

Innovation in First Nations Education Grant Program

What is the Innovation in First Nations Education Grant Program?

The Innovation in First Nations Education (IFNE) Grant Program provides opportunities to build upon collaborative work started through the Building Collaboration and Capacity in Education (BCCE) Grant Program by developing school-based programs and initiatives that meet student needs and strengthen opportunities for student success.

What is the purpose of this grant program?

This grant will support partnerships between First Nations and provincial school jurisdictions through the development of three-year projects that focus on two or more of the following key priority areas:

- Early Childhood Education in Primary Schools
- Student Centred Supports
- Children and Youth Not in School
- Parental/Caregiver Engagement
- Indigenous Languages

These priority areas were informed through feedback provided by BCCE Grant recipients.

Who can apply?

- Individual First Nations in Alberta (one proposal per First Nation);
- First Nations organizations providing education services (e.g., tribal councils);
- Provincial school jurisdictions with existing education services (or tuition) agreements;
- Joint submissions from interested parties who wish to partner on a proposal submission in order to maximize funding.

How is IFNE different from BCCE?

The Innovation in First Nations Education (IFNE) Grant Program is a grant program that was informed by, and builds, on what we learned from BCCE.

BCCE is an existing grant program that started in 2015/16.

Program activities and deliverables for IFNE are distinct from BCCE.

How much funding is available?

A total of \$36 million over three years is available through the Innovation in First Nations Education Grant Program.

Is it possible to partner with other First Nations or provincial school authorities on a submission?

Yes. Individual First Nations, First Nations organizations providing education services, and provincial school authorities can partner on the submission of a joint application and proposal. Funding for joint proposals may be pooled in order to maximize resources.

Do I require a letter of support?

Letters of support from First Nations need to be included in the grant application for provincial school jurisdictions. Tribal Councils are eligible to apply for the Grant Program, but require a letter of support from one of multiple member First Nations choosing to have the Tribal Council apply on their behalf. Letters of support are also required from partners submitting joint applications.

What is the application deadline?

The deadline for applications and proposals is **February 5, 2018**.

I'm interested in applying. Where can I find an application form?

The first step in the application process is to contact:

First Nations Education Initiatives Branch

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Directorate
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Edmonton, Alberta T5J 5E6

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