

Application Form

Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships (INRP)

Notes

1. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) strongly recommends that applicants familiarize themselves with material in the *Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships Applicant Guide* (the *Applicant Guide*) prior to completing this application form.
2. If you have any questions about the program or application form, please contact nrcan.inrp-prna.nrcan@canada.ca. NRCan strongly recommends that prospective applicants reach out to the above email address **prior** to completing and submitting a proposal to discuss alignment with program objectives and criteria and funding availability.
3. Unless otherwise specified, the “proposed project” or the “project” or the “proposal” in this template refers to the proposed project submitted to the Program.
4. Review the application form template before completing each section.
5. Word limit maximums must be respected.
6. Applicants, their partners and collaborators must submit all information required under this request. Incomplete proposals will be reviewed but missing documentation and/or content may reduce the likelihood of being selected for funding (i.e., partial answers will be reviewed and are preferable to leaving a section blank).
7. Applicants are encouraged to submit the completed application form in this format. If you require a different format please contact us.
8. Please ensure all supporting documents are saved with the appropriate title (e.g., financial plan, project plan). Please also ensure that any supporting documents provided are cross-referenced in the template under the relevant section.
9. NRCan may redirect your proposal to a different funding program if it is determined to be a better fit.
10. NRCan is accepting an ongoing intake of applications for the INRP program. All projects must be completed by March 31, 2027.
11. Please submit your application via email to nrcan.inrp-prna.nrcan@canada.ca. If you need to submit in a different format, please contact us.



Section 1: Applicant and Project Summary

1.1 Applicant Information

A. Project Title

B. Eligibility

Recipients that are eligible for INRP funding include:

- Indigenous communities or governments (including Indian Act bands, self-governing First Nations, Métis Community Organizations, modern treaty implementation organizations including economic development corporations constituted under a modern treaty, etc.);
- Tribal Councils or entities that fulfill a similar function (e.g., general council);
- Regional or national Indigenous organizations;
- Indigenous not-for-profit (50% or greater control by Indigenous peoples) and for-profit (50% or greater control by an Indigenous community / communities) corporations, businesses, joint ventures, partnerships, associations, co-operatives and institutions; and
- Academic institutions and research associations working with an Indigenous partner organization.

NOTE: INRP is not funding businesses controlled by individual entrepreneurs.

Do you meet the above eligibility criteria? Yes No

Please briefly describe which recipient category your organization falls under and how you meet the above criteria. Please indicate whether your organisation supports First Nations, Metis, and/or Inuit communities.

C. Contact Name, Title and Organization

D. Mailing Address *Street Address, City/Town, Province/Territory, Postal Code*

E. Email Address

F. Phone Number

G. Name, Title of Authorized Signatory for Contribution Agreement

1.2 Project Summary

A. Project Title

B. Project Location(s) *City, Province/Territory*

C. Project Timeline *(Timeline refers to the period the applicant is seeking funding for. The operation of the project may extend beyond this period).*

Expected Project Start Date
YYYY-MM-DD

Expected Project End Date
YYYY-MM-DD *(No later than March 31, 2027)*

D. Project Overview – non-confidential

Provide a brief, high-level summary of this project. Keep the information brief, non-technical, and non-confidential. This information may be made public (e.g., NRCan’s website).

E. Project Focus – non-confidential

Indicate the area of focus of the proposed project. More than one category can be selected, please select all that apply to your project.

Energy Projects

Oil & Gas

Oil Sands (excluding pipelines)

Electricity

Natural Gas (excluding pipelines)

Biomass/biofuel/geothermal

Pipeline Projects

Mining

Critical Minerals (see list/definition in applicant guide, please complete section F)

Non-Critical Minerals (metals, non-metals, coal, etc.)

Processing plants, smelters, refineries, other

Clean Technology

Hydro

Carbon Capture & Storage

Wind

Geothermal

Biomass/Biofuels

Tidal

Solar

Other (micro-grid projects, battery storage, bioplastics, etc.)

