



## Department of Economic Development & Transportation

### Independent Science Programs for Youth (I-SPY) Fund GUIDELINES

#### **Purpose**

The Independent Science Programs for Youth (I-SPY) Fund provides grants to develop and carry out science-based extra-curricular programming for Nunavut youth.

#### **Program Objectives**

The I-SPY Fund aims to support initiatives that:

- Engage Nunavut students in hands-on science learning opportunities
- Generate an interest in science among students
- Promote careers in science and technology
- Highlight Nunavut-relevant examples of science research and projects taking place

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligibility for grants under this program is restricted to Not-for-profit Organizations, including:

- societies registered under the *Nunavut Societies Act*,
- not-for-profit corporations registered under the *Canada Corporations Act*,
- registered charities;
- student organizations with a Lottery Licence under the *Lotteries Act*; or
- student organizations with the written support of a principal, municipal council, or district education authority.

#### **Eligible Programs**

Qualifying Science Programs which are eligible for I-SPY funding include science-oriented and extra-curricular programs that provide opportunities for Nunavut youth to engage in learning science in a practical and hands-on approach.

Eligible areas of focus include mathematics, technology, geology, computer science, engineering, biology, chemistry or physics.

Travel to/from and hosting of science fairs is not eligible for funding under this program.



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#### Eligible Costs

I-SPY funding may be used to cover costs associated with holding or attending science-related events, including:

- the purchase of equipment or supplies needed to deliver a program;
- travel and accommodations for students and organizers; and
- fees for facilitators of the science program.

#### Application Process

Organizations that are eligible to receive assistance under the I-SPY Fund must submit:

- a completed and signed application form;
- A proposal which demonstrates that the program to be delivered will further the program objectives.
- Sufficient detail about the proposed science program to allow the department to assess the program's educational, scientific and motivational value, and the resources required to deliver it; and
- Proof that the organization is an eligible not-for-profit organization.

#### Amount

The maximum annual grant is normally \$5,000 per recipient-organization, with exceptions possible for projects which involve students from more than one community.

The percentage of eligible costs funded by this program will be:

- 75% for Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay and Baker Lake\*;
- 80% for decentralized communities (Pond Inlet, Igloolik, Pangnirtung, Cape Dorset, Arviat, Gjoa Haven, and Kugluktuk)
- and 85% for all other communities.

*\* For example, if your program is based in Rankin Inlet, and your full project budget is \$6000, you would be eligible for \$4500 in funding ( \$6000 X 0.75 ).*

Grants are provided in a lump sum payment.

#### Application Dates

Applications may be received at any time in the fiscal year.

The department will not assess applications or commit funds before the beginning of the fiscal year.



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#### **Terms and Conditions**

All grant recipients must sign an agreement agreeing to the terms of the grant prior to issue of the payment.

The government retains the right to conduct an audit for all grants and contributions, even though an audit may not always be required.

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* applies to all aspects of the content, financial management, and general performance of any agreement signed under this policy.

#### **After you are approved**

Recipients are requested to disclose in their annual financial statements the details of grants received under this program, including amount, purpose, and disposition.

After completion of the project, recipients will be requested to report on the use of project funds, student participation, and the educational benefits realized by participants.

The assessment of new applications from past recipients will take into account the recipient's previous use of funding, as substantiated by project reporting.

#### **Contact**

For more information on applying for funding from this program please contact:

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