

# **2016-17 Annual Report**

## Country Food Distribution Program

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## Program Report

### Current Approach

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Schedule B provides funding for investments into harvesting infrastructure. These funds primarily support the construction or renovation of community freezers, however they can also be used for other community identified harvesting infrastructure. The department works in partnership with interested municipalities during the application and project development process to help ensure the results are feasible projects that meet communities' needs.

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### **2016-17 Spending Report: Schedule A**

In 2016-17 communities used Schedule A to finance local harvests for at-risk members of the community, and to pay for community feasts or country food related events that promote community wellbeing. Funds were also used for firearms safety training.

These projects impact local food security and help to create a grassroots commercial system that will be scalable to take advantage of future opportunities surrounding country food.

In the short term, this could include meeting the institutional demand for country food at local schools, health centers and other facilities. In the medium term, the department is advocating for local hunters to be eligible for equal access to the subsidies provided under the Nutrition North program.

The systems that communities are developing under schedule A will help lay the ground work to achieve this goal.

for the Municipality of Rankin Inlet and to begin scoping work for the Whale Cove community freezer. Remaining funds were allocated to Schedule A type projects including a Mikku making workshop and the direct purchase of country food.

### **2016-17 Spending Report: Schedule B**

In 2016-17 the Hamlets of Sanikiluaq and Arviat finished the construction of their freezer projects. The Hamlet of Taloyoak renovated their existing community freezer in the old hamlet building. The Mittimatalik HTO initiated the construction of a new community freezer and the Hamlet of Whale Cove started scoping work for a new freezer project.

### **2016-17 Spending Report: Growing Forward 2**

The department allocated Growing Forward 2 funding to the construction of community freezers in Sanikiluaq and Arviat. Funds were used to purchase a Stand-up Freezer to store country food

## Detailed Spending Report

Recipient	Description	Community	Amount
<b>Schedule A</b>			
Municipality of Cape Dorset	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Cape Dorset	\$30,000
Hall Beach HTA	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Hall Beach	\$20,000
Municipality of Hall Beach	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Hall Beach	\$10,000
Municipality of Igloolik	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Igloolik	\$30,000
Qayuqtuvik Society	Country Food Distribution Program	Iqaluit	\$10,000
Mayukalik HTA	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Kimmirut	\$15,250
Hamlet of Pangnirtung	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Pangnirtung	\$16,000
Municipality of Qikiqtarjuaq	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Qikiqtarjuaq	\$30,000
Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Sanikiluaq	\$30,000
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Chesterfield Inlet	\$15,000
Hamlet of Coral Harbour	Purchase Country Food and Conduct Firearms Safety Course	Coral Harbour	\$30,000
Hamlet of Naujaat	Purchase Country Food From Local Hunters	Naujaat	\$10,000
Ikurraq Food Bank society	Purchase of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$24,131
Kataujaq Society	Purchase of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$5,517
Hamlet of Kugaaruk	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Kugaaruk	\$10,000
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Freezer O&M and Purchase of Country Food	Kugluktuk	\$40,000
<b>Total Schedule A</b>			<b>\$325,898</b>
<b>Schedule B</b>			
Mittimatalik HTO	Construction of Community Freezer	Pond Inlet	\$307,633
Municipality of Sanikiluaq	Completion of Community Freezer	Sanikiluaq	\$62,134
Hamlet of Arviat	Completion of Community Freezer	Arviat	\$331,397
Hamlet of Arviat	Purchase Community freezer shelving	Arviat	\$25,118
Hamlet of Taloyoak	Renovation of Community Freezer	Taloyoak	\$121,175
<b>Total Schedule B</b>			<b>\$847,457</b>
<b>Total CFDP</b>			<b>\$1,173,355</b>
<b>Growing Forward 2</b>			
Municipality of Sanikiluaq	Construction of Community Freezer	Sanikiluaq	\$107,222
Hamlet of Arviat	Construction of Community Freezer	Arviat	\$166,335
Hamlet of Arviat	Purchase Country Food and hunting supplies	Arviat	\$24,000
Hamlet of Baker Lake	Mikku Making Workshop	Baker Lake	\$10,500
Municipality of Rankin Inlet	Stand up Freezer Purchase	Rankin Inlet	\$15,784
Hamlet of Whale Cove	Scoping for Community Freezer	Whale Cove	\$16,656
Kurtairojuark Hunters and	Direct Purchases of Country Food	Kugaaruk	\$19,800
<b>Total Growing Forward 2</b>			<b>\$360,297</b>

