

2024 Indigenous Youth and Community Futures Fund / One-Year Grants of up to \$30,000

Laidlaw Foundation

Information and Eligibility

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

Are you an Indigenous youth-led group?*

This means the project is developed and will be led by at least two young Indigenous people under the age of 35. However, we welcome groups with adult allies, community members, Elders, and anyone playing supportive roles as long as it's the young people who come up with the project idea and lead the project. Our grant is inclusive of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Afro-indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+ and disabled young people.

Choices

No

Yes

Are the project activities based in Ontario?*

Choices

No

Yes

Indigenous land, language, culture and community:*

Does this project support Indigenous young people to:

- learn about and are immersed in their lands, languages, rights, laws and cultures
- participate in everyday acts of resurgence, reclamation, healing and wellbeing
- build relationships within and across diverse Indigenous communities and nations

Choices

No

Yes

What type of group are you?*

Grassroot organizations are not incorporated as a non-profit or work with an organization that has charitable status.

Choices

Charity

Registered Nonprofit

Grassroot Group

First Nation
For Profit
Other

You are not eligible for this funding opportunity

Unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply at this time.

Thank you for sharing your response. With the information provided, your submission does not meet our requirements at this time.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Director of Indigenous Programs, Amanda Bernard at abernard@laidlawfdn.org.

Application Information

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you determine that your project is eligible for this funding opportunity by answering all four statements above, you can start filling out the application form.

Please note that:

- Your application remains in draft form until you hit submit. You can return to your draft application at any time.
- Once you submit your application, we will send you an email confirming the receipt of your application.
- We may get in touch with you to ask additional questions after the submission.
- We will report decisions on applications in **June 2024**.
- Submitting an application does not guarantee funding.
- We strongly encourage you to participate in an information session about this funding opportunity and/or contact the Foundation to discuss your application.
- Applications will not be judged based on grammar, therefore please choose the writing style that you are most comfortable with (bullet points, paragraphs, etc.).

Please check out our website or watch our webinar to learn more.

Video or Oral Submission

Would you like to apply with a video submission?

Please upload your video file here. If the video is too large, please send the file to abernard@laidlawfdn.org via wetransfer.com

If you would not like to submit a video, please proceed with the application.

File Size Limit: 19 MB

Would you like to complete an oral submission?

If yes, please connect with the Program Manager at abernard@laidlawfdn.org

Basic Information

What is your first and last name?*

Character Limit: 100

When is your birthday?*

Character Limit: 10

If you are over the age of 35, please indicate why you are filling out this application?

If you are under the age of 35, please continue.

Character Limit: 1000

What is your gender?*

Select all that apply

Choices

Boy/man

Girl/woman

Cisgender

Intersex

Non-binary

Non-conforming

Transgender

Two Spirit (for Indigenous People)

Questioning/exploring

Prefer not to answer

I don't know

I identify with another gender

What are your pronouns?*

She/her, he/him, they/them, prefer not to answer or other

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Character Limit: 200

Are you working with an OM?*

An organizational Mentor (OM) provides administrative support, project mentoring, and financial accountability to grassroots groups. Working with an OM is not required to move forward with this application.

Choices

Yes

No

Which group or Nation does your Indigenous youth leaders fall into?*

Select all that applies

Choices

Inuit

Métis

First Nation

Afro-Indigenous

Non-Indigenous

Which area does your project prioritize?*

Select all that applies

Choices

Culture

Language

Land

Relationship Building

Justice

Child-welfare

Education

How did you hear about the Indigenous Youth Community and Futures Fund?*

Choices

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Community/Band Office

Friends/Family

Other Foundations

Newsletter

Social Media

Laidlaw's Indigenous Advisors

Other

Applicant Background

Tell us about yourself*

Please tell us about yourself and the key people involved in this project:

- What are their names?
- What are their ages?
- What roles and responsibilities are they expected to have in this project?
i.e:
 - ♣ Who will be responsible for managing the funds? (a least two group members required)
 - ♣ Who will be overseeing the communications of the project?
 - ♣ Who will be reporting back to the Foundation?

