



NWT Anti-Poverty Funding Guidelines 2023-2024

Statement of Purpose

The Anti-Poverty Fund (APF) has a mandate to support and fund Anti-Poverty initiatives in the Northwest Territories (NWT) that demonstrate tangible action towards the reduction of poverty in the NWT.

The Anti-Poverty Fund is one of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) commitments under the Territorial Anti-Poverty Action Plan (TAPAP). It is intended to support the efforts of TAPAP partners.

Funding Objectives

To fund Anti-Poverty initiatives:

- where the goal is to overcome the causes of poverty;
- where the activities are directly linked to one of the five priorities in the Anti-Poverty Strategic Framework;
- that encourage community participation, and facilitate partnerships; and where the activities seek to give people better information and resource tools with which they reduce the impact and effects of poverty.

Project Proposals

Project proposals must explain how their proposed activities align with at least one of the priorities of the Strategic Framework ([*Building on the Strengths of Northerners*](#)):

1. Children and Family Support
(i.e. early childhood development and education; access to affordable childcare for those living in poverty; prenatal programming, children's health and wellbeing; etc)
2. Healthy Living and Reaching Our Potential
(i.e. literacy and education; social inclusion for those living or at risk of living in poverty, such as youth and elders; addiction prevention and treatment; health and wellbeing, including mental health; etc)
3. Safe and Affordable Housing

(i.e. efforts to reduce homelessness; transitional housing; improving the quality of existing housing stock; etc)

4. Sustainable Communities

(i.e. food security; traditional skills and economy; reducing barriers to employment; local and less expensive sources of heat and energy; etc)

5. Integrated Continuum of Services

(i.e. system navigators to assist residents to access various supports and services; improving integration and coordination of services through a one window approach; etc)

Eligibility

Eligible organizations:

- Indigenous governments in the NWT;
- Community governing authorities (Band Council, Metis Local, Charter Community or municipal council); and
- Non-government organizations that can demonstrate partnership or support from an Indigenous or community governing authority.

NOTE: GNWT entities, including schools and health centres, are not eligible to apply. They may be included as partners in projects led by eligible applicant organizations.

Eligible projects:

Projects must be located in the NWT. Projects may be new initiatives or enhancements of existing projects. Eligible projects should:

- provide a tangible *service or support* at the community level;
- demonstrate the potential to *improve social outcomes* for residents in a tangible and measurable fashion;
- propose to develop or implement a *new approach* to program or service delivery at the community level;
- demonstrate the ability to develop meaningful *partnerships* with other organizations and support an integrated approach in responding to multiple social issues.

NOTE: For previous recipients of the Anti-Poverty Fund, proposals to continue the existing project are considered to be eligible. The project does not need to change each year. However, the proposal should clearly show how the project will build on learnings, successes, and outcomes from previous years.

Eligibility exceptions:

Generally, projects that propose to undertake research or consultation will not be considered, unless the proposals can demonstrate that the results of the research or consultation will support a planned community intervention.

Priority of competing projects:

The APF amount is set on a yearly basis. The Fund is generally oversubscribed; not all applications will receive funding, and successful projects may receive only partial funding. If there are multiple, competing projects, and there is insufficient funding to provide support for each project, priority will be given to projects that:

- Demonstrate partnerships;
- Support integrated case management; and
- Demonstrate sustainability (i.e. can be carried over for several years and will benefit from multi-year funding).

Application Requirements

- The NWT Anti-Poverty Fund *Application must be completed in full*. This includes required project information relating to the applicant, range of funding, project start and end date, project proposal analysis and evaluation, and project proposal deliverables
- Applications should show efforts to *leverage other funding* or in-kind support for the project
- Applicants must provide a current *Certificate of Insurance* displaying general liability coverage.

NGOs must also submit:

- Applicant organizations that are incorporated under Corporate Registries, including non-profit societies, must provide a current *Letter of Good Standing* from the registrar.
- A *letter of support* from an individual in a leadership position from an Indigenous government or community government is required, showing how the proposed activities link to existing community based priorities, programs and services

Amount

The Anti-Poverty Fund is \$1,750,000 annually. There is no minimum or maximum amount set for individual applications. Actual funding amounts will be determined using factors such as scope, size, and potential impact of the project or initiative, regional and community context, and the number of organizations involved. Funding may be multi-year, subject to annual appropriation.

Review, Appeal and Decision-Making

- Proposals are reviewed by the Anti-Poverty Advisory Committee
- Final authority for funding decisions will rest with the Minister of Health and Social Services, whose decisions are final and not subject to appeal
- The Minister of Health and Social Services has the authority to approve exceptions to these guidelines and the resulting policy.