COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM
ROUND 3

January 12, 2022

Have a Cumulative Effects project idea?

We would be pleased to answer your questions about the application process before you begin. Please contact us at cfp@icce-caec.ca.

1. Program Overview and Objectives

The Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects (ICCE) is an independent Indigenous organization that facilitates the meaningful involvement of communities in the design, collection, monitoring and analysis of Indigenous and non-Indigenous science-based activities in the context of cumulative effects management.

The main objective of ICCE's Community Funding Program (CFP) is to support community-led projects and baseline studies that help build and enhance the scientific and technical capacity of Indigenous communities for cumulative effects management, monitoring and assessment in their territories.

What are Cumulative effects?

Cumulative effects are defined by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment as changes in the environment caused by multiple interactions among human activities and natural processes that accumulate across space and time.

Cumulative effects from an Indigenous perspective takes into consideration the cultural, social, and health impacts—in addition to the environmental effects—of activities and processes on our land, water, and air. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) defines cumulative effects as "the impacts on the biophysical and socio-economic environment that results from the incremental effects of a development when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future developments, regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other developments. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time."

For more information about cumulative effects projects, visit the "Initiatives" section of ICCE's website.

2. Who can apply?

- First Nations communities, associations, and organizations
- Inuit communities, associations, and organizations
- Métis communities, associations, and organizations
- Any other Indigenous organizations working on cumulative effects

Eligible applicants may partner with other Indigenous communities and with external partners such as:

- Federal, provincial, territorial, or regional governments
- Non-governmental and non-for-profit organizations
- Academic and research institutions
- Indigenous and non-Indigenous consulting groups

3. Eligible projects

Projects and baseline studies that help build and enhance the scientific and technical capacity of Indigenous communities for cumulative effects management, monitoring and assessment in their territories are eligible. Examples of such projects are outlined (but are not restricted to) in Appendix A.

These examples of Projects represent stages of capacity building work that Indigenous communities and groups may want to consider while starting to address cumulative effects issues.

To be eligible, a project proposal must be community-led. As such, a project proposal must be confirmed by a letter of support from the leading community or the leading Indigenous organization submitting the proposal on behalf of multiple communities. Communities' endorsement is to be explicitly stated.

We encourage applicants to contact the ICCE National Office with other project ideas to determine their eligibility.

4. Available Funding

The program has approximately $2 Million available for the 2022–2023 fiscal year. The level of funding for each project will be determined on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of $175,000.00.

Funding may cover some or all of the project activities based on the budget provided. Funding is available for projects up to **one fiscal year until March 2023 (2022–2023)**. Funding cannot be retroactive. ICCE's fiscal year runs from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

4.1. Eligible Expenditures

Eligible costs are those that are incurred for the duration of the project as specified in the funding agreement (with the exception of costs relating to final reports). These are costs which are incurred in connection with the project and are necessary for its activities must be included in the estimated budget.

The following are eligible expenditures for project activities:
- Salaries and wages
  - Community staff (environmental technicians, youth positions, Elder positions, etc.)
  - Daily allowances
  - Internship (short term contracts)
  - Honorariums (for youths, Elders and activity participants)
- Travel, transportation, and accommodation for community staff, Elders, youth, external partners, event participants, etc.
- Staff training and workshops
- Professional services/fees (contractors or subcontractors)
- Facility rental
- Data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Audit and evaluation
- Office supplies and equipment dedicated to the project, such as:
  - Purchase of some types of technical monitoring equipment
  - Rental of vehicles (trucks, ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, etc.) used to access areas for monitoring purposes
- Printing and communication products
- Data purchase from a commercial provider
- Administrative costs, to a maximum of 10%

4.2. Ineligible Expenditures

The following are ineligible expenditures for research/program activities:

- Capitalization costs including the establishment or expansion of financial instruments
- Bad debt expenses and expenses associated with collections
- Payments for services that would normally be provided without charge
- The operation, repair and maintenance of economic or municipal infrastructure
- Economic infrastructure which has a reasonable expectation of capturing capital and operating costs through user fees and other means and can function as a commercial enterprise
- Capital assets (purchasing of assets costing more than $10,000 with a useful lifespan of more than one year and occurring maintenance fees or prolonged and foreseeable expenses over more than the projects length, i.e., you can't expense a truck, but you can expense lab equipment).

5. How to Apply

We are using a new intake system which requires you to create an online profile. Please, email us at cfp@icce-caec.ca if you require support with this new system.

