



# First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council Call for Expressions of Interest

## Language Authority and Language Plan Development - Background

The First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council (FPHLCC), the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) and the New Relationship Trust (NRT) have come together in support of First Nations language and cultural revitalization strategies in British Columbia. By working collectively we will maximize the resources available to communities engaged in language and cultural work. *We are now pleased to announce the Language Authority and Language Plan Development funding call for expressions of interest to B.C. Language communities.*

FPHLCC supported eight new B.C. language authorities from 2007-2010 with success and would like to offer the same opportunity to three to four additional new language families. The program now offers capacity building resources, including assistance with development and best practices information for new projects. Note: FPHLCC cannot officially authorize language authorities but will provide support to communities to become their own language authority.

### Definition of Language Authority

A language community dedicated to assisting with the revitalization of the language through planning, documentation, authorization of vocabularies, writing systems, spelling etc. Language authorities can also certify First Nation language speakers who are proficient in their language and set standards and criteria for proficiency. Language authorities should include all communities that share the common language.

**Program Goal:** To facilitate the development of language and culture authorities and support delegated organizations/communities to revitalize the language (i.e. to certify speakers, review curriculum, create new vocabulary, address orthography issues). A key aspect of this program is to develop coordinated approaches for short- and long-term language and cultural revitalization plans. The project may be funded for up to three years pending meeting the three-year phase model, annual eligibility and ability to meet the reporting requirements.

### FPHLCC Objectives

- To support and coordinate existing language authorities to work together across the language group and develop plans to address orthography issues, material development, documentation and language teaching. This must be supported with a language consultation process with elders, speakers, teachers and other stakeholders.
- To develop materials to support new language authorities to form and develop plans.

### FPHLCC Activities

- To fund language authorities to meet and develop terms of reference, language standards and define roles and responsibilities.
- To fund meetings and planning sessions for the development of language plans for the B.C. language groups and the education system.
- To leverage additional funding for language authority and language plan development.
- To develop materials and resources to support new language authorities to design their infrastructure.
- Assess the language situation

### Expected Results

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- First Nations communities speaking the same language collaborate under one language authority organization/group.
- The development of long-term plans for preserving and revitalizing languages for funding in a three-year period. Short- and long-term planning must be developed.
- Sharing of information and resources among stakeholders within the language group
- Orthography solutions
- Teacher training addressed at the language group level

### Eligibility

- First Nations language communities that plan to become language authorities.
- B.C. First Nations languages, please call FPHLCC if there are any questions.
- Communities able to provide 25% of total budget costs in-cash only to the project.

### Priority will be given to:

- Collaborative language projects (one per language)
- Communities representing a whole language
- Demonstrated capacity, commitment and collaboration

### Guidelines for Submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI)

#### Part A

- Length: The Expression of Interest should not exceed five (5) pages in length. At a later time FPHLCC will be requesting more project details to those applicants that are successful.
- Format: Submissions are to be made electronically as a Word document or PDF and followed up in the mail with five signed originals.

#### Part B

The headings and topics listed below provide a general guideline for the preparation of the EOI and will represent the main criteria that will be used to evaluate the submissions:

- **Title of the proposed project**
- **Name, address of Main Applicant**
- **Contact information of Project Contact Person and key team members**  
*Please list the main person who FPHLCC will communicate with and team members that may be alternate contacts.*
- **Description of your language community and language status.**  
*Summarize information about your community, the condition of your language and any data that you can share about the status of your language.*
- **Describe the goals of your language authority for year one, year two and year three.**
- **Summarize how the development of a language authority meets your language revitalization planning.**  
*Provide a summary of your community's short- or long-term language revitalization planning and how this program will fit into your future plans.*
- **Describe the stakeholders in a language authority and how they may participate in your planning.**  
*Describe your community stakeholder participants and how they participate in the planning, networking and short- or long-term planning of the language authority. What part do they play in your community goals for language?*
- **Describe the current barriers to the development and implementation of Language Authority and Language Plan Development and how you may overcome them.**  
*Describe the major challenges or barriers that may occur inside or outside of your community project (i.e. politics, health, communications, geography etc.)*
- **Summarize the language authority workplan for year one.**  
List the activities that will take place in year one as well as the expected results.

- **Describe community capacity to undertake this project. A 25% financial commitment is required as a contribution to the project.**  
*Provide information about community capacity and/or list the resource people who will support the project development and implementation. A cash commitment of 25% of the FPHLCC funding grant must be allocated to the project from your community.*
- **Submit letters or Band Council Resolutions of support from your participating communities.**  
*All participating communities involved in your project should provide support documentation.*
- **Submit a cover letter with your EIO and five signed copies.**

#### Part C

The following steps and deadlines:

- Expression of interest is due on **July 9, 2010**
- Review of Expressions of Interest and follow up discussions with prospective applicants:  
Completed by **July 23, 2010**
- Request for community submission of full project proposal: Shortlisted applicants by **July 30, 2010**
- Submission of full project proposals: Due by **August 30, 2010**
- Due diligence evaluation process, decision and informing applicants of funding decision:  
**September 17, 2010.** Start date of projects is October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011
- Successful applicants will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding agreement.

Note: The full Language Authority and Planning Development project proposal will provide greater detail on the project, confirming your community capacity and capability to undertake the project and formally confirm financial commitment to the project. The criteria for evaluation of the full proposals will be provided with the proposal invitation.

#### **Please submit the Expression of Interest to:**

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