal representative organizations
- Municipal governments
- Education authorities and institutions
- Health authorities and institutions
- For-profit enterprises*

*For-Profit enterprises will only be eligible to receive Urban Aboriginal Strategy transfer payment funds in those instances where the funds received do not contribute to a profit for the enterprise.

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6 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The focus of the Urban Partnerships program is on the development of partnerships that, in the broadest sense, advance Aboriginal peoples' participation in the Canadian economy. Due to the complexities related to achieving this outcome and the realities of the Aboriginal population including the emerging urban Aboriginal youth demographic, the Urban Partnerships program will encourage the development of projects and partnerships that involve and support urban Aboriginal youth.

Urban Partnerships expenditures are eligible only if they demonstrate direct delivery of projects or initiatives that advance the participation of urban Aboriginal people in the Canadian economy. Eligible expenditures are direct project costs and indirect administration costs that are incurred due to delivery of the eligible initiatives and projects as outlined in the Urban Aboriginal Strategy Terms and Conditions.

Eligible Expenditures

- Salaries and employee benefits
- Professional fees
- Honoraria
- Travel and transportation
- Meetings
- Training and development
- Equipment
- Facilities rental
- Translation and communications
- Materials and supplies including capital assets less than \$5,000 (excluding automobiles, land, or buildings)
- Volunteer participation expenses

Eligible Administration Costs of 5% of total budget

- A portion of the costs of an administrator or other staff time required to support or oversee the project activities and/or administration of the agreement
- A portion of the organizational overhead and/or infrastructural costs applied to supporting the project activities and/or administration of the agreement to provide funding, such as office supplies and utilities.
- Costs for preparing financial and other reporting documentation required to be compliant with the agreement to provide funding.

7 INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Urban Partnerships ineligible expenditures include, but are not limited to the following list.

Ineligible Expenditures

- stipends for payments in training, conferences/workshops
- compensation for the recipient's Board member's time in the administration of, or participation in, an initiative
- compensation for an individual's administration of, or participation in, an initiative where they are already receiving compensation (salary, honoraria or per diem) for the same period of time
- provision of food as an act of food security for individuals and families
- contingency/miscellaneous fees
- deficit recovery
- scholarships
- Cosmetic capital renovations;
- purchase of capital assets with a market value in excess of \$5,000 (excluding automobiles, land, or buildings).expenses

CONTACT INFORMATION

These applications are available on our website at www.bcaafc.com/programs/UrbanPartnerships, or by contacting our office at 1-800-388-5522, by email at UPDirector@bcaafc.com.