To apply for funding, please follow the application process outlined below:

1. Review this document.
2. Seek and confirm support for your proposed project with a letter from your organization indicating support for your project from the participating Indigenous communities.
3. Complete your application in our online intake system with the requested information at: https://community.icce-caec.ca.
4. You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your application within 1–5 business days after submission; if you do not, please contact us.

For more details, please see the provided requirements outlined in Appendix B: Proposal Requirements. Should you have questions about how to apply or the application, please contact ICCE's National Office at cfp@icce-caec.ca.

6. Review Process and Evaluation

Step 1: Call for proposals

ICCE will assess projects submitted according to the review process and schedule established in section 7 below.

Step 2: Eligibility Review

The ICCE Executive Director and ICCE National office will verify the Project Proposals eligibility. This eligibility assessment of Project Proposals is carried out based on the CFP's objectives, its funding capacity and the criteria listed in sections 3, 4.1 and 4.2 of these guidelines. Applications that are not complete or not deemed to be relevant or eligible will be withdrawn from further review.

Step 3: Technical Advisory Committee Assessment

The eligible Project Proposals are reviewed by ICCE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) composed of indigenous and non-indigenous experts from across the country on cumulative effects. The TAC assesses Project Proposals based on the objectives of the ICCE funding program, the ICCE assessment criteria (see

Appendix C: Weighted Criteria) and their cumulative effects scientific relevancy and balance of perspectives. The TAC then recommends proposals to the ICCE Board.

Step 4: ICCE Board Decision

ICCE Executive Director and ICCE Board of Directors will review the proposals based on ICCE policies and available budget and approve funding following its *eligibility review* and its *Technical Advisory Committee assessment*. Each Project Proposal is subject to separate approvals. Such approvals may be attached to specific obligation or restriction regarding the use of ICCE funding to be included in a funding agreement.

ICCE Funding Policies

- Geographic representation: general approval of projects should take into account the geographic distribution of Indigenous communities across Canada. As such, ICCE is aiming to fund projects from all regions on a latitudinal (west/east) and longitudinal (north/south) perspective.
- First Nation, Inuit, and Métis representation: the approval of projects aims to fund projects from First Nation, Inuit, and Metis groups. As such, ICCE tries to fund projects from all of these groups provided they are eligible and meet funding criteria.
- Preference for Indigenous persons and groups: while Indigenous communities and groups may partner with non-indigenous organizations in order to prepare and fulfill their proposed projects activities, ICCE may choose projects, with similar quality, demonstrating that the allocated funds are to be used by or directed towards Indigenous organizations, persons and companies. For example, if applicable for any project, preference will be given to Indigenous consultant groups over non-indigenous consultant groups. Preference will be given to Indigenous researchers, trainees, or students.

7. Schedule for 2022–2023

As we received a high number of applicants for the second call for proposals for ICCE's Community Funding Program in July 2021, the third call for proposals will be the last for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year.
* Please note that ICCE is looking for **short-term one year** Community Funding Proposals.

January 12, 2022	Call for proposals
February 21, 2022, until midnight Pacific Standard Time (PST)	Submission deadline
February 22- March 14, 2022	Eligibility and TAC reviews completed
March 2022	ICCE Board of directors review
End of March 2022	Funding Decision and Agreement's signature
April 2022	Beginning of funding

APPENDIX A: Examples of Projects

	Examples of Areas of Focus May Include:	
	Building Awareness and Understanding Cumulative Effects	
	Examples	Description
	Integration of Cumulative Effects into Resolutions and Policies	Review existing environmental plans (fisheries, land-use, forestry, wildlife, cultural heritage) and create an integrated or comprehensive environmental plan that encompasses cumulative effects. Demonstrate how existing policies or Indigenous laws can be integrated within provincial and federal laws for cumulative effects under the Impact Assessment Act
	Workshop to engage with community leaders	Raising and building awareness for neighbouring communities while hosting regional workshops with leadership from various Indigenous communities and organisations (including inviting non-indigenous organization)
	Make a short film to engage community on what cumulative effects mean to the community.	Capturing Indigenous storytelling and knowledge to explain from the community's perspective of how cumulative effects have impacted their way of life. For example, filming the history of the land from Elders.
	Create an Action Plan on building a cumulative effects management plan.	Design and implement a cumulative effects management plan that tailors towards community initiative. For example: Community Based Monitoring program.
Operations		
	Project management for one or several cumulative effects issues	For example: Develop goals, identify responsibilities, identify needs, create a plan, develop a plan for implementation, implementation, reporting and evaluation. This should encompass regional issues and reflect some complexity of a management program.
	Using cumulative effects as the "new" environmental impact assessment.	Implementing plans and policies for strengthening cumulative effects issues consideration in consultation processes during

