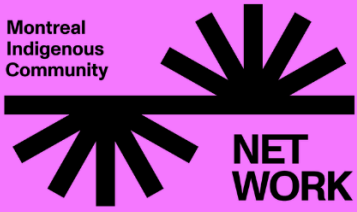


Montreal
Indigenous
Community



FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: June 12th, 2026

Funding Period: 2026-2027

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Hint: Make sure your name matches your incorporation documents exactly. If you operate under a different name (like a shortened version or acronym), include both. Double-check that your charitable registration number is current and matches CRA records.

Official name					
Operating name (if different)					
Mailing address					
City		Province		Postal code	
Main contact person					
Position/Title					
Phone		Email			
Organization's website (if applicable)					

Select all that apply:

- We are federally incorporated
- We are provincially incorporated (Quebec)
- We are a registered charity**
- We are a community project
- Other: _____

**Registered charity number	**Registered NEQ	**Registered BN

SECTION 2: INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATION STATUS

Hint: Be honest about your organization's structure. If you don't meet the majority of criteria for 'Indigenous-led', selecting "Indigenous-serving" isn't a weakness. It just means you need to demonstrate strong partnerships. The letter of support requirement exists to ensure accountability to Indigenous communities.

Please select the option that best describes your organization:

Indigenous-led organization

*** "Indigenous Organization" refers to an organization (including service providers, grassroots groups, companies, businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations) that meets a majority of the following criteria:*

- Founded by an Indigenous person or group;
- Staffed with Indigenous people (more than 50% of employees are Indigenous)
This criteria does not apply to organizations that have fewer than five employees;
- More than 50% of the organization's members and clients are Indigenous (if applicable);
- Governed by Indigenous people; more than 50% of the decision-makers must be Indigenous (i.e. board of directors, steering committee, directors, or other decision-making positions);
- The Indigenous organization is recognized by other Indigenous organizations or communities.

Indigenous-serving organization working in partnership with Indigenous organization(s)

- If you are an Indigenous serving organization please fill the following section.

SECTION 3: INDIGENOUS SERVING ORGANIZATION ONLY

Hint: When describing your partnerships, be specific about the relationship. How long have you worked together? What do you do together? Do you co-design programs, share resources, meet regularly? The letter of support shows that your Indigenous partner organization endorses this work and sees value in the collaboration.

•	You must attach a letter of support from your Indigenous partner organization.	
•	If you are an Indigenous serving organization, name the Indigenous partner organization(s) you regularly collaborate with:	
•	How long have you been working with these organizations & in what capacity ?	
•	What percentage of the population you serve is Indigenous?	

SECTION 4: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & PARTICIPATION

Hint: It's okay to need support, that's what we're here for. Being realistic about capacity is better than overpromising. If you've never done this type of project before, explain what similar work you HAVE done and how those skills transfer. New doesn't mean incapable.

Do you currently have the capacity to complete this project?

- Yes, we have the capacity
- We will need support from the NETWORK or partner organizations
- We are building capacity through partnerships

If you need support, what kind? (check all that apply)

- Capacity building (budget planning, reporting support, financial fiduciary, partnership connections)
- Budget planning
- Reporting support
- Financial fiduciary
- Partnership connections
- Other: _____

Have you previously succeeded in completing a project like this?

- Yes
- No

If yes, tell us about it. Only answer for new projects that have never received funding from the NETWORK.

SECTION 5: PROJECT INFORMATION

Hint: Your brief description should answer: What will you DO (activities), WHO benefits (specific population), and WHEN it happens. Avoid vague language like “support community members”. Be specific like “provide beading circles for youth ages 13-18 over 8-weeks starting May 2026”.

Project title:	
Brief Project Description (3-4 sentences maximum; what will you do and who will benefit?):	
Objective of the project	

Project start date: _____ **Project end date:** _____

Target number of Indigenous people your project will serve:

Hint: When estimating people served, be realistic. It's better to say "20 youth" and serve 25 than promise "100 youth" and reach 30. We look at the quality of impact, not just numbers.

Target population(s) (check all that apply):

- Indigenous minors (ages 0-17)
 - Indigenous youth (ages 18-35)
 - Indigenous families
 - Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
 - Indigenous Elders/seniors (50+)
 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Indigenous people
 - Other: _____
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SECTION 6: FUNDING PRIORITIES

Hint: Check ALL priorities that genuinely apply. Most projects touch multiple areas. However, identify 1-2 PRIMARY priorities. A youth housing project might check "Youth Empowerment", "Housing, Safety & Wellness", AND "Cultural Safety". All are valid if your project actually addresses them.

