

Emergency and Disaster Management Act

Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program

December 2023

The Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program is to support First Nations and local authorities implement new Indigenous engagement requirements under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA).

This funding is to promote, encourage and support relationship-building between First Nations, or other authorized Indigenous governing bodies, and local authorities including municipalities and regional districts. Eligible activities are intended to support successful fulfilment of the Indigenous engagement requirements, including consultation and cooperation.

No application is required for this funding. All First Nations and local authorities will receive a funding award letter and Contribution Agreement with the amount they are receiving.

Timeline and Contribution Agreements

- The program will run from January 2024, until March 31, 2025.
- Funding award letters and Contribution Agreements will be sent to recipients during the week of January 8, 2024.
- March 31, 2024 is the deadline for signed Contribution Agreements to be returned to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).
- Funding will be disbursed upon the Contribution Agreement being signed by both the Province and the recipient.
- Funding will need to be used by March 31, 2025. Any unused funds must be returned to the Province.
- Signed Contribution Agreements must include either a brief description of the activity or activities the recipient will participate in or a selection from the list of suggested activities.

- To better understand recipients' experience with the Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program, an online survey requesting feedback will be sent out in September 2024.
- Recipients will receive material in February 2025 to assist with meeting final program reporting requirements.

Funding

- Under the Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program, First Nations in the Province will each receive \$45,500.
- Local authorities will receive a funding amount range of \$40,000 - \$65,000, recognizing that local authorities vary in the number of First Nations to engage with.
- Funding is intended to be flexible, in that recipients can identify eligible activities that are a best fit for them.
- There is opportunity for recipients to pool funds and share in reporting.

More information

- Review the **Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program Guide** to learn more about how to use the funding for activities.
- For more information on implementation of the Indigenous Engagement Requirements please review the [Indigenous Engagement Requirements Primer \(PDF\)](#)
- Visit the funding program webpage at [Indigenous Engagement Requirement Funding page](#) for more information on suggested activities and eligible costs or email EMCR.IERFunding@gov.bc.ca