Character Limit: 5000

Please upload proof of First Nations/Métis/Inuit Citizenship*

We are requesting proof of Indigenous identity to protect Indigenous grantees and ensure equal access.

If you do not have a copy of your status card or Métis membership or Inuit beneficiary card, please upload a letter from your First Nation or community or Indigenous organization confirming your connection.

File Size Limit: 100 MB

Tell us about your group*

We would like to know the background story on how your group formed, how long you've been working together and/or any other information you feel is important to introduce your group.

*tip: make sure to describe how Indigenous youth are leading this project.

Character Limit: 5000

Project Description

MS Word submission (Internal Only)

Internal Only

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Link to video submission (Internal Only)

Internal Only

Character Limit: 2000

Project Title*

Character Limit: 100

Are you applying for multi-year funding?*

Please be aware only applicants that have successfully completed a one-year IYCFF grant can apply for multi-year funding. If this is your first time applying for IYCFF, please select no.

Previous IYCFF applicants can apply for a maximum of \$30,000 per year for a two-year period, totaling up to \$60,000.

Choices

Yes

No

Year 1 Amount Requested*

Please specify the amount you request for your project, keeping in mind that the **maximum funding available is \$30,000 per year for a period of two years.**

Character Limit: 20

Year 2 Amount Requested (if applicable)

Please specify the amount you request for your project, keeping in mind that the **maximum funding available is \$30,000 per year for a period of two years.**

Character Limit: 20

Project Summary - If approved, this summary will be shared with the public.

Tell us about your project in 3-4 sentences.

i.e: This project seeks to build dog-sledding skills amongst Fort Severn youth in a series of 8-weekend expeditions with Elders on the Tundra.

Character Limit: 500

Project Start Date*

The project start date should be no **earlier than June 2024**. Please note that the Foundation does not fund activities that take place before the funding becomes available.

Laidlaw recognizes Indigenous people are land-based and connect time-keeping to the land (i.e. lunar calendar and seasons). Project timelines may change, and applicants are encouraged to contact Laidlaw staff to expand on, or change their start and end dates for their projects.

Character Limit: 10

Project End Date*

The project should be a maximum of one year in length.

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Project Details

Who will this project serve and where will it happen?

How will you ensure the youth can access the project? How will this project be accessible to people with disabilities?

Please include age and geographic setting i.e. "urban Indigenous youth between the ages of 15-29 in Toronto, ON".

Character Limit: 2000

Project Vision & Learnings*

- What about this project is important to your group and community?
- What do you hope to learn from it?
- Is your proposal an effective response to the need in your community?
- What long-term impact do you hope to achieve?
- What are the Indigenous ways of knowing that will be practiced in this project?

Character Limit: 4000

Project Activities and Timelines*

Please provide a description of the project activities you'll be undertaking, including a timeline. You can break down your answer according to the following questions:

- How will you make it happen?
- When will you make it happen?
- Where will it happen?

i.e:

o April 30 to June 30: Planning; procurement of sleds; community channel announcements to recruit 12 youth participants

- o Nov. 2019 to Feb 2020: 8 Weekend expeditions across the Tundra
- o March 2020: Evaluation and reporting

If preferred, applicants can fill out one of the Laidlaw work plan templates found here instead of filling out the text box below. Please upload the completed work plan template within the attachment section at the bottom of the application.

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Mentorship / Collaboration

Please provide the names of the elders and knowledge keepers you plan on working with along with their roles.

Please tell us how you are supported by a community member or mentors. Mentors could be other young people, community members or Elders or Knowledge Keepers, anyone who would support you throughout the course of your project and can help with aspects of your project.

Character Limit: 2000

How are you going to ensure this project is safe for youth?*

Consider the following questions

- How are you going to create a safe space?
- Do you have a safety plan in case of emergencies?
- Has anyone in your team received training in mental health?

For mental health training resources or steps on how to create a safety plan please click [here](#).

Character Limit: 1800

Do you have Microsoft Excel?*

Choices

Yes

No

Do not have Excel

Please review eligible and ineligible expenses on the guideline before you start developing your budget.

