

SCHEDULE 6: INUIT INITIATIVES FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) has entered into *Impact and Benefits Agreements* and *Participation Agreements* with various mining companies and different levels of Government. These agreements provide funding, which KIA administers through the *Aituuti Katimayit Policy*. Pursuant to the policy, KIA has established the Inuit Initiatives Fund to support Kitikmeot Beneficiaries and groups with cultural and wellness initiatives. KIA administers the Inuit Initiatives Fund through the Aituuti Katimayit.

PURPOSE

KIA believes a strong Inuit cultural foundation is vital to Inuit well-being. Therefore, the purpose of the Inuit Initiatives Fund is to provide funding in support of initiatives that support, enhance or promote Inuit culture and wellness.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Inuit Initiatives Fund is to support:

- Cultural initiatives including community cultural and traditional events; and
- Wellness initiatives including recreation, sports and social events; and
- Other related initiatives that benefit Inuit in the Kitikmeot region.

KIA FUNDING PRIORITIES

The KIA Board of Directors has identified the following priorities to guide the work of the Aituuti Katimayit with respect to allocating Inuit Initiatives funding:

- Funding should be allocated to projects that aim to preserve and strengthen Inuit cultural identity.
- Funding should be allocated to projects whose proponents are either based in the Kitikmeot region, or who otherwise enjoy strong local or regional support.
- Funding allocated for non-traditional sports initiatives is to be focused on high profile events occurring in the Kitikmeot region, which involve multiple communities, and which demonstrate KIA's sponsorship role.

ELIGIBLE INITIATIVES

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis; however, a focus of eligible initiatives must support, enhance or promote Inuit culture and wellness. Initiatives may require a minimum equity contribution. For clarity, Community Hunts are considered eligible activities. Other examples include:

- Payments to an Elder who is recognized for his/her understanding of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and who is providing this knowledge as part of a KIA supported

- initiative; or
- Payment to musicians who are required to play as part of a cultural event; or
- A preference will be given to indigenous motivation speakers brought into a community to deliver a message of wellness.

INELIGIBLE INITIATIVES

Initiatives that do not meet the Inuit Initiatives Fund objectives will not be considered. As well, the following activities would not normally be considered:

- Individual “hunter support”
- Capital including buildings, vehicles, boats, etc.
- Initiatives that duplicate or seek to do the work that governments should be carrying out

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include:

- Individual Inuit who are registered Beneficiaries, pursuant to Article 35 of the Nunavut Agreement, and who are associated with one of the Kitikmeot communities.
- A non-profit organization, or an ad hoc committee or group that is, or is seeking to deliver programs, activities, or events that involve and significantly benefit Kitikmeot Inuit. Such applications must be accompanied by a list of members from the sponsoring organization, board of directors, or committee.

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS AND CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Aituuti Katimayit when evaluating applications to the Inuit Initiatives Fund:

- Contributions will not normally exceed \$10,000.00; this includes pan-regional initiatives which are capped to a maximum of \$10,000.00.
- Applicants seeking more than \$10,000.00 must demonstrate benefits accruing to a broad group of Inuit living in the Kitikmeot region
- All applicants must demonstrate equity or third-party funding from other organizations, government funding, or fund-raising activities.
- All applicants must demonstrate how the initiative supports, enhances or promotes Inuit culture and wellness.

Specific contribution levels and criteria include:

- Non-traditional sports or recreation initiatives for Youth (18 and under) are eligible for a maximum \$10,000 upon application with requirement that 25% of total funding required be raised separately (fund raising, etc.)
- Non-traditional sports or recreation initiatives for Adults (19 and older) are eligible for a maximum \$10,000 upon application with requirement that 75% of funding required be raised separately (fund-raising, etc.)
- Derby-type events (i.e. fishing and sealing contests) are eligible for \$1500/per event twice a year, for a total of \$3000 per Kitikmeot Community. Applications for these

events should come from established, community-based organizations. Further, a 25% equity contribution from the applicant is required to be eligible for this funding.

REPORTING

In addition to any requirements specified in a contribution agreement, recipients of Inuit Initiatives funding are expected to adhere to the following with respect to meeting reporting requirements:

- In order for KIA to issue final payment for a supported initiative, recipients are required to report on the sources of their applicant equity and how it was used to carry out the initiative.
- Recipients are required to submit a report on a funded initiative to KIA within 90 days of its completion. Failure to provide a report may result in KIA withholding final payment until such time that a satisfactory report is submitted.
- If a recipient fails to meet reporting requirements, KIA has the right to no longer accept any further applications from the recipient, and it may hold back payments owed to the recipient until such time that the outstanding matter is addressed to the satisfaction of KIA.
- Recipients that fail to meet reporting requirements, as set out in a contribution agreement, will lose the right to apply for further Inuit Initiative funding for a period of seven years, or until such time that the outstanding matter is addressed to the satisfaction of KIA.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications to the Inuit Initiatives Fund are to be received four (4) times a year with each intake period lasting two (2) months, with an additional month to allow for the proposal's evaluation by the Aituuti Katimayit. Funding opportunities will be advertised through a competitive and advertised Call for Proposals

Applications should include supporting documentation, including sources of equity or third-party funding. For more information and to submit completed applications contact:

- *Your local KIA Community Liaison Officer, or*
- *KIA Department of Social and Cultural Development in Cambridge Bay @ (867) 983-2458*

AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Aituuti Katimayit

The Aituuti Katimayit is accountable to the KIA Board for timely review and decisions on applications, and monitoring results.

Applicants

Applicants receiving a contribution from the Inuit Initiative Fund will be required to:

- sign a contribution agreement acknowledging receipt of the contribution;
- upon completion of the initiative submit to the Department of Social and Cultural Development:

- a final report detailing the initiative supported, enhanced or promoted Inuit culture and wellness;
- photos, videos or documents/reports completed during the initiative; and
- a financial accounting of how the contribution was spent.

Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may affect applicant success in accessing future KIA program funding for a period of seven years, or until such time that the outstanding matter is addressed to the satisfaction of KIA.

APPEALS

Individuals dissatisfied with a decision made by the Aituuti Katimayit may appeal the decision. Appeals must be made within thirty (30) days to both the chair of the Aituuti Katimayit and President of the KIA, whose joint decision is final.

RIGHT OF KIA

Nothing in these terms of reference is intended to guarantee a certain outcome or commitment on the part of KIA. KIA reserves the right to change the terms of reference and funding limits as they see fit.