

## Industry Canada/FedNor Local Initiative Contribution (LIC) Guidelines

**Eligible Applicants:** First Nation, municipalities, economic development or other non-profit community organizations located in the RAINY RIVER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION service area.

**Ineligible Applicants:** Small and medium-sized enterprises and other for profit organizations; Community Futures Development Corporations.

**Eligible Activities:** Activities must support the priority components of the Northern Ontario Development Program (NODP) including Community Economic Development, Business Growth and Competitiveness and/or Innovation.

Eligible activities must demonstrate community economic development objectives and create short- to medium-term, measurable results for the communities and businesses of the region. Specific activities may include: working with communities to assess local problems, establish objectives, plan and implement strategies to develop human, institutional and physical infrastructures, entrepreneurship, employment and the economy.

**Eligible Projects:** Specific eligible projects, under each NODP priority component, may include:

### Community Economic Development:

- environmental assessment reports;
- strategic and business planning;
- sector or industry analysis;
- feasibility, marketing and engineering studies;
- economic recovery plans;
- workforce attraction and retention strategies;
- community investment readiness plans;
- inventories of community assets and community profiles; and,
- the implementation of priority initiatives identified in community or regional economic development plans that demonstrate economic results.

### Business Growth and Competitiveness:

- business management capacity projects, including planning, training, research and access to business management expertise and export readiness;
- activities that lead to increased trade expansion, including export development and investment attraction;
- seminars/workshops;
- marketing/promotional activities; and,
- community tourism events.

### Innovation:

- Activities that promote innovation and new technology.

**Ineligible Activities:** Ongoing Activities carried out directly by the Recipient and/or Applicant; activities that lead to profit generation; projects that require further FedNor/Industry Canada contributions; activities that support social goals, including education and health care services and delivery; and, activities primarily of a social/recreational nature such as museums, libraries, cultural centres, recreation centres, tourist information/welcome centres, arenas and waste management disposal.

**Critical Elements:** Projects must contribute to an integral part of the Recipient, Community or Applicant Strategic Plan and must be supported by the Recipient as an active partner. Funding will not create on-going dependency on external partners, Industry Canada/FedNor or other government sources. The Recipient will encourage private and public sector partnerships, and, whenever possible, projects will be cost-shared.

For Recipients to which official languages obligations apply, supported projects should reflect these obligations.

**Eligible Costs:** Incremental project costs that support NODP objectives. Funding support for initiatives will be, normally, to a maximum of \$5,000. Requests for funding in excess of \$5,000 will require written approval from FedNor/Industry Canada.

**Procedures:** The Recipient will adhere to all application, administration and approval procedures as outlined in the Recipient's application for funding and agreed to by the Minister.

**Communications:** To ensure that the Corporation receives public profile and acknowledgment for the support it extends to the Eligible Projects, the Recipient will adopt a communications plan for the LIC contribution.

Successful applicant letters will acknowledge the role of the federal government in funding the CFDC and the Local Initiative Contribution, as well as require that the Eligible Projects recognize that financial support for the activity has been received from the Recipient.

Recipients to which official language obligations apply should indicate how these obligations will be fulfilled by successful applicants.

**Reporting:** LIC activities will be reported to the Minister on a quarterly basis including the following:

- (i) the identity of each proponent
- (ii) the amount of each investment and Board Resolution date
- (iii) the purpose of the investment
- (iv) partnerships & cost sharing
- (v) the anticipated impacts
- (vi) the results achieved may be included with quarterly report
- (vii) disbursement information.
- (viii) # of projects disbursed to Official Language Minority Community (OLMC) recipients.
- (ix) the total amount disbursed to OLMC recipients.