

# Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative

2023-24 approved applicants

## Cultural stream

Recipient	Description	Amount
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	Funding to organize and host a three-day Nakota language conference.	\$100,000
Asini Wachi Nehiyawak Band Association	Funding to complete sacred burial investigations for Medicine Hills, South Crest, Gull Lake, Sylvan Lake, Sandy Point, Old Man Rock Sanapewasiniy and Rainy Creek Ranch.	\$20,800
Bearspaw First Nation	Funding for Stoney Nakoda language programs in the communities of Gahna and Diamond Valley.	\$54,789
Ben Calf Robe Society	Funding for cultural programming including beading, moccasin making, ribbon skirt making, sweat lodge ceremonies and drumming.	\$45,000
Bigstone Cree Nation	Funding to mark significant historical sites within Bigstone Cree Nation.	\$18,220
Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council	Funding to organize and host three one-day cultural gatherings for Elders and youth at Blackfoot Crossing.	\$100,000
Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	Funding for archival research and fieldwork to develop a book and film about the people of Janvier.	\$50,000
Creating Hope Society of Alberta	Funding to organize and host a gathering to commemorate the National Truth and Reconciliation gatherings.	\$15,000
Development Foundation of Treaty Six Confederacy	Funding to organize and host the 30-year celebration of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations.	\$100,000
Edmonton Community Foundation	Funding to support the Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards celebration.	\$10,000
Edmonton Aboriginal Seniors Centre	Funding for cultural activities and teachings, including medicine gathering, traditional cooking and ceremony.	\$30,835

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Edmonton Native Ball Association (ENBA Sports)	Funding to support the Alberta Indigenous Games for 11 days of competitive youth sports.	\$100,000
Fishing Lake Metis Settlement	Funding to support the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Indigenous Knowledge and Culture Project.	\$50,000
Fort McKay Metis Nation Association	Funding to support Métis Days and development of a photo archive and book.	\$50,000
Frog Lake First Nation	Funding to the Education Authority to film Elders and Knowledge Keepers telling traditional stories on video and create resources and education guides.	\$97,115
Horse Lake First Nation	Funding to organize and host a culture camp for youth and Elders with activities that includes hunting, fishing, medicinal harvesting, canoeing, and Cree/Dene language sessions.	\$100,000
Indigenous Edmonton Entertainment Group Association	Funding to host an "Indigenous Experience" pavillion at K-Days, including a Truth and Reconciliation site, performers and traditional crafts.	\$100,000
Iyiniw Education & Training Institute	Funding to host the 2023 Knowing Our Spirits Conference that helps address trauma, grief and healing.	\$20,000
Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre	Funding for Elders to teach youth traditional trapping and hunting skills, as well as berry picking and making moose callers.	\$40,000
Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Education Authority	Funding to organize and host the nîkânohîtân "Let's All Lead the Way" conference and the Cree Language Symposium.	\$100,000
Kehewin Cree Nation	Funding to organize and host a two-day reconciliation gathering with Frog Lake First Nation for women, gender diverse persons, youth, and men of Treaty Six.	\$70,000
Lakeland Métis Community Association	Funding to complete a baseline mapping study, as well as a methodology for future community-led studies and assessments.	\$94,966
Lloydminster Native Friendship Centre, Inc.	Funding for materials and teachings for cultural activities, including making moccasins, ribbon skirts, round rattles and medicine bag kits.	\$27,312
Louis Bull Tribe	Funding for a tipi village at the Ponoka Stampede.	\$15,300

Miskanawah Community Services Association	Funding for Miskanawah's annual Friendship Round Dance.	\$10,000
Metis Settlements General Council	Funding to document Elders' histories and develop a library.	\$50,000
National Aboriginal Hockey Championships 2024 Society	Funding to support an immersive Treaty 8 cultural experience at the 21st annual National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Grande Prairie in May 2024.	\$8,500
National Gathering of Elders Kanata	Funding to organize and host a four-day gathering for Indigenous Elders to showcase their words and teachings, and to honour their legacy and resilience as part of the 2023 National Gathering of Elders Kanata.	\$100,000
O'Chiese First Nation	Funding to transcribe oral histories and conduct interviews with community members.	\$39,953
Owl River Metis Community Association	Funding for community engagement with a series of events, including a healing circle, cultural knowledge sessions, hunting and trapping demonstrations, and medicine harvesting.	\$50,000
Paul First Nation	Funding to create a Stoney language dictionary, speech database, and learning resources for Stoney language classes.	\$100,000
Peerless Trout First Nation	Funding to organize and host Treaty Day celebrations to commemorate and celebrate ongoing reconciliation efforts between First Nations, Métis and Inuit, provinces and territories, and other partners.	\$98,325
Samson Cree Nation	Funding for organizing and hosting Cree language classes and other cultural activities, including beading, sewing, drum making, hide tanning and harvesting plants, medicines and roots.	\$50,000
Sawridge First Nation	Funding to support genealogical research and traditional ceremonies for the community.	\$50,000
Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society	Funding for the facilitation of and materials for cultural programming including Blackfoot language classes, moccasin making, men's support group and medicine gathering.	\$100,000