Which funding priorities does your project address? (check all that apply)

- Cultural Safety & Indigenous Leadership**
(Indigenous-led projects, cultural identity, language, ceremony, land-based learning, 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion)
- Youth Empowerment & Life Transitions**
(Youth transitioning out of care, reconnecting with culture/family, building life skills and leadership, youth-led initiatives)
- Seniors, Elders & Intergenerational Connections**
(Supporting Indigenous seniors/Elders, intergenerational knowledge transmission, cultural mentorship)
- Housing, Safety & Wellness**
(Access to safe, stable, culturally appropriate housing, harm reduction, wrap-around services for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being)

- Employment, Education & Economic Stability**
(Pathways to employment, education, training, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, emergency funds, transportation access)
- Collaboration & Collective Impact**
(Multi-organization partnerships, service coordination initiatives, shared programming, collective resource hubs, community navigation projects, inter-organizational knowledge sharing)
- Indigenous Organizational Strengthening**
(Leadership development programs, staff training and mentorship, organizational governance support, community engagement and accountability initiatives, capacity building for emerging Indigenous organizations)

SECTION 7: PROJECT BUDGET

Hint: Your budget should match your project description. If you're hosting 8 weekly circles, show 8 weeks of Elder honoraria. Don't inflate costs, but also don't undervalue Indigenous knowledge. Appropriate honoraria aren't "too expensive"; they're respectful. Include the small stuff like tobacco, gift cards, childcare. These costs are real.

Total Amount Requested from the NETWORK: \$ _____

Common Budget Categories: Salaries/Wages, Professional Fees (contractors providing services), Honoraria (Elders, Knowledge Keepers, community members, etc.), Materials & Supplies, Space Rental/Facilities (including cleaning fees & maintenance), Food/Meals, Transportation, Equipment (\$500 or more), Childcare, Translation/Interpretation, Participant Gifts/Incentives (gift cards, tobacco, etc.), Communications (printing, promotional materials), Insurance (event/activity insurance), Administration/Overhead, Other (specify).

Note on Administration/Overhead: Administration costs may include office supplies, banking fees, insurance, phone/internet, and a portion of staff time for project coordination and reporting. Maximum 15% of total project budget.

Please provide a budget breakdown:

Expense Category	Expense Description	Amount (\$)
<i>Example: Space rental</i>	<i>Venue rental for 2-day market</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>

SECTION 8: PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

Hint: Real partnerships involve shared decision-making, not just “they let us use their space”. Describe what each partner actually DOES in the project. If you’re working alone, that’s okay too, just say so. Don’t invent partnerships to make your application look better.

Are you collaborating with other organizations on this project?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

If yes/pending, please list partner organization(s) and their role:

Partner Organization Name	Role in Project

SECTION 9: SERVICE GAPS & DUPLICATION

Hint: There’s almost always someone doing something similar, that’s okay! What matters is: How is your approach different? Who are you reaching that others aren’t? Maybe you serve a specific Nation, or you use a land-based approach, or you’re filling a geographic gap. “Complementary” means you work alongside others, not instead of them.

If you’re unsure whether services exist, say so and explain how you’ll coordinate with others once you find out. We can help connect you.

Are there other organizations in Montreal currently providing similar or complementary services (to the best of your knowledge)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If yes: Who? Have you reached out and is a partnership possible?	
How is your project complementary to the existing services and how will your services differ from other existing services?	
How does it fill a gap?	
Why are you the best place to deliver this project? <i>(example: how long have you been doing this work?)</i>	

SECTION 10: PROJECT OUTCOMES

Hint: Good outcomes are **SPECIFIC** and **MEASURABLE**. Instead of “youth will feel better”, try “15 youth will complete a 6-week program and report increased connection to culture through exit surveys”. Think about what will actually be different because your project happened.

What you measure should be realistic for your capacity. If you’re a small grassroots group, “number of participants” and “participant feedback forms” might be enough.

What are the main goals/outcomes you hope to achieve? <i>List 2-4 specific outcomes.</i>	
How will you know if your project is successful? (What will you measure/track?) <i>Refer to Annex 2.</i>	

Hint: List the major activities and when they will happen. Plan for at least one significant activity or milestone per quarter (every 3 months) of your project. This helps you stay on track.