Nuclear

Forestry

Timber Products:

Feasibility studies and business planning

Manufacturing/construction activities

Training, stewardship, capacity building

Non-Timber Products:

Feasibility studies and business planning

Manufacturing/construction activities

Training, stewardship, capacity building

Other (please describe)**F. Alignment with Critical Minerals Strategy (if proposal relates to critical minerals)**

If your proposal relates to critical minerals, please indicate which of the pillars of Canada's **Critical Minerals Strategy** it aims to support (select all that apply):

- Driving research, innovation and exploration
- Accelerating project development
- Building sustainable infrastructure
- Advancing Indigenous reconciliation
- Growing a diverse workforce and prosperous communities
- Strengthening global leadership and security

Section 2: Project Description**2.1 Project Objectives****A. Select the overarching objective(s) of your project.**

More than one objective can be selected, please select all that apply to your project.

- Stimulate Indigenous economic development in the natural resource economy
- Increase Indigenous participation in the natural resource economy

B. State the overall objective(s) of the project.

Objectives define the activities and outcomes the organization hopes to achieve through the successful implementation of the project.

C. Select the sub-objective(s) of your project.

More than one objective can be selected, please select all that apply to your project.

Increase Indigenous access to information, tools, and/or other resources regarding natural resources and/or the energy sector

Support the integration of natural resource and energy infrastructure development opportunities into Indigenous community operations, plans, or strategies

Support Indigenous engagement and capacity building around natural resources

D. Please provide a brief overview of how your project supports the above sub-objectives that you have identified (if any). These sub-objectives help the project to meet the overarching objectives indicated above.

2.2 Project Description

A. Provide a high-level description of how the proposed project will be carried out, including a description of its stages of development and expected milestones.

B. Purpose of the project. Why does your organization believe it is necessary to implement this project? How does this project meet your organizational/community priority?

C. Project Partners. Please list who will be involved in the planning and delivery of the project and describe their roles.

D. Communities/Organizations Supported. Please list the Indigenous communities/organizations that will be supported through the project.

E. Project Tasks. Please list the tasks and provide a description, tangible outcomes/deliverables, and timelines/milestones for each task.

2.3 Additional Project Information

A. Will the project support the increased participation of underrepresented groups (e.g. Indigenous women, youth, seniors)?

Note: NRCan will complete an assessment of the impacts of the proposed project on diverse groups based on the information provided in your application.

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

B. Is the project expected to have direct environmental effects, either positive or negative?

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

C. Will the project require a federal, provincial or other environmental assessment to be completed before undertaking project activities?

Note: Projects that are subject to a federal, provincial or other environmental assessment will not be funded due to the limited timeframe of the program.

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

D. Will the project support community capacity to transition to and participate in projects that contribute to Canada's net-zero targets and shift to clean energy?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2.4 Project Management

A. Describe how the project will be managed, including relevant experience of the project management team:

2.5 Expected Outcomes

The main objective of the INRP is to build the long-term capacity of Indigenous communities, groups and organisations to participate in natural resource economies across Canada. To this end, INRP is funding projects that:

- increase the capacity of Indigenous communities to engage in, benefit from, actively participate in and/or capitalize on economic development opportunities in the natural resource sectors; and/or
- increase the investment and/or collaboration between Indigenous peoples and other natural resource development stakeholders, including governments, industry, and non-governmental organizations.

Achievement of this objective will be measured by the indicators outlined below.

Indicators	Target Value
Number of communities and/or organizations engaged in the planning and delivery of the project	
Number of informational materials, tools and/or resources developed	
Number of communities and/or organizations that received informational materials, tools and/or resources	
Does your project include outreach activities to Indigenous communities or organizations (e.g. information sessions or workshops on critical mineral developments) <i>Answer Yes or No in the Target Value box</i>	
Does your project include activities that support the inclusion of natural resources infrastructure development into Indigenous communities, (e.g. review of community business plans for the inclusion of work related to critical minerals, mining, forestry development, etc.) <i>Answer Yes or No in the Target Value box (If yes, please briefly explain how in the text box below)</i>	

Provide additional outcomes and indicators here, if applicable

Additional outcome 1	
Indicators	Target Value
Additional outcome 2	
Indicators	Target Value

Section 3: Financial Information

Note: If your funding request is over multiple fiscal years, please complete Appendix I at the end of this form.

