



# Jurisdictional development capacity-building funding

**Are you interested in exercising jurisdiction in relation to child and family services via the framework of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families?**

## About the Act

**An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families** (the Act) came into force on January 1, 2020. It enables Indigenous groups, communities and Peoples that hold rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 to exercise jurisdiction in relation to their own child and family services. The Act also provides an opportunity for Indigenous Peoples to choose their own solutions for their children and families.

## Funding available for jurisdictional development

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) understands that not all Indigenous groups, communities or Peoples have the same readiness or resources to exercise jurisdiction under the Act.

Therefore, funding is available to support those ready to:

- explore exercising jurisdiction
- develop Indigenous child and family service legislation, systems, and programs prior to entering into coordination agreement discussions

## Who can apply

- Indigenous governing bodies (IGBs), as defined by the Act
- National Indigenous Organizations, to advance a culturally appropriate reform of child and family services

## Eligible activities could include:

- community self-assessment
- community engagement
- planning, including the strategic planning for transition toward and transfer of child and family services jurisdiction
- research and development, including child and family services models and feasibility studies
- child and family services program development
- drafting of child and family services legislation and policies
- legislation development

For a complete list, visit [www.sac-isc.gc.ca/pagehere](http://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/pagehere).

## Funding supports

Funding will be:

- comparable for all groups and distinctions
- based on the distinct circumstances of each Indigenous community or Indigenous governing body, including geographic location (remoteness) and the number of section 35 rights-holding communities the Indigenous governing body represents.

The funding amounts will be subject to:

- yearly maximum funding
- the number of proposals received and the total funding available

Funding for permanent structures for the implementation of Indigenous laws, models, programs and service delivery will be discussed through the coordination agreement discussion process.

## What about multi-year proposals?

Multi-year proposals will be reviewed every year. Funding for each subsequent year will be dependent on funding recipients achieving their objectives and the availability of funds.

## How to apply

1. Email your proposal/workplan, a detailed budget outlining expenditures linked to workplan activities, as well as documentation supporting the authorization of the Indigenous governing body to [engagementetpartenariats@engagementandpartnerships@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:engagementetpartenariats@engagementandpartnerships@sac-isc.gc.ca).
2. Only proposals submitted electronically will be considered. **Please do not send links to files in the Cloud or Internet servers as ISC cannot access them.**
3. ISC will confirm receipt of your proposal via email. ISC may contact you for additional information, as required.
4. All applicants will be notified whether or not their proposal is approved.
5. The Capacity-Building Funding Request Tool and companion Capacity-Building Funding Budget Tool provide applicants with important guidelines, instructions and examples for submitting capacity-building funding proposals. Reference to these tools is strongly encouraged for all prospective applicants to guide the development of capacity-building funding request proposals or workplans and budgets.

6. Ensure your proposal clearly describes how each Indigenous group, community or People represented in the proposal meets the Selection criteria, and provide contact information for the proposal applicant as well as **each** group represented in the proposal.

As part of the mandate validation process, ISC may communicate with the Indigenous governing body to discuss the mandate or scope, or with the section 35 rights-holding group(s) to validate the mandate.

## Deadline

There is currently no deadline to apply. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

## Important

- Proposals for capacity-building funding will not be interpreted as a notice of intent to exercise jurisdiction as specified under sections 20(1) or 20(2) of the Act.
  - An IGB acting on behalf of Indigenous groups, communities or Peoples can submit notices of intent by email.
- Future opportunities to access funding will be available regularly over the next five years. We are committed to evolving this process over time, based on lessons learned and feedback from partners.



## More information

For proposal submissions, questions or assistance with your proposal, please email [EngagementEtPartenariatsEngagementAndPartnerships@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:EngagementEtPartenariatsEngagementAndPartnerships@sac-isc.gc.ca).

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