Eligible Expenses:

- Expenses associated with project activities and project materials
- Administrative costs (up to 5%)
- Small equipment and technical costs or fees to carry out the proposed project
- Transportation, food, and childcare expenses for project staff and participants
- Salaries and honorariums for Elders and Knowledge Keepers and Youth Staff

Please contact us if you're not sure whether the expenses you anticipate would be eligible for funding or not)

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES +

- Purchase of land or real estate
- Capital expenses for immovable assets, i.e. buildings
- Fundraising campaigns
- Endowments
- Scholarship and bursaries
- Cultural tourism and powwow competitions
- Projects involving partisan political activities
- Direct financial support to for-profit enterprises
- Projects involving strictly religious purposes or activities.
- Salaries for non youth led organization and groups

Please note that we do not consider Indigenous ceremonies to be religious purposes.

Project Budget*

The Project budget identifies all costs associated with the project.

For example:

Year 1

Transportation: \$800

Rent: \$2,400

Salaries: \$12,000

Elder honorarium: \$2,000

Youth honorarium: \$1,000

Food: \$800

Project Supplies: \$1,000

Mental Health Training: \$1,000

Admin: \$1,050
Total: \$22,050

Year 2 (if applicable)
Youth Salaries: \$5,200
Honorarium: \$5,000
Materials: \$4,500
Transportation: \$3,000
Admin: \$1,500
Total: \$19,200

*The totals for the project budget and budget narrative should match

Character Limit: 3000

Budget Narrative*

A budget narrative explains or justifies the estimated costs by line item in the budget.

For example:

Year 1

Transportation: Mileage and gas. \$200 per event. 4 events: \$800
Rent: \$400 each month for 6 months: \$2,400
Salaries: 2 PT coordinator (\$30 per hour x 10 hours per week x 20 weeks) \$6,000 each: \$12,000
Elder Honorarium: 3 Elders. Fire Keeper (\$500), language translator (\$1,000), knowledge keeper (\$500): \$2,000
Youth Honorarium: honorarium for youth participating in the workshop (20 youth x \$50): \$1,000
Food: \$200 per event. 4 events: \$800
Project Supplies: Medicines (\$500), boxes for care packages (\$300), hygiene products (\$200): \$1,000
Mental Health Training: Certificate for two people, \$500 each: \$1,000
Admin Costs: 5% of \$21,000: \$1,050
Total: \$22,050

Year 2 (if applicable)

Youth Salaries: 2 youth leads x 13 sessions @ 200/session = \$5,200
Youth Honorarium: 25 youth x \$200/participant= \$5,000
Materials: 30 art kits x \$150 = \$4,500
Transportation: 20 bus passes x \$150= \$3,000
Admin: \$1,500
Total: \$19,200

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Character Limit: 5000

Is your project free for participants?*

If your answer is not a clear yes or no, please provide clarification in the budget narrative.

Choices

Yes

No

Will your project have paid youth staff?*

If your answer is not a clear yes or no, please provide clarification in the budget narrative.

Choices

Yes

No

Excel Budget Template

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Project Budget*

- Download one of these budget <https://app.box.com/s/6bwred2d0opsm5w10mqvyebbpz016it1> templates
- Complete the proposal budget and budget narrative
- BUDGET - The Project budget identifies all costs associated with the project.
- BUDGET NARRATIVE - A budget narrative explains or justifies the estimated costs by line item in the budget.
- Applicants can also use any budget template they prefer
- Upload using the button below.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

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Choices

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No

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Choices

Yes

No

Additional Information

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If you would like to include examples of your work and other information you feel is important for us to know, you can do so here.

Please **upload all documents as a PDF**. No other format will be accepted by the system.

Please reach out to our Program Manager, Amanda Bernard at abernard@laidlawfdn.org, if you are having difficulties uploading any of your files.

Examples of additional documents often shared:

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1. Letter of support from the community
2. Feedback from past participants
3. Partnership agreements with an organizational mentor
4. Letter of support from the youth involved

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Additional Information Files

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Additional Information Files

File Size Limit: 25 MB

Additional Information Files

File Size Limit: 8 MB

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