		impact assessment. Presenting information to community leaders in order to help such management.
	Developing a strategy or protocol for engagement/consultation as it relates to cumulative effects assessments, monitoring or management	Internal consultation and engagement about defining and discussing cumulative effects as observed and experienced by community members
Building Experience and Knowledge		
	Create a baseline study including environmental exposure, health, and/or Indigenous Knowledge	Collate baseline information about the state of the land, water, air, wildlife, projects, health, and cultural practices in the territory. The baseline study should be done in a cumulative effects perspective.
	Inform decision-making	Understanding how cumulative effects inform decisions on environment, projects, and community goals
	Community capacity-building by establishing a human resource plan that integrates youth.	Develop or provide access to a training program on cumulative effects assessment, management and monitoring. Educational and/or training events related to cumulative effects issues
	Establishing community plans based on traditional and ecological knowledge	Develop a plan on how to include Indigenous knowledge that informs environmental decisions and governance processes
Software		
	Survey existing databases, understand how cumulative effects initiatives may use data and develop a cumulative effects data plan	What is the data already available?
	Learn about cumulative effects software and analyses from experts	This may include a forum or capacity building workshop in which other indigenous communities can attend
	Build a cumulative effects database and clean data	This may require a third-party contractor

APPENDIX B: Proposal Requirements

Requirement	Description
Title	Provide a descriptive title that outlines the main idea of your project.
Executive summary	Provide a brief summary of the proposal (1–2 paragraphs) covering the various elements of the project, including the total budget request and timeline.
Project lead/funding recipient contact information	Provide contact information for the project lead who will be in charge of the contribution arrangement and has signature authority. Provide an administrative point of contact if different from project lead.
Project team, external partners and participating communities	Provide the names, titles, and contact information of those who will be working on the project. Mention each participating community working on the project and all consultations groups involved, if any
Project objectives	Describe the anticipated high-level goals and outcomes that will be accomplished through the proposed project. The objectives must be relevant to work addressing cumulative effects issues.
Project description	Describe how the project objectives will be achieved: proposed methodology, sampling areas, measurement parameters, reference maps. To what extent does the proposal align with eligible activities and meet program objectives and assessment criteria?
Evaluation Plan	Outline an evaluation plan and/or criteria for the measurement of success of the project. Describe the deliverables that will allow the project activities to be assessed and how activities will be monitored and measured.
Work plan	Provide the expected timeline and plan for the achievement of the proposal objectives and the expected due date for each deliverable.
Budget	Provide a budget for the proposal including the estimated expenditures and their concurrent deliverables. Sort each expenditure according to their type of eligible expenditure as listed at 4.1. If not listed, provide details. Describe the other funding sources of the project.
Letter of support	This document may be a formal resolution from the proponent governing body or a letter from an individual having the authority to request funding (e.g., head of department, director, or manager). The letter of support must explicitly demonstrate that an Indigenous organization or an Indigenous community has approved and is leading the submitted project.

APPENDIX C: Weighted Criteria

To support the objectives of this funding opportunity, proposals will be assessed against the following criteria. It is suggested to explicitly state how each aspect of the project proposal is fulfilling these criteria.

WEIGHTED CRITERIA		
Criteria	Description	Weight
Explicit relevance to cumulative effects issues	The proposal relates to cumulative effects issues as being changes to the environment or human well-being from past, present, and future development projects and human activities. Note: A project receiving a score below 12/20 for this criterion will be deemed not relevant for this program and will be disqualified.	20
Indigenous knowledge mobilization or integration and transfer	Indigenous knowledge is integrated in the suggested activities of the proposal. The proposal encourages and mobilizes intergenerational knowledge transfer through appropriate cultural processes with youth and Elders. Considering the Two-Eyed Seeing approach, the project promotes the co-development of knowledge.	20
Building and strengthening capacity to manage the implementation of activities addressing cumulative effects issues	The proposal specifically refers to activities leading to the durable capacity development of the community so it may begin or pursue the management, the assessment and the monitoring of cumulative effects. This can include understanding databases and learning new analytical software. The proposal explains how sustainable capacity building is established (e.g. database maintenance and management, policy enforcement, envisioned next steps, etc.).	20
Cooperation and inclusion	The proposal and activities are being developed in cooperation with other indigenous communities or organizations and integrates a regional perspective as well as projects that are inclusive and promote gender equity and intergenerational knowledge.	20
Demonstration of a realistic assessment of estimated total costs and a justification of the level of funding required	The submitted budget of the proposal is viable and plausible in order to complete the suggested activities. The budget demonstrates an efficient and relevant use of the requested funds based on the suggested activities.	20