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NWTAC E-News Flash

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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

NWTAC VACCINE PROMOTION FUND

COMMUNITY VACCINE PROMOTION FUND



The NWT Association of Communities in collaboration with the Government of the Northwest Territories is making available up to a total of \$100,000 to NWT communities and Indigenous Governments for local-level promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine. Funded activities should occur between June and September 2021.

Indigenous and Community Governments can receive up to \$10,000 to carry out vaccine promotion activities at the local level. Promotion ideas should be limited to your community or region and should be customized to address your residents' individual needs and concerns with regards to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Ideas may include: - Educational events or workshops; - Home visits; - Promotions and contests; - Communications campaigns The number and

amount of projects funded will be determined by the level of interest and number of proposals received by the deadline as well as the territorial vaccination rates in the communities where activities are being proposed. You may have other ideas that will be more effective in your community – we encourage you to design and implement them!

Deadline to submit your application to the NWT Association of Communities is Monday, May 31, 2021 by 5 p.m. to sara@nwtac.com

We look forward to seeing the creative ideas!

[Get your application here!](#)

INCOME ASSISTANCE ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS IN FLOOD ZONES



DEHCHO REGION RESIDENTS

If you are affected by flooding and are currently receiving Income Assistance or are experiencing financial difficulties you can contact an ECE Client Services Officer:

Residents of Fort Providence, Fort Simpson or Jean Marie River: Call the Fort Providence CSO: 867-699-4431

Residents of Fort Liard, Nahanni Butte, Sambaa k'e and Wrigley: Call the Fort Liard CSO: 867-770-4104 - extension 121

FIRESMART

WHEN IT COMES TO PREPARING FOR THE THREAT OF WILDFIRE, WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

Wildfires are a natural part of Northwest Territories wildland ecosystems. Without wildfire, the landscape loses its diversity. Wildfires recycle nutrients, help plants reproduce and create a mosaic of vegetation that provides habitat for a variety of wildlife.

By choosing to extend our lifestyles and communities further into forested areas, we become more exposed to the danger of wildfire. Living where wildfires can occur puts your home or cabin at risk; however, it is possible to live safely with this natural event.



How FireSmart® can help

FireSmart recommendations reduce the risk of wildfire to your property, community and neighbourhood, and help firefighters to defend your home.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) provides FireSmart information and workshops to help communities, industry and homeowners reduce the threat of wildfire.

[Watch "ENR Fire Prevention Doing Your Part" video here](#)

[Download a copy of the Homeowners Manual here](#)

FUNDING



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Territoires du Nord-Ouest

MEN'S HEALING FUND

As part of its commitment to promoting prevention initiatives, the Government of the Northwest Territories – Community Justice and Policing - is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for

the 2021-2022 Men's Healing Fund. The annual funding is \$292,000 with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$40,000 per organization per program.

The objectives of the Men's Healing Fund include:

- Supporting the vision of community-based organizations in the Northwest Territories;
- Creating space for men to self-define renewed vision of themselves, and how they want to get there;
- Connecting participants to services designed to support them;
- Increasing community cohesiveness while inspiring men to take on leadership roles;
- Increasing self-efficacy and capacity in participants by focusing on holistic wellbeing of men, taking into account their social, spiritual and emotional needs;

Applications will be accepted on a continual basis throughout 2021-2022 until all the Men's Healing Fund is dispersed.

Please share this email to any organizations in the NWT you think may be interested in applying for this fund.

Application packages can be submitted via email to tanya_ashley@gov.nt.ca. To access the Expression of Interest, application form, or selection process and scoring document, or for the contact information for the Men's Healing Fund lead, please click the link below:

ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

ARCTIC
INSPIRATION PRIZE



PRIX INSPIRATION
ARCTIQUE

The 2021 Arctic Inspiration Prize Call for Nominations is open! This year marks the 10th anniversary of the AIP.

In 2021, up to 10 teams can win prize money in one of three prize categories to launch initiatives that bring about the changes they want to see in their communities.

This year's nomination deadline is October 13, 2021 at 11:59pm PT.

[Nomination Guidelines](#)

PARTICIPACTION CHALLENGE



WHO WILL BE CANADA'S MOST ACTIVE MUNICIPALITY?

This June, we are encouraging your municipality to participate in the [ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge](#). From **June 1 – 30**, you can actively support your municipality's quest to be Canada's Most Active Community and **win \$100,000** for local physical activity initiatives.

Encourage your residents to [download the \(FREE\) ParticipACTION app](#) and track their activity in June. Everyone is counted towards your municipality's score.

Click [here](#) for more information

CLIMATE ACTION AWARENESS FUND



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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Canada's Climate Action and Awareness Fund (CAAF) has opened a request for proposals (RFP) for Advancing Climate Change Science and Technology

Research.