Activity and milestones	Expected Completion Date

SECTION 11: LONG TERM PLANNING

Hint: “Maybe” is a legitimate answer. Many projects are pilots or one-time events. If you DO want to continue, explain how, even if it’s just “we’ll apply for funding again” or “participants will keep meeting informally”. We’re assessing your thinking, not requiring a 5-year business plan.

If this project is successful, do you have plans to continue it beyond this funding period?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

If yes, briefly describe your plan:

SECTION 12: OTHER

Hint: Use this space ONLY for information that doesn't fit elsewhere and actually matters for decision-making. Don't rehash your project description. DO mention things like: this project was requested by community members, you're piloting a new approach, you're addressing an urgent need, or there are timing considerations we should know about.

Is there anything else the NETWORK should know about your organization or project?
(do not repeat information from previous sections, only share new information here)

DECLARATION

Special note regarding Indigenous organizational status:

The NETWORK takes Indigenous identity and organizational status seriously as a matter of community trust and accountability. Organizations uncertain about whether they meet the criteria for “Indigenous-led” are encouraged to contact us before applying. We are here to support honest conversations about partnerships and Indigenous governance.

We confirm that:

- The information provided in this application is accurate and complete
- Our organization serves Indigenous people in Tiohtià:ke/Montreal (greater Montreal)
- We understand reporting requirements will be discussed if funded
- We commit to participating in mid-year check-ins and end-of-year accountability event
- We understand that depending on the number of applications, we may be asked to join a NETWORK meeting to present our application orally

Acknowledgement:

I acknowledge that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing falsified information may result in denial of this application, termination of funding if already approved, and/or ineligibility for future NETWORK funding. Decisions regarding these consequences will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Title:** _____

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Contact the NETWORK for application support:

Email: funding@reseamtnetwork.com

We can help you with:

- Understanding the application questions
- Developing your project budget
- Connecting with potential partner organizations
- Building organizational capacity (including financial fiduciary support)

General Application Tips:

Hint: Write like you talk. If you wouldn't say "facilitate community engagement capacity building" in conversation, don't write it. Clear and straightforward beats fancy language every time.

Hint: If you're stuck on a question, call us **BEFORE** the deadline. We'd rather help you submit a strong application than receive an incomplete one.

Hint: The application is a conversation starter, not a test. We're trying to understand your work and how we can support it, we're not looking for reasons to say no.

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Application received			
Decision date			
Funding decision	Approved	Approved with modifications	Declined
Amount approved	\$		
Notes			



ANNEX 1

Defining Indigenous

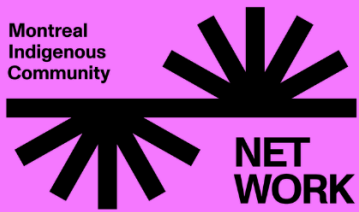
“**Indigenous Individual**” means an individual belonging to an Indigenous group, nation, or community. Indigeneity implies a relationship to both territory and people; this means that an individual can clearly identify the name of the Indigenous territory that they are from, the relationship that they hold to that community, as well as the Indigenous group, nation, or community that belongs to that territory. The group, nation, or community recognizes and accepts that individual as belonging to their community.

The NETWORK recognizes that many families and communities have been separated and/or displaced as a result of both historical and ongoing acts of settler-colonial violence. Thus, exceptions to the above criteria may be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Note: *Exclusive reliance on self-identification of Indigenous identity is no longer working due to the number of fraudulent claims that have emerged in recent years.*



ANNEX 2

Defining Success

Success looks different for different projects, and this framework honors multiple forms of success. Indigenous approaches to evaluation recognize that impact cannot always be measured in numbers, that relationships and cultural connection are outcomes in themselves, and that learning from what didn't work is as valuable as celebrating what did.

Quantitative success	Numbers served, activities completed, measurable outcomes.
Relational success	Partnerships formed, relationships strengthened, trust built, intergenerational connections.
Cultural success	Language preserved, ceremony held, traditional knowledge shared, cultural identity strengthened.
Learning success	New capacity built, innovation attempted, community needs identified, valuable insights from challenges.
Systemic success	Service gaps filled, delivery methods changed, models created for others.
Unexpected success	Unplanned outcomes, ripple effects, community-identified impacts. Success is not only measured by whether everything went according to plan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A project that served fewer people than expected but built deep, meaningful relationships is successful.● A project that had to pivot because community needs changed is successful.● A project that tried something new and learned it wasn't the right approach is successful.
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The community celebration event is designed to honor all these forms of success and to recognize that honest learning, including from things that didn't work, is valuable for everyone.