

# Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program: National Program Guidelines 2025 to 2026

---



Indigenous Services  
Canada

Services aux  
Autochtones Canada

Canada

For information regarding reproduction rights, please contact: [communicationspublications@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:communicationspublications@sac-isc.gc.ca)

[www.canada.ca/indigenous-services-canada](http://www.canada.ca/indigenous-services-canada)

1-800-567-9604

TTY only 1-866-553-0554

Catalogue: R41-11E-PDF

ISSN: 2291-4455

© His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, 2025.

This publication is also available in French under the title: Programme de subvention des centres éducatifs et culturels des Inuit: Lignes directrices nationales de 2025 à 2026

## Table of contents

1. [Program introduction](#)
2. [Objective](#)
3. [Expected results](#)
4. [Eligible recipients](#)
5. [Eligible activities](#)
6. [Expenditures](#)
  - [6.1 Eligible expenditures](#)
  - [6.2 Ineligible expenditures](#)
7. [Proposal process and assessment criteria](#)
  - [7.1 Submission of proposals](#)
  - [7.2 Assessment criteria](#)
  - [7.3 Review and approval of proposals](#)
8. [Funding](#)
  - [8.1 Maximum amount payable per funding recipient](#)
9. [Reporting requirements and monitoring and oversight activities](#)
10. [Managing conflicts of interest](#)
11. [Contact information](#)

# 1. Program introduction

The Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program provides grants to Inuit individuals as well as community-based Inuit cultural education centres to support the development and promotion of Inuit cultural heritage.

These guidelines set out the program delivery requirements for funding recipients of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for the delivery of a project under the Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program.

These guidelines are effective as of April 1, 2025 and replace the [Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program: National Program Guidelines 2024 to 2025](#).

# 2. Objective

The objective of the Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program is to support Inuit individuals and communities in expressing, preserving, developing, promoting and sharing their cultural heritage with other Canadians, thereby promoting awareness of Canada's cultural diversity.

# 3. Expected results

It is expected that this grant program will lead to an enhanced understanding of Inuit culture and a richer Canadian cultural fabric.

## 4. Eligible recipients

- Inuit individuals ordinarily resident in:
  - Nunatsiavut, Labrador
  - Nunavik, Quebec
  - Nunavut
  - Inuvialuit Settlement Region in Northwest Territories
- Community-based Inuit cultural education centres

For an Inuk residing outside of their land claim settlement area, a copy of a birth certificate and a letter of recognition from one of the Inuit land claim organizations or regional governments may be required, for example, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Makivik Corporation, Nunatsiavut Government.

## 5. Eligible activities

Activities funded under the program promote awareness of Canada's cultural diversity. They must support:

- the expression, preservation, development and promotion of Inuit cultural heritage
- the sharing of Inuit cultural heritage with other Canadians

## 6. Expenditures

### 6.1 Eligible expenditures

Payments are limited to covering the direct costs of one-time projects related to Inuit culture which are outlined in the proposals submitted and include:

- materials and supplies
- printing and publishing
- communications
- travel

Travel expenses are to be claimed at actual cost, but cannot exceed the rates and allowances established in the National Joint Council [Travel Directive](#) in effect at the time of travel.

Expenses which exceed the rates and allowances set for in the directive are ineligible and will not be paid.

Administration costs must not exceed 15% of the sub-total amount approved before administration costs. The data collection instrument (DCI) will automatically calculate the amount.

## 6.2 Ineligible expenditures

Payments do not include the following expenditures:

- ongoing activities or operations
- periodic events such as annual meetings or festivals

# 7. Proposal process and assessment criteria

All funding for the Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program will be based on proposals approved by ISC.

Proposals are selected on the basis of meeting program objectives, with consideration given to geographic distribution.

Applicants must submit detailed proposals for the activities to be undertaken over the course of the agreement, clearly stating how the proposed activities will further the objectives and expected results of this program.

## 7.1 Submission of proposals

Only proposals submitted in the electronic proposal form issued by ISC will be considered for assessment.

Refer to the proposal form and the attached instructions for application details. Incomplete proposals will be returned to applicants. To access the proposal form, contact your [regional office](#).

Consult [Calls for proposals](#) for more details on the 2025 to 2026 calls for proposals and the application process.

## 7.2 Assessment criteria

All proposals will be assessed by the following criteria:

- the extent to which the proposal furthers 1 or more of the program objectives
- the degree to which the activity plan, including specific project activities, timeframe and budget, will result in the expected results

Meeting these criteria does not guarantee funding from the Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program.

### **7.3 Review and approval of proposals**

ISC regional staff will review and approve proposals. Applicants will receive a written response to confirm whether, or not, their proposal has been approved for funding.

A cheque will be sent to successful applicants.

## **8. Funding**

### **8.1 Maximum amount payable per funding recipient**

A maximum amount of \$5,000 may be made available per recipient within a fiscal year for eligible expenditures.

If the amount of total funding requested in eligible proposals exceeds the total available budget, eligible proposals will be approved on a first come, first serve basis.

## **9. Reporting requirements and monitoring and oversight activities**

Recipients are encouraged to provide a brief summary 4 to 6 lines in length of their completed project to their ISC Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program officer by e-mail. The summary should include the results upon completion of the project.

## **10. Managing conflicts of interest**

It is necessary to avoid potential, perceived and actual conflicts of interest and any situation that might cause doubt in objectivity. As such, a procedure to manage conflicts of interest must be developed and put in place.

Recipients that manage the adjudication and administration of funding of the program must demonstrate transparency and accountability in their policies and processes.

This includes having:

- a conflict of interest policy
- written standards, policies and procedures on the project selection process for funding
- an available list of successful proponents

Individuals cannot participate in the evaluation of a proposal in the following situations:

- individual has assisted in the preparation of the proposal, is an employee of the applicant, has provided consulting services, in any capacity, to the organization submitting the proposal or may in the future
- individual will be a team member on the proposed project
- individual is a relative or close friend of any of the employees of the management team of the eligible recipient which submitted a proposal

Conflicts of interest may arise during the review of proposals. These situations must be managed in an open and transparent manner.

Should a situation arise that presents a real or potential conflict of interest during the review process, the impacted individual must withdraw themselves from the deliberations concerning the specific proposal.

## 11. Contact information

To find out more about the program, visit:

- [Inuit Cultural Education Centres Grant Program](#)

Visit the [Regional offices](#) page to find your regional contact.

You can also write to:

Education Branch  
Indigenous Services Canada  
10 rue Wellington - Suite 1455, Mailstop 25E-19  
Gatineau QC K1A 0H4  
Email: [education-education@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:education-education@sac-isc.gc.ca)

To learn more about education programs, consult the [Education programs: National program guidelines](#) or click on the View instructions button on the first page of this program's data collection instrument.