The RFP will fund up to \$59M for projects that will strengthen Canada's science capacity to understand, identify, accelerate, and evaluate actions towards achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

To be eligible for funding under this request for proposals, lead applicants must be one of the following:

- universities and other academic institutions;
- not-for-profit non-government organizations (NGO, e.g., environmental community groups); or
- Indigenous organizations

Letters of intent for the advancing climate science and technology request for proposals will be accepted until June 10, 2021.

Please visit the [CAAF website](#) for more information.

CORONAVIRUS TOOLKIT



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) RESOURCES

The NWTAC has created a new toolkit filled with resources to help our communities deal with the Coronavirus.

Go to the link below to get updated information from the Federal and Territorial governments as well as educational resources to keep your community healthy.

COVID-19 POSTERS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

The toolkit now contains fresh new posters and social media posts for you to use around your community and on your social media pages. Have a look!

[Link to Coronavirus Toolkit](#)

ON THE LAND HEALING PROGRAMS

ON THE LAND HEALING PROGRAMS IN NWT FEATURED IN PODCAST



The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is pleased to announce that On the Land Healing Programs are being featured as part of the Promising Practices Podcast.

The Promising Practices Podcast is an initiative of Canada's Premiers. It features innovative mental health programs and initiatives from across Canada. Episode 8 of the podcast series focuses on the Northwest Territories and discusses On the Land Healing Programs.

The podcast explores two On the Land Healing programs: Project Jewel, from Inuvialuit Regional Corporation's Health and Wellness Division, and Journey to my Best Self, hosted by Dehcho First Nations. Using a holistic approach that is focused on one's connection to land, culture and tradition, these programs can have a lasting impact on a person's journey to recover from substance use and mental health problems.

The podcast includes an introduction from Premier Cochrane, and she highlights the importance of partnerships with communities and Indigenous governments that help strengthen the NWT's overall approach to supporting mental wellness and addictions recovery.

You can listen to the podcast on the [Canada's Premiers](#) website, or on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#).

CALL FOR CONCEPTS



REACHING HOME COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND INNOVATION STREAM

The Government of Canada has launched a call for concepts for innovative projects under the Community Capacity and Innovation Stream of Reaching Home.

Employment and Social Development Canada is seeking concepts to test or develop innovative approaches that will help build capacity within the homeless-serving sector or prevent or reduce homelessness in Canada.

Project concepts must address at least one of the following three priorities:

- Testing or developing interventions for specific populations such as Indigenous people, youth, seniors, LGBTQ2, women fleeing violence, veterans, Black and racialized Canadians.

- Developing strategic partnerships that contribute to community collaboration, increase capacity building within the homelessness sector, or build connections between sectors or different orders of government.
- Developing effective practices or innovative techniques to measure the scope of homelessness or address data gaps related to homelessness, including hidden homelessness.

Priority consideration will be given to large-scale, multi-year projects, to projects serving Indigenous communities and to projects addressing homelessness in the Territories.

For more information visit the [call for concepts Web page](#). This page provides more information on eligibility and the steps to submit a concept proposal.

The deadline to submit a [concept application form](#) via email is June 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

Once the call for concepts has closed, a review panel will evaluate submissions and invite selected applicants to submit full proposals.

NORTHERN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

MENTOR-APPRENTICE PROGRAMS (MAP)



MAP is a way of learning a language where a fluent speaker of the language (a Mentor) teaches a language learner (an Apprentice) through immersion. The goal of the program is to have Apprentices increase their ability to understand and speak their language. While reading and writing are important skills, an Apprentice must be able to understand and speak to become fluent. Spoken language is the focus of MAP learning.

As each Apprentice becomes more fluent, they can teach others the language, creating ripple effects in their community and supporting Indigenous Language Revitalization across the NWT. The Mentor and Apprentice must agree to spend a lot of time together, usually about 7-10 hours per week during the program. During their time together (immersion language sessions), they "live life in the language" by doing everyday activities using only their Indigenous language, with no English.

2021-2022 Mentor-Apprentice Program (MAP)

The 2021-2022 Mentor-Apprentice Program will be available to a maximum of 10 pairs of Mentors and Apprentices from six Indigenous Governments. The program is open to Apprentices of all levels, from beginners to more fluent

speakers.

Training will be provided for six Indigenous languages:

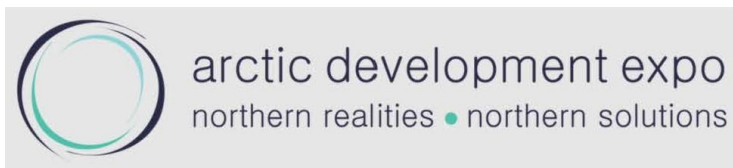
- Inuvialuktun,
- Gwich'in,
- North Slavey (also known as Dene K'ede),
- Dene Zhatié,
- Tłıchǫ, and
- Dëne Sųłíné.

