Trail Funding Program – Indigenous Communities Stream

Background

Trans Canada Trail has a made a formal Commitment to Reconciliation, and, to that end, has created a funding stream to support projects and initiatives led by Indigenous communities.

Note

- This stream is NOT intended for trail construction or regular trail signage. Please apply to the infra-structure or signage stream for such projects.

- This stream IS intended for projects amplifying Indigenous presence, history, knowledge and culture on and along the Trans Canada Trail.

- This stream IS intended for projects supporting Indigenous reconciliation.

Eligibility

- All applications must meet the general eligibility requirements outlined in Section 2 of the 2022-2023 Program Framework.

- Applications submitted must agree to meeting all applicable standards, codes, bylaws and regulations pertinent to the project and region.

- Applicants must provide valid proof of liability insurance, as it pertains to the section of the Trail where the project is taking place.

- Projects must be led by an Indigenous community, or led by a non-Indigenous group that is working in close partnership with an Indigenous group

Financial Support – Education, Planning and Consultation Phases

Trans Canada Trail may provide financial support for education, planning and consultations, up to 35% of the eligible expenses. The maximum contribution for these types of projects is limited to $20,000.

All studies that receive a contribution from Trans Canada Trail must be a precursor to an implementation phase; however, an approved contribution for this phase does not guarantee financial support from Trans Canada Trail for the following phase of the project.

Financial Support – Implementation Phases

Trans Canada Trail may provide financial support for the implementation phase of a project through this stream based on a percentage of eligible expenses. The maximum contribution amounts are limited to:

- 35% of eligible expenses up to $50,000

Examples of Eligible Projects

- **Eligible Projects:**
    - Preservation, revitalization and strengthening of Indigenous language through lexicon development (past example: Trans Canada Trail translation)
    - Cultural expression and transmission through art along the Trail
      (past example: medicine trail)
    - Youth engagement and education through Trail-related training and use
      (past example: trail building workshops)
    - Education, recognition and commemoration of the history and legacy of colonization and residential schools along the Trail (examples: interpretive signage, digital education, commemoration)

- **Administration:**
    - Trans Canada Trail will work with applicants to ensure that the application process, the format of the contribution agreement, and the reporting structure are designed in a way that facilitates and supports the successful execution of the project.

      Alterations to the standard Trans Canada Trail process may include:
        - Modified application and reporting format (e.g., phone reporting)
        - Flexible reporting schedule (e.g., as an alternative to fixed reporting schedules, groups will commit to regular "check-ins" with Trans Canada Trail)
        - Custom reporting schedule based on input from the group and what will work for them
        - Flexible funding thresholds depending on the capacity of the group

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