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## Program Report

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### **2017-18 Spending Report: Schedule A**

In 2017-18 communities used Schedule A to finance local harvests for at-risk members of the community, and to pay for community feasts or country food related events that promote community wellbeing. Funds were also used for firearms safety training and one community conducted a fox skinning workshop.

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### **2017-18 Spending Report: Schedule B**

The Hamlets of Qikiqtarjuaq and Whale Cove began the prefabrication and site preparation for their community freezers.

The Ikajutit HTA in Arctic Bay opted for a shipping container based design, and funded the customization of shipping containers in Iqaluit.

The community freezer in Pond Inlet was completed in the Fall of 2018.

### **2017-18 Spending Report: Growing Forward 2**

The department determines which projects to allocate federal-territorial funding to from the Growing Forward 2 program. In 2017-18 the funds were used for the community freezer project in Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay.

**Detailed Spending Report:**

Recipient	Description	Hamlet	Amount
<b>Schedule A</b>			
Hamlet of Arctic Bay	Local Purchase of Country Food	Arctic Bay	\$20,800
Municipality of Cape Dorset	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Cape Dorset	\$24,697
Municipality of Hall Beach	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Hall Beach	\$24,000
Municipality of Igloolik	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Igloolik	\$30,000
Toonik Tyme Society	Country Food for Feast	Iqaluit	\$4,600
Municipality of Kimmirut	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Kimmirut	\$10,000
Hamlet of Pangnirtung	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Pangnirtung	\$15,000
Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Qikiqtarjuaq	\$30,000
Resolute Bay HTA	Purchase of Country Food	Resolut Bay	\$9,028
Sanikiluaq HTA	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Sanikiluaq	\$15,000
Hamlet of Arviat	Purchase Country Food	Arviat	\$20,000
Hamlet of Baker Lake	Purchase of Country Food and Firearms Training	Baker Lake	\$16,275
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet	Purchase of Country Food	Chesterfield Inlet	\$29,800
Hamlet of Coral Harbour	Purchase of Country Food, Firearms Training, Fox Skinning	Coral Harbour	\$33,830
Ikkurraq Food Bank Society	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$20,000
Municipality of Rankin Inlet	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$9,990
Kataujaq Society	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$6,000
Hamlet of Whale Cove	Purchase of Country Food and Firearms Training	Whale Cove	\$29,500
Ekaluktutiak HTO	Community Harvest	Cambridge Bay	\$30,000
Hamlet of Gjoa Haven	Purchase of Country Food and Freezer Utilities	Gjoa Haven	\$68,413
Kurtairojuark HTO	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Kugaaruk	\$30,000
Hamlet of Kugaaruk	Utilities for Community Freezer	Kugaaruk	\$10,000
Kugluktuk Angoniatit Assoc	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Kugluktuk	\$29,993
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Utilities for Community Freezer	Kugluktuk	\$10,000
Spence Bay HTO	Purchase and distribution of Country Food	Taloyoak	\$24,000
Hamlet of Taloyoak	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Taloyoak	\$10,000
<b>Subtotal Schedule A</b>			<b>\$560,925</b>
<b>Schedule B</b>			
Ikajutit HTO	Construction of Community Freezer	Arctic Bay	\$252,965
Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq	Community Freezer Design and Prefabrication	Qikiqtarjuaq	\$92,070
Mittimatalik HTA	Community Freezer Construction	Pond Inlet	\$7,299
Hamlet of Whale Cove	Site Prep and Prefabrication of Community Freezer	Whale Cove	\$290,650
<b>Subtotal Schedule B</b>			<b>\$642,984</b>
<b>Total CFPD</b>			<b>\$1,203,909</b>
<b>Growing Forward 2</b>			
Mittimatalik HTA	Construction of Community Freezer	Pond Inlet	\$400,000
Ikajutit HTA	Construction of Community Freezer	Arctic Bay	\$20,035
<b>Total Growing Forward 2</b>			<b>\$420,035</b>



