



## BC RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL RESPONSE FUND OVERVIEW

### BACKGROUND:

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The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) is inviting First Nations who have been identified as the lead community for an Indian Residential School or Indian Hospital site to submit a Statement of Intent. Up to \$475,000 is available for each site.

This document has been prepared to provide general guidance for accessing the BC Residential School Response Fund. The template included in this document is optional and has been provided as a tool to support funding requests from lead communities. MIRR is committed to engage directly with lead communities to develop an understanding of the resources and supports required to advance project planning and implementation.

Please note that MIRR is not able to accept funding requests for activities related to Indian Day Schools sites at this time. MIRR is able to meet with communities to explore other funding opportunities that may be available to support activities related to these sites, including mental health and wellness supports.

### PURPOSE:

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Funding supports the development and implementation of community-led strategies to identify, investigate, protect and commemorate residential school and hospital sites and to provide urgent mental, emotional and cultural supports.

### ELIGIBILITY:

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The BC Residential School Response Fund is open to all First Nations or Tribal Councils with a former [Indian Residential School](#) or [Indian Hospital](#) site located in or near their community and who have been identified as the lead community or coordinating body to undertake site-specific work.

First Nations that have agreed to work together on site-specific activities are encouraged to submit a joint Statement of Intent.

### FUNDING:

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The BC Residential School Response Fund supports lead communities to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. The BC Residential School Fund is available to support activities on the sites of former Indian Residential Schools and Indian Hospitals.

Funding is available for:

- Mental Health and Wellness and Clinical Supports

- Traditional Wellness and Cultural Supports
- Archival Research
- Engagement with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Survivors, Intergenerational Survivors and Families
- Engagement with First Nations, Local Governments and Landowners
- Procurement of Technical Expertise
- Communication Supports
- Training and Capacity Development
- Planning and Project Management Supports
- Policy Development
- Legal Services (as it relates to site-specific activities)

Funding is intended to augment and address gaps in existing federal funding, including the [Residential Schools Missing Children – Community Support Fund](#). MIRR can support lead communities to make connections with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) to explore other funding opportunities that may be available to assist with site-specific work.

There is no requirement for the lead community to contribute financially to project costs.

Funding can be accessed on an as-needed basis up to a maximum allocation of \$475,000 per site. Multiple submissions can be made to access the full allocation.

Where appropriate, lead communities are encouraged to disclose other sources of funding for activities related to the site to allow for cost sharing and coordination with other funders.

#### **PROCESS:**

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Lead communities are asked to submit a Statement of Intent to [residentialschoolsresponse@gov.bc.ca](mailto:residentialschoolsresponse@gov.bc.ca). This will initiate a formal request for funding. The use of the template included in this document is optional.

A Statement of Intent may include information on the following:

- Residential School or Hospital Site
- Description of Key Activities or Deliverables
- Proposed Budget Plan
- Proposed Timeline
- Services or Supports Required

For support in developing a Statement of Intent, please contact [residentialschoolsresponse@gov.bc.ca](mailto:residentialschoolsresponse@gov.bc.ca).

#### **DEADLINE:**

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There is no deadline for submitting a Statement of Intent.

MIRR will work with lead communities on an ongoing basis to ensure resources are available to support site-specific work when ready.

**BC RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL RESPONSE FUND  
INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND INDIAN HOSPITAL SITES  
STATEMENT OF INTENT TEMPLATE FOR 2021/2022**

*Please note that the use of this form is optional. If you have documents that provide the information requested, please submit those or attach the documents and note in the sections below.*

<b>Section 1 – General Information</b>	
Residential School and/or Hospital Site	
Community or Tribal Council	
<b>Contact Information – Person Authorized to Sign on Behalf of the Organization</b>	
Name	
Title	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Mailing Address	

<b>Section 2 – Project Description</b>
<p>Please provide a short description of current, planned or proposed activities related to the site (4-5 sentences)</p>

### **Section 3 – Project Deliverables**

Please provide a short description of key project deliverables to be achieved (2-3 sentences)

### **Section 4 – Project Timelines**

Please indicate the anticipated timelines or phases for the project activities and deliverables (4-5 sentences)

**Section 5 – Services and Supports (Optional)**

Please indicate if there are specific health, social or technical supports and/or partnerships that may be required to advance project activities. This will assist the Province with assessing the availability of services and supports.

**Section 6 – Budget Requirements**

Please add lines or attach a budget proposal/plan

Activity	2021-22
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>
Administration (10% Maximum)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

*Please attach additional documents that can support this form, including workplans, budget plans, resolutions and letters of support.*