



## Indigenous Partnerships and Reconciliation Branch

### B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service



The Province is committed to supporting the success of Indigenous communities, governments, businesses, and organizations in meeting their goals in food sovereignty, food security and the agriculture and food sector. We understand that Indigenous communities, governments, businesses, and organizations may have distinct characteristics reflecting regulatory, operational, cultural, and other factors. We aim for flexibility in our service delivery to reduce barriers and ensure the accessibility of our programs.

#### What is the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service?

The B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service offers a single point-of-contact to help you navigate the information, tools and resources available to start or expand activities in Indigenous food systems, food sovereignty, food security and the agriculture and food sector in the province. Staff provide wayfinding services and program referrals as required to connect people to existing programs, services, and funding opportunities.

#### Who benefits from the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service?

Indigenous farmers, food producers, businesses, entrepreneurs, economic development corporations and governments in B.C. interested in Indigenous food systems, food sovereignty, food security and the food and agriculture sector are welcome to contact the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service to see how it may be able to support them.

## What type of support does the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service provide?

Staff work across ministries and with other levels of government, related agencies, and organizations to provide:

- Support for navigating existing programs, services, and funding opportunities
- Support navigating government's organizational structure
- Coaching through project development and planning
- Connections to sector organizations, potential industry partners, and other collaborators

### A staff member will:

1. Listen to your project idea or plan and offer suggestions for next steps
2. Inform you on relevant programs, services, and funding opportunities
3. Find and refer you to the right subject matter expert
4. Help you connect with other available supports
5. Follow-up on your progress and be available for future support

## Can I access funding from the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service?

The B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service can provide information about suitable funding programs, but it does not offer direct funding.

## Contact the B.C. Indigenous Pathfinder Service

To access this free service, ask a question or share feedback, email [IndigenousFoodSystems@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IndigenousFoodSystems@gov.bc.ca). A staff member will be in contact with you as soon as possible, normally within 24 to 48 hours. We respond to all messages.

Email: [IndigenousFoodSystems@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IndigenousFoodSystems@gov.bc.ca)



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