3.1 Project Costs by Category

Category	Description	INRP Funding Request (Total)	In-kind/Cash Contribution (if applicable) ¹	Total Cost
Professional/technical Services				
Salaries/wages/benefits				
Training and skills development				
Communication materials				
Planning and design costs				
Facility/Transportation/ Equipment Rentals				
Capital costs, including equipment and machinery				
Travel, including accommodations/meals/ allowances (in accordance with National Joint Council Travel Directive)				
Honoraria, ceremonial costs, and hospitality costs for community engagement events and project meetings				
GST/PST/HST net of any tax rebate to which the Recipient is entitled				
Overhead costs directly related to the project, not to exceed 15% of total contribution				
TOTALS				

¹ In kind or cash contributions may be provided by the applicant and/or partner organizations.

3.2 Advance

Is an advance payment required to complete the Project?

Yes No

If yes, please provide a justification explaining why an advance payment is required.

Note: You may be asked to complete a cash flow forecast if you require an advance.

3.3 Partners and Contributions

Is the applicant contributing to the project (financially or in-kind)?

Note: A financial contribution is a monetary contribution, while an in-kind contribution is a non-monetary contribution, such as equipment, supplies, technical services, or staff time.

Yes No

If yes, please describe financial and/or in-kind contributions, including dollar value:

Is a partner or external source contributing to the project (financially or in-kind)?

Yes No

If yes, please identify:

Source	Financial Contribution	In-Kind Contribution

3.4 Requests to Other Funding Sources

Has this proposal been submitted to other funding sources?

Yes No

If yes, please provide the name(s) and contact information for the funding sources; describe the stage of approval under those proposal processes; and, if applicable, describe how this proposal submitted to NRCan differs from the proposal submitted to the other sources.

Note: As part of its due diligence process, NRCan may contact these other potential funders. If you do not want NRCan to contact these funding sources, please provide your reasoning.

Section 4: Supporting Documentation

Provide a list of all the documents that you will be attaching to this application.

Required documents include:

- Your most recent audited financial statements (if statements are not completed for the last fiscal year, please also attach the interim statements).

Feel free to submit additional documents that are relevant to the project and provide additional information to support your proposal. NRCan may also request additional documentation during the review process.

Below are examples of supplemental documentation that may be related to your project:

- Band Council Resolution
- Letters of support from partners
- Organizational chart
- Business or Financial Plan
- Feasibility Study
- Permit and regulatory approvals
- Community Engagement Plan
- Quotes from consultants

Section 5: Applicant Attestation

By submitting this Project Proposal, the Applicant:

1. Attests that it is legally registered or incorporated in Canada.
2. Attests that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
3. Understands that any costs incurred for the submission of the project proposals are at the Applicant's own risk.
4. Understands that NRCan reserves the right to alter the currently envisaged process, and deadlines, or to cancel the request for proposals at its sole discretion.
5. Understands that project funding decisions will only be made following receipt, review, selection of project proposals, and the successful completion of due diligence.
6. Understands and acknowledges that no liability and no commitment or obligation exists on the part of NRCan to make a financial contribution to the project until a written contribution agreement is signed by both parties.
7. Attests that it is the owner of all information - proprietary, confidential or otherwise - provided as part of the proposal submission, or, if the information belongs to another party, that it has obtained written consent to disclose the information to NRCan.
8. Attests that NRCan, its officials and employees may share the information in this application form and/or supporting documents with federal, provincial and municipal government departments/agencies, and non-profit, economic development or other organizations, as may be appropriate, and may collect and share information with them, as NRCan deems necessary in order to assess this application.
9. Understands that federal reviewers are bound by the requirements of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act* regarding the treatment of confidential information.

Please sign below to confirm having read and understood the statements above.

Signature:

Date

Name of Duly Authorized Officer:

Title

Name of organization:

Appendix I: Financial Information: Multi-year projects

3.1 Project Costs by Category

Category	Description	INRP Funding Request (total)					In-kind/Cash Contribution (if applicable) ²	Total Cost
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		
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Salaries/wages/benefits								
Training and skills development								
Communication materials								
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Capital costs, including equipment and machinery								
Travel, including accommodations/ meals/allowances (in accordance with National Joint Council Travel Directive)								
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