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### **2018-19 Spending Report: Schedule A**

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### **2018-19 Spending Report: Schedule B**

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### **2018-19 Spending Report: Canadian Agricultural Partnership**

The department signed the Canadian Agricultural Partnership in 2018-19 which replaces the Growing Forward 2 agreement. In 2018-19 the funds were used for the community freezer project in Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay.

**Detailed Spending Report:**

Recipient	Project Description	Community	Amount
<b>Schedule A</b>			
Ikajutit HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Arctic Bay	\$14,942
Municipality of Cape Dorset	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Cape Dorset	\$19,809
Aiviq HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Cape Dorset	\$10,000
Ilisaqsivik Society	Support for Hunter Programming	Clyde River	\$29,080
Iviq HTO	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Grise Fiord	\$8,496
Hall Beach HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Hall Beach	\$22,800
Municipality of Igloolik	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Igloolik	\$30,000
Qajuqturvik Food Centre	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Iqaluit	\$30,000
Hamlet of Pangnirtung	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Pangnirtung	\$30,000
Mittimatalik HTO	Purchase of Country Food and Freezer utilities	Pond Inlet	\$40,000
Sanikiluaq HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Pond Inlet	\$32,045
Resolute Bay HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Pond Inlet	\$10,000
Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Qikiqtarjuaq	\$30,000
Municipality of Sanikiluaq	Community Freezer Repair	Sanikiluaq	\$10,000
Hamlet of Arviat	Firearms Training	Arviat	\$20,000
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Chesterfield Inlet	\$22,900
Hamlet of Coral Harbour	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Coral Harbour	\$26,610
Ikurraq Food Bank Society	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$32,000
Kataujaq Society Safe Shelter	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Rankin Inlet	\$5,975
Hamlet of Whale Cove	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Whale Cove	\$15,200
Ekaluktutiak HTO	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Cambridge Bay	\$30,000
Hamlet of Gjoa Haven	Purchase of Country Food and Freezer utilities	Gjoa Haven	\$66,183
Gjoa Haven Hunters & Trappers	2013-14 Accrual Cleared in Error	Gjoa Haven	\$125
Hamlet of Kugaaruk	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Kugaaruk	\$10,000
Kurtairojuark HTO	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Kuggaruk	\$55,000
Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Kugluktuk	\$30,000
Hamlet of Kugluktuk	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Kugluktuk	\$12,500
Spence Bay HTA	Purchase and Distribution of Country Food	Taloyoak	\$49,197
Hamlet of Taloyoak	Freezer Utilities and Maintenance	Taloyoak	\$12,500
<b>Subtotal Schedule A</b>			<b>\$705,363</b>
<b>Schedule B</b>			
Clyde River	Initiation of Community Freezer Project	Clyde River	\$176,829
Whale Cove	Completion of Community Freezer	Whale Cove	\$61,242
Municipality of Qikiqtarjuaq	Completion of Community Freezer	Qikiqtarjuaq	\$277,650
<b>Subtotal Schedule B</b>			<b>\$515,721</b>
<b>Total CFDP</b>			<b>\$1,221,084</b>
<b>Canadian Agricultural Partnership</b>			
Whale Cove	Completion of Community Freezer	Whale Cove	\$298,758
Clyde River	Initiation of a Community Freezer	Clyde River	\$120,208
<b>Subtotal CAP</b>			<b>\$418,966</b>