The Mentor and Apprentice pairs will build Indigenous language fluency over a period of up to 200 hours of immersion instruction and strategies. Both Mentors and Apprentices are paid for their time in the program upon submission of MAP progress reports. Mentors receive a starting compensation rate of \$25 per hour, and apprentices receive a starting rate of \$20 per hour.

Application submission deadline EXTENDED: May 31, 2021

[For more information click here](#)

ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT EXPO



**ARCTIC
DEVELOPMENT
VIRTUAL EXPO
June 15-16, 2021**

The Arctic Development Expo welcomes all researchers, Indigenous leaders, circumpolar Governments, scientists, industry experts and passionate individuals to join us virtually for 2021.

The Arctic Development Expo typically takes place in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada as we strive to make knowledgeable decisions to enhance circumpolar life and create innovative solutions for our northern realities. We look to develop the Arctic through sustainable means and will do so by concentrating on the following four themes: Natural & Renewable Resources, Climate and Energy Innovations, Indigenous Leadership and Circumpolar Governance and Knowledge Economy.

[Click here to register](#)

COVID-19



HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION

APPLY FOR HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION



In the event that a traditional harvester in the Northwest Territories suffers loss or damage to equipment or assets because of a natural disaster, compensation is available.

To qualify for assistance, harvesters must possess a General Hunting Licence and/or be a land claim beneficiary, be actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities, and prove that their harvesting provides for at least 25% of their gross annual income. The maximum compensation allowable under this program is \$4500.

This program does not compensate for losses incurred from wildland fire and cannot be used to cover losses arising from poor judgment, carelessness or acts of vandalism.

For more information, contact your [local Environment and Natural Resources office](#).

COVID-19 IN VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

COVID-19 in Fully and Partially Vaccinated Individuals

YELLOWKNIFE-May 10, 2021- COVID-19 vaccines prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19. However, the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer would like to remind people that fully and partially vaccinated individuals can still get sick and transmit the virus.

Throughout the vaccine rollout, the OCPHO has consistently communicated that COVID-19 vaccines prevent a very high proportion of infections, but not all. The initial clinical trials demonstrate that 14 days or more after the second dose, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines prevent about 95% of infections. Both vaccines prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19.

At present, with large numbers of unvaccinated people (like school-aged children) in the Northwest Territories, and the demonstrated increased transmissibility of new variants, the OCPHO believes it is important that even contacts who are fully vaccinated must isolate.

In the setting of the N.J. Macpherson outbreak, fully vaccinated contacts must isolate in accordance with the [Public Health Order- Yellowknife, Ndilo, Dettah and Behchoko Temporary COVID-19 Restrictions \(May 5, 2021\)](#).

In situations of very high exposures to COVID-19, there will still be people who develop COVID-19 infections even if they are fully vaccinated. The risk for fully vaccinated individuals is likely about one-tenth the risk of non-vaccinated individuals.

Therefore, it is important for the public to recognize that even after vaccination, they should keep up with routine public health measures like:

- Washing your hands often
- Keeping physical distance from others
- Wearing non-medical masks when physical distancing isn't possible
- Keeping your circle small
- Cleaning and disinfecting your home regularly
- Staying home when you're sick
- Getting tested when you have symptoms

We continue to strongly encourage all eligible people to help protect themselves from COVID-19 and its most serious impacts by getting vaccinated.

Attribution

All commentary is attributable to Dr. Kami Kandola, Chief Public Health Officer for the Northwest Territories.

NWTAC'S FEATURED VIDEO



NWTAC VIDEOS

NWT Communities keeping COVID at bay

[Watch the video here](#)

ADDICTIONS RECOVERY PEER SUPPORT FUND



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WHO CAN APPLY?

- Community-based or Indigenous Organizations
- Community-based groups or community members working in partnership with an eligible community-based or Indigenous Organization

How to apply?

- To apply for the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund, you will need to complete and submit the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund Application Form.

Funding is available for two purposes.

Training Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Program

- Total available funds annually: \$100,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

Basic Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Group and/or Activity

- Total available funds annually: \$180,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

[Application for Addiction Recovery Peer Support Fund](#)

FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW



Join municipal leaders from across Canada at FCM's flagship event.

As the first full gathering of Canada's municipal leaders since COVID-19 turned life upside down, FORWARD:

FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show will celebrate the incredible resilience of local leaders.

We'll explore what cities and communities need to move forward through the pandemic—and into a better future we'll help build.

Say yes to moving forward—together.

Join virtually, this Monday May 31 to June 4!

[Register here](#)

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[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

Community Election
Schedule

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