



NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST
INVESTING IN FIRST NATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

GOVERNANCE CAPACITY INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

The New Relationship Trust Capacity Initiative – **Direct Support** supports First Nations in BC that provide “Capacity Building” benefits for their respective First Nations communities. The New Relationship Trust Direct Support funding is as follows:

- A maximum of \$25,000 per project will be available where one (1) First Nation is involved.
- A maximum of \$50,000 per project will be available where three (3) or more partnering First Nations are involved.
- Projects must identify a minimum of 25% equity (own or other sources) to support total project costs.

The Direct Support Initiative is a full application process which requires applicants to submit the completed application as well as supporting documents before the closing date.

Feedback will be provided on the applications and a chance for edits will be provided until the closing date—the sooner you get it in, the more time you will have to make the edits. Only those applicants who have submitted all supporting documents as well as corrected edits will be considered and evaluated after the closing date. Applications will be evaluated against each of our guidelines for eligibility as well as need. First Nations who have not been previously funded by NRT will be given priority.

The purpose of the Direct Support Initiative is to share the capacity building resources and to ensure all First Nations in BC have an equal opportunity to complete capacity building projects. As an outcome of the Direct Support Initiative, New Relationship Trust will place final electronic copies of all project deliverables on the *First Nations in BC – Resource Portal* (www.fnbc.info) so that the information will be shared with other First Nations. Nations are encouraged to check this resource for similar projects before applying.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

First Nations

- BC First Nations - Single First Nations or Partnering First Nations
- No more than one Direct Support (1) project, per First Nation, can be open at a time. First Nations need to complete existing or current projects with NRT before applying for new funding.
- First Nations that have not applied or have not been approved for funding in previous years will have a higher priority than applicants that have recently been approved for funding.

Tribal Councils

- Tribal Councils are only eligible by administering a project on behalf of 3 First Nations that form a partnership on a project.



- Tribal Council’s need to identify which First Nations will form the partnership. Partnering First Nations will each need to sign off on Council Resolutions.
- Only Council Resolutions will be accepted as confirmation of project support. Letters of support are not acceptable as confirmation of project support.
- Tribal Councils can be contracted to complete work on behalf of the First Nations only when Tribal Council capacity and resources are needed.

INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

- Consultants cannot be the applicants, nor can they be listed as the contacts for the project. NRT requires that the BC First Nations be the applicant and the contact.
- Non-profit societies, development corporations, associations, friendship centers, committees, collectives, and other similar organizations are ineligible.
- First Nations will not be eligible for other NRT Direct Support funding until they are up to date with reporting requirements from previous NRT Direct Support engagements.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES & TYPES

The Direct Support Initiative will support projects that are relevant to the following categories and types:

Project Categories	Project Types
Governance Planning	Self-determination policy and planning Conduct governance capacity assessment Capacity training (i.e. workshops, training courses, mentorships) Implementing accountability and reporting systems Policy development Laws, by-laws development, governance code Develop consultation policy Design consultation protocols Develop traditional lands guidelines, policies, laws Negotiation Agreements
Land Use Planning & Comprehensive Community Planning	Project planning (i.e. develop the project structure and work-plans) Community planning (strategy and visioning) Professional and technical assessments Community engagement (obtaining community support and feedback through forums, workshops, gatherings) Land/Marine Use Plan Traditional Land Use Planning
Economic Development Planning	Corporate governance Economic development planning Economic scans Feasibility studies Impact benefit agreements



ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

- Hosting workshops, community forums, that will produce tangible deliverables or specific outcomes
- Professional and consulting fees (up to 75% of the total eligible costs—not all of the request for NRT funds can go towards a consultant)
- Communications costs (newsletters, documents, surveys) (up to 25% of total eligible costs)
- Training / Course Costs
- Mentor costs (up to 75% of the total eligible costs and is considered a consultant cost)
- Lands Software (up to 25% of total eligible costs)
- Supplies/Materials (up to 25% of total eligible costs)

INELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

These costs Cannot be listed under request to NRT. They can be listed under in-kind or other revenue sources.

- Administrative and overhead costs
- Corporate/business projects
- Business Planning
- Honorariums
- Attending conferences, workshops
- Capital asset purchases
- Advertisements, promotion, marketing, or entertainment costs
- Existing staff wages or salaries (on-going program costs)
- Travel Expenses
- Computer Hardware
- Mentee costs or work experience
- Operating costs for new or previous programs that are ongoing, year after year.



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REPORTING & FINAL DELIVERABLES GUIDELINES

Each funding arrangement will include Terms and Conditions for financial and project reporting. In addition, recipients will be asked to contribute deliverables that can be shared with other First Nations in BC to support First Nations capacity building. All Project Reports and Deliverables will be public information that NRT may publish on the *First Nations of BC Resource Portal* (www.fnbc.info).

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit completed application form to:

Email Address

malaimo@nrtf.ca

or

Mailing Address

New Relationship Trust
Attn: Marie Alaimo
3188 Alder Court
North Vancouver, BC,
V7H 2V6

or

Fax

604-925-3348



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Can we list administrative costs under 'In-Kind' within the budget?

ANSWER: Yes, any of the ineligible costs can be listed under In-Kind or Other Sources.

QUESTION: Can the full funding amount go towards a consultant?

ANSWER: No, you are only able to apply up to 75% of the NRT funding amount towards a consultant. That means if you are requesting \$25,000 only \$18,750 can be towards a consultant. The 75% includes mentor costs

QUESTION: How much equity do we have to provide?

ANSWER: You must be able to show a minimum of 25% equity (in-kind and/or other sources) to support the Overall project cost (not the requested amount). That means your overall Project Cost must exceed \$33,400 if you are requesting the full \$25,000 Direct Support Funding.

QUESTION: We are a Tribal Council; do we have to provide a BCR from each Nation we represent?

ANSWER: You must provide a BCR from each nation involved in the project—at least 3 Nations. If a Nation within your Tribal Council would like to apply individually, they will be given priority over the Tribal Council application. Similarly, if a participating Nation of the Tribal Council application has an outstanding project with NRT, the Tribal Council will not be able to be approved until that is closed.

QUESTION: What should the BCR say?

ANSWER: It should be dated recently, showing support for this project application and funding from NRT.

QUESTION: We do not have a consultant yet but estimate it will cost over \$5,000, and we might use multiple consultants that will be less than \$5,000?

ANSWER: We require a quote for any consultant cost over \$5,000 and if the overall monies that are going to consultants exceed \$5,000 we will need quotes from each consultant. Getting a quote from a consultant does not mean that you have to use the same consultant.

QUESTION: Is mentorship covered?

ANSWER: The cost of a mentor is covered if they are from outside the organization/Nation and only up to 20% of total eligible funding—this is included as consultant costs. Mentee costs are not eligible.

QUESTION: Is it better to get my application in before the deadline day?

ANSWER: YES! We can provide feedback and edits to strengthen your application during the review time. This feedback is not available after the deadline date has passed.