



2019/2020 - 2020/2021 Giving Voice Guidelines

PLEASE FOLLOW THE FORMATTING INDICATED ON THE ONLINE APPLICATION.

Guiding Principles and Purpose

The Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women (MACIW) was established in 2011 to provide advice to government on how to improve the quality of life for Indigenous¹ women in British Columbia (BC)². MACIW emphasizes the safety of women, as reflected in their **Guiding Principles** which are:

- **Community driven and community-based:** the voices of Indigenous¹ women, men and children must be heard, and this will ensure that strategies and initiatives are truly responsive; services are accessible and where appropriate community-based.
- **Integrity:** drawing on Indigenous cultures and traditions is essential to creating culturally appropriate policies and programs.
- **Partnership:** collaboration, partnership and coordination at the community, regional, provincial and federal levels are needed to end violence.
- **Awareness:** sharing our knowledge, history, skills and understanding well-built support and momentum for ending violence.
- **Safety:** special attention must be made to ensure that all services and supports for Indigenous women and girls are provided in ways that support their physical and emotional safety.

The **purpose** of the Giving Voice project is to:

- 1) Support groups, organizations and individuals working at the community level to learn from stories of resilience and strength and create new strategies to address the issues of violence; and
- 2) Create an opportunity to bring Indigenous women and girls including other community members, together in a safe environment to give voice to issues of violence and abuse within their lives, their families and communities and inspire change.

¹ Indigenous includes First Nations, Métis and Inuit living on or off-reserve.

² For more information on MACIW, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/MinistersAdvisoryCouncilOnIndigenousWomen

Important Dates

The application deadline is 12:00pm (noon) PST

January 14, 2019

Applications received after this time and date will not be considered.

Applicants without internet can apply by Fax. Please contact Souie Gorup at:

778-698-8520

Giving Voice places emphasis on Indigenous people's right to cultural self-determination and aligns with the Provincial Government's efforts and direction to strengthen relationships with Indigenous people. On July 18, 2017 Provincial Cabinet Ministers received mandate letters from Premier John Horgan outlining key cross-government commitments and individual file priorities. For all Ministries, a key priority is to work with Indigenous peoples to establish a cross-government vision to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Truth and Reconciliation's 94 Calls to Action, and to review policy, programs and legislation to determine how to bring these principles into action. For example:

TRC Call to Action # 55: "reducing the rate of criminal victimization of Indigenous people, including data related to homicide and family violence victimization and other crimes."

UNDRIP's Article 21.1: "States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination."

Program Eligibility

This program is open to applicants under the following categories:

- First Nations Bands.
- Indigenous Friendship Centres (associated with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres).
- Indigenous non-profit organizations.
- Indigenous on or off-reserve (urban or rural) groups with experience working at the community level and who can provide a letter of support.

Agreement Amounts and Timelines

Funding is available up to \$20,000. In the interest of funding as many projects as possible, only one Agreement will be awarded to the same community – **partnerships and collaboration are strongly encouraged.**

- Applications must be completed by **January 14, 2019**
- **One-year** projects completed no later than **March 31, 2020**
- **Two-year** projects completed no later than **March 31, 2021**

Eligible Activities and Expenses

Giving Voice is based on the underlying approach that Indigenous communities know how to heal themselves. To reflect this, applicants are encouraged to choose activities that will be meaningful to the participants as well as reflective of MACIW's Guiding Principles noted in the introduction.

Eligible activities are those that bring women, their families, and other members of the community together in a safe and supportive way. This includes cultural activities (e.g. making a shawl, blankets and baskets), learning opportunities (e.g. violence prevention and awareness workshops), or training and skills development (e.g. video production and conflict resolution training.).

Activities can be connected to initiatives that are currently underway.

Eligible expenses may include meeting room rental, refreshments, honoraria, childcare, cultural protocol expenses, facilitator fees, and travel expenses.

Projects that engage cultural leaders (including traditional knowledge keepers), Elders, experts, and Indigenous artists should be compensated as per local protocol when they are scheduled to speak, present, or teach (i.e. beyond attend).

Ineligible activities include:

- Feasibility studies and reports.
- Regular employees' salaries of First Nations (on and off-reserve), , individuals or non-profit organizations.
- Infrastructure of any kind (including new buildings, repairs, upgrades, specialized equipment).
- Applicants are responsible for any cost over-runs.

Assessment:

Submissions will be assessed by MACIW and MIRR according to the following criteria:

1. Availability of key people: Are there enough people to manage the project and ensure accountability?
2. Clear budget: Can the project be successful with the funding and resources available?
3. Realistic timelines: Is there a clear plan for how the project will be completed before the due date?
4. Collaboration: Are there opportunities for diverse community networks, stakeholders, and partners to be actively engaged?
5. Principles: Are the MACIW principles demonstrated as part of the project?
6. Geographic representation such as urban, rural, and on or off reserve.
7. The purpose of the Giving Voice Project.

Funding priority will be given to:

- Applicants that have an ending violence focus;
- Applicants that support wellness both broadly and holistically; and,
- Applicants who are rural and remote and who have limited access to services.

Agreement Terms

If you're funding application is successful:

- Recognition on all promotional materials of the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women and the Province of British Columbia.

- Your community/organization's name, the approved amount of your Agreement and a summary of your approved project is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act³ and may be included in the final report and evaluation for MACIW.

These terms will be described in greater detail in funding award letters.

Contact Information

For those applicants without internet connectivity or if you have any questions, would like help, or would like to explore other options such as submitting an oral or recorded submission, please contact Souie no later than **December 17, 2018**.

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³ http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96165_01