Siksika Nation	Funding to support the Blackfoot people (Siksika) to repatriate the Sacred Motokiik Headdress from the Royal Alberta Museum in Exeter, England.	\$50,000
Smith's Landing First Nation	Funding for language and cultural programs, including moccasin making and land-based excursions.	\$97,058
Stoney Nakoda Tsuut'ina Tribal Council	Funding to organize and host a traditional land-based wellness workshop for youth and families.	\$46,219
Stoney Tribal Administration	Funding to organize the Stoney Annual Celebration, a weekend celebration showcasing Nakoda culture and heritage, hosted by Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Goodstoney.	\$100,000
Sucker Creek First Nation	Funding to provide community with access to traditional healers and counselling, as well as sweat lodges for healing.	\$81,000
Swan River First Nation	Funding for youth will work with Elders to learn Cree language and traditional skills, including hunting and gathering, fishing, canoeing, drum making, medicine gathering, naming ceremonies and storytelling.	\$50,000
Tsuut'ina Nation	Funding to expand the Tsuut'ina Nation's Cultural Item Repository for teaching and to purchase a trapper's tent, tipis and traditional clothing.	\$64,100
Urban Rez Cultural Society	Funding supported the delivery of a four-day Youth Empowerment Conference including traditional teachings and ceremony, workshops, and youth engagement.	\$31,440
Whitecourt Isga Tourism Association	Funding to set-up tipis and purchase cultural items for the Traditional Nakota Encampment at Carson Pegasus Provincial Park.	\$38,118
Wood Buffalo Wellness Society	Funding for Elders and Oskapewis (Knowledge Holder/Elder Helper) to provide cultural teachings, ceremony, and materials for cultural programming at Tawâw Housing.	\$50,000

## Economic stream

Recipient	Description	Amount
Alexander Business Corp	Funding to undertake corporate re-structuring of the Alexander Business Corporation.	\$100,000
Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council	Funding to develop a coordinated economic strategy for the three nations in the confederacy: Kainai, Siksika Nation and Piikani Nation.	\$100,000
Chard Métis Community Association	Funding to complete a study to determine profitability of nitrogen generating facility.	\$95,000
Indian Resource Council of Canada	Funding to support a conference promoting economic reconciliation through Indigenous inclusion in the oil and gas industry.	\$100,000
Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre Association	Funding to develop a business plan to expand Indigenous Spirit Creations to include Indigenous tourism.	\$22,000
Métis Nation of Alberta, Fort McMurray Local Council 1935	Funding for a feasibility study to re-scope elements of the McMurray Métis Cultural Centre.	\$100,000
Metis Settlement Development Corporation (MSDC)	Funding to conduct assessments for investment opportunities, including legal, financial and consulting support.	\$100,000
Mikisew Cree First Nation	Funding for training and strategic planning sessions for the Mikisew finance and socio-economic team members.	\$96,000
Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies Inc.	Funding for a feasibility study to upgrade the Fas Gas retail fuel and convenience store business operations.	\$25,000
Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association	Funding for educational opportunities, skill-based workshops and hands-on training.	\$99,100
Onion Lake Group of Companies Corporation	Funding for financial literacy workshops and training to onboard the chief financial officer.	\$26,000

Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement	Funding to identify and map lands suitable for agricultural use.	\$100,000
Peerless Trout First Nation	Funding to do business planning to expand a construction camp and update the comprehensive community plan.	\$99,500
River Cree Development Corporation / Enoch Cree Nation	Funding to hire a multimedia studio to do a feasibility study for a multimedia Indigenous tourism project.	\$100,000
Saddle Lake Cree Nation	Funding to conduct a feasibility assessment for a car wash enterprise and business plan.	\$15,000
Saddle Lake Cree Nation	Funding for a feasibility study and business plan for a funeral home.	\$25,000
Swan River First Nation	Funding to develop an economic development strategy.	\$29,750
Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta	Funding to develop the Treaty 8 Economic Development Corporation strategic plan and unity agreement.	\$100,000
Whitecourt Isga Tourism Association	Funding to establish a traditional tipi village experience at Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park.	\$83,600
Whitefish Lake First Nation #128	Funding to develop a business plan to expand heavy equipment rental company.	\$25,000
Woodland Cree First Nation	Funding to develop a business and marketing plan for Woodland Foods.	\$95,000