ABORIGINAL PEOPLES’ PROGRAM at Canadian Heritage

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Aboriginal Affairs Directorate (AAD)

• The Directorate works with Indigenous communities across Canada to celebrate and preserve their languages and cultures as an integral part of Canadian society.

• The program funds community language initiatives that benefit children, youth, adults and seniors.

• Objectives:
  • To strengthen Indigenous cultural identity and participation in Canadian society;
  • To promote, preserve and revitalize Indigenous languages and cultures.
Aboriginal Affairs Directorate - Functions

ADMINISTRATION of the APP (evolving business)

• Aboriginal Languages Initiative
• Territorial Language Accords
• Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting
• National Indigenous Peoples’ Day (NCR support)
• Scholarship and Youth Initiatives and the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards (SYI-NAAA)

PROGRAM POLICY / RESEARCH & RESULTS

• Supports change agenda; forward direction setting; ongoing decision-making
• Supports the Indigenous legislation team

INDIGENOUS POLICY (emerging business)

• Section 35 - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (legal obligations)
• PCH’s Reconciliation Strategy
### Existing Program Components

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<td><strong>Territorial Language Accords</strong></td>
<td>• $5.1M Nunavut&lt;br&gt;• $5.9M NWT&lt;br&gt;• $1.09M Yukon (non-self-governing First Nations)</td>
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Indigenous languages and cultures are living elements of contemporary Canadian society.
Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI): Policy Context

Funds community-based projects that contribute to the revitalization, preservation and promotion of Indigenous languages for the benefit of Indigenous peoples and other Canadians.

Budget 2017: $69M contribution funding over 3 years to enhance ALI

1998 funding allocation: 75% FN, 15% Inuit, 10% Métis

Historical non-A-base and low funding level have impeded success
Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI): Snapshot of 2018-19

- Annual Call for Proposals each Fall
- $28M total requests 2018-2019
- $69M over 3 years
- Approx. $20M in request for multi-year funding into 2019-2020
- 89 multi-year requests
- 141 Eligible projects (excl. BC)
- 116 FN
  13 Inuit
  12 Métis
- Funds wide range of community language projects