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Question & Answer Time



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Applicants

- Is most of the funding directed at districts, cities and bands? Is it better to partner with the city/district/band for a better chance of funding?
- Can we apply for funding for a regional project or should we develop a project specific to a community?
- Does previously receiving BC Rural Dividend funding impact assessment for this intake?



Application Logistics

- If I accidentally create two applications, how do I delete one?
- Can my co-worker and I work on the same application on different computers?
- Is there a way to attach more than one letter of support?



Supporting Documents

- When are Council resolutions due by?
- Can resolutions of support from the past (e.g. projects for last intake) be used, or do we need a “fresh” resolution?
- How do we send the most recent Annual Report?



Cost Eligibility

- What kind of procurement processes do projects need to use? Can we direct-award or must we get multiple quotes?
- Can costs that are ineligible for RDF funding still be counted as applicant contribution?
- Speaker costs are eligible, but conferences/events aren't. What's the difference?



Funding Disbursement

- Is there consideration to balancing where funding is disbursed throughout the province? Are there limits to how much a region or individual applicant may receive?
- When are funds going to be disbursed?
- Can a project start before the funds are disbursed?



Applicant Contribution Sources

- Are gas tax (Community Works Fund) dollars eligible to be applied towards the applicant contribution amount?
- Are Western Diversification funds ok?
- Do grants from non-government sources (e.g. NDIT) work as part of applicant contributions?
- Do in-kind contributions factor into the applicant contribution percentage?



Funding Streams

- Is there a limit to the amount of funding we may wish to apply for?
- About the special circumstances stream: what is the funding ceiling for that stream, and does the application differ?



Multi-Year Projects

- How will funds be disbursed over the two years?
- What are the Interim Reporting requirements after Year 1?
- What are the final reporting requirements after the end of the project? (Audited financial statements?)
- If a multi-year project was funded in the past and is still active, how should I frame our next application for the same project?



Project Eligibility

- We are interested in applying for funds for:
 - Developing a Community plan for a rural community
 - Developing a Economic development strategy
 - Implementing an economic development strategy (as part of application for developing the strategy)

Would that be eligible?

- If we have four sub-projects under one project title, can we attach a short note of explanation?



Selection

- Can you share the rubric for ranking of applications?
- Can you provide examples of successful projects in the past?



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