



EXECUTIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

ABORIGINAL AND CIRCUMPOLAR AFFAIRS GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

Statement of Policy

Within the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs it is the Policy of the Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division to provide assistance to Aboriginal and Circumpolar organizations for:

1. Program funding to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference to assist with annual events and operations in Canada.
2. Minor funding to Canadian organizations, community groups or individuals for activities within or outside Canada contributing to increased circumpolar co-operation, understanding and awareness.

Funding proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Director, Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nunavut, setting out the proposed activity, budget and all funding sources.

Funding may be approved throughout the year as projects are submitted.

Scope

This policy applies to funding provided to

1. Inuit Circumpolar Conference Canada
2. Aboriginal and Circumpolar organizations, community groups or individuals for special activities and events.

Definitions

Aboriginal

Having to do with aboriginal and indigenous peoples as recognized in their respective countries.

Circumpolar

Having to do with the geographic area recognized by the Arctic Council as Circumpolar.

Contributions

A conditional transfer payment made to a recipient from whom the government will not receive any goods or services. Contribution payments are conditional on performance or achievement of the recipient's stated goal(s) and are subject to audit or other reporting requirements.

Grant

A transfer payment made to a recipient, for which the Government will not receive any goods or services. A grant is a payment without a financial accountability requirement. However, an achievement report will be required.

Minor

A grant or contribution typically less than \$10,000 in value and in any event not more than \$25,000 in value.

Organization

A local, regional or national association, group or agency that represents aboriginal and/or circumpolar interests.

Provisions

Authority and accountability

1. All provisions contained in the *Financial Administration Act* and the Government of Nunavut's Financial Administration Manual shall apply to the financial administration of all grants and contributions issued by the Department.
2. The Legislative Assembly approves the grants and contributions budget of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs on a fiscal year basis.
3. The Deputy Minister of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for the administration of grants and contribution program of the department.
4. The Minister will table annually in the Legislative Assembly a summary report for all grants and contributions awarded by the department. The report will

include the amount of each contribution, the type of initiative being supported.

5. The Department will measure the achievements of the proposals, compared to the expectations indicated by the recipients.

Financial Conditions

1. Prior to the issue of payment, the recipient(s) of a contribution shall sign a Contribution Agreement, which contains their project goals and objectives, guidelines for allowable expenditures, a completion timeline and reporting and accounting requirements.
2. Contributions exceeding \$100,000 annually must be paid in installments based on the working capital requirements of the recipient's proposal, and the terms of the Contribution Agreement.
3. Where full financial accounting or reporting requirements are not submitted, the unaccounted for portions shall be returned to the GN and the recipients will not be considered for further funding until the required financial statement indicating that the contribution was expended according to their proposal is received, or the amount unaccounted for is repaid.

Prerogative of Executive Council

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take action respecting Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs grants and contributions outside the provisions of this Policy.

Approved by:
The Honourable Paul Okalik
Premier

