

Community Opportunity Readiness Program: Call for Proposals 2022-2023

This is the call for applications for the 2022-2023 Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP) for funding under \$250,000 (Regional Program). Eligible recipients are First Nation communities, including Tribal Councils.

The CORP intake process is detailed below. Please review the following information carefully:

1. Project Eligibility Screening

- Before applying to the program, please contact your ISC Economic Development Officer by email or phone, to discuss project eligibility. **Please do not apply until the project has been screened as eligible.**
- Screening criteria include:
 - Applicant is eligible with all reporting and audits to ISC in good standing
 - Project is eligible under CORP terms and conditions
 - Project is an economic opportunity which has been identified in a community plan and will lead to long-term community economic benefits (e.g., leasing revenues, business contracts, employment)
 - Land is owned or controlled by the Nation

2. **Application:** Once the proposed project has been screened as eligible you will be provided with the application template. **Applications are due March 15, 2022.** Please email your completed application form with supporting documents to aadnc.bcecdev.aandc@canada.ca.

Please ensure the application form is completed in full and attach the following:

- Community Plan in which the project has been identified as a priority (e.g., Economic Development Plan, Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Community Plan)
- Minimum of 3 quotes for professional fees, or confirmation that a tendering process has already been completed.
- List of relevant experience/qualifications for any project leads and consultants
- Band Council Resolution or equivalent confirming Recipient's cash contribution (minimum of 10% cash contribution required)
- Previous studies or other documents identified as necessary during the pre-screening discussion with ISC .

Please note: only one submission is allowed per community.

3. **Application review and ranking:** After March 15, applications will be reviewed and assessed against CORP ranking criteria. A ranked list of applications will be established and will be used to determine which submissions will be considered for funding. Applications which are not considered for funding will be retained should additional program funds become available.

Ranking criteria include:

- Status of past CORP funding
- Leveraging of funding for project financing

- Community remoteness factor
- Community income assistance dependency rate (or proxy)
- Project land status or tenure

The Community Opportunity Readiness Program Guidelines (<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033417/1613659339457>) will help you prepare your submission. The guidelines provide important information about eligible activities and expenditures, as well as maximum funding limits for the Community Opportunity Readiness Program.

Thank-you,

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