



# First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council Call for Proposals: B.C. Language & Culture Camp

**Deadline: May 31, 2010**

## **Background**

The First Peoples' Heritage and Language 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 in British Columbia to develop a plan that will support four language revitalization strategies: language culture camps is one of the language initiatives. By working collectively we will maximize the resources available to communities engaged in language and cultural work. We are pleased to announce that ***Language and Culture Camp program funding is now available.***

FPHLCC, MARR and NRT recognize that language and cultural renewal can have a profound effect in improving the health, self-confidence and pride of Aboriginal youth and adults. It is from the values and ways-of-living contained within our languages and cultures that the strength of the family is found and the generations are connected.

Key to supporting long-term culture and language revitalization will be engaging youth with their culture and language, building closer relationships between the generations; teaching through traditional activities where the land, ceremonies, stories, history and language support each other and rekindle the relationships between children, parents, elders family and the traditional culture.

Learning through an immersion environment where learning is embedded in activities, through relationships and shared culture is critical. FPHLCC, MARR and NRT recognize that the most successful models in indigenous language and culture revitalization available in North America and abroad have taken the learning process from the classroom and integrated the teaching process onto the land and into the home.

We also recognize that success is not determined by funding alone. A strong personal commitment and motivation to take on the responsibility of learning, teaching and advocating for language and cultural renewal is at the heart of any successful initiative. Nurturing a core group of people within the community who are dedicated to this work and whose example inspires others is the foundation of any long-term sustainable program.<sup>1</sup>

## **Goal:**

To create an opportunity for First Nations families, elders, youth and children to be immersed in their languages and cultures through activities that will facilitate the transmission of traditional knowledge, values and nurture the relationship between youth, elders and the land. Approximately 12 – 15 projects will be funded, up to \$15,000 per language camp project.

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1. FPHLCC is pleased to announce that there are two immersion resource materials for B.C. First Nations accessible on our website: i) *Language and Culture Immersion Programs Handbook* and ii) *Culture Camps for Language Learning: An Immersion Handbook*.

**Eligibility:**

- Projects must collaborate with neighbour communities within the same language family
- Host organizations/communities must be in good standing with FPHLCC
- The initiative targets B.C. First Nations languages—please call FPHLCC if there are any questions
- Communities must provide 25% of total budget costs in-cash only
- Applicants must also complete a language needs assessment online at:  
<http://maps.fphlcc.ca/fphlcc/user/register/LNA>

**Priority will be given to:**

- Collaborated language projects within the same language family (more than two communities)
- B.C. First Nations languages—please call FPHLCC if there are any questions
- Projects or language communities that have not been previously funded in year one

**Program Criteria must be met by:**

- Projects must include
  - Development of a language culture camp program outline
  - Clear program immersion activities & method(s)
  - Detailed budget
    - All project costs
  - Community support
    - Financially – in-cash contribution
    - Politically – Band Council Resolution
  - Example of proficiency test – beginning of camp/pre-camp survey must be provided
  - Outline of proficiency test – end of camp/post-camp survey must be provided
  - Demonstrated staff capacity and skills
  - Locations of camp described
  - Identify your Camp schedule:
    - Summer or Winter Camp (24 hours per day)
    - 1-2 weeks in duration on traditional lands
  - Age of participants
  - Number of participants
  - Language goals of immersion program
- 100% immersion language programming
- Summer or winter camps
  - 1 – 4 weeks in duration
- Health and Safety
  - First Aid certification and kit
  - Emergency procedures
  - Insurance coverage – event insurance purchased
  - 1:3 ratio for instructor to participant
  - Criminal record checks for all camp employees/contractors/consultants
- Provide Best Practices/Model for FPHLCC for network

**Immersion Results**

Transmission of cultural knowledge; projects that increase intergenerational language transmission, increase language fluency, maintain and preserve British Columbia First Nations languages and cultures. Transmission results must be towards the creation of speakers and/or fluency in collaboration with community resources.

## **Application Process**

### Stage 1: Application Submission to FPHLCC

1. Application must be submitted to FPHLCC office by May 31, 2010 at 4:30 PM and include:
  - a. Program outline, goals and objectives
  - b. Total project costs
  - c. Language proficiency outcomes
  - d. Number of attendees
  - e. Summarize project capacity
  - f. Include all of program criteria as requested above

### Stage 2: Review and Approval by FPHLCC

1. Application review by Peer Review and FPHLCC approval

### Stage 3: Language and Culture Camp Program Implementation

1. Funding disbursed
2. Summer or winter camp to run between August 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011

### Stage 4: Project Reporting

1. Final report to FPHLCC – deadline date to be announced
2. Must provide a best practices model to FPHLCC

## **Budget Details**

### Eligible Project Expenses

1. Staffing
  - a. Contractors/consultants/experts up to \$200 a day
  - b. Coordinator up to 10% of total FPHLCC request budget only
2. Honorariums
  - a. Elders/Speakers up to \$200 a day
  - b. Cultural specialists up to \$200 a day
3. Travel
  - a. No more than a \$1,000
  - b. More than a \$1,000 requires written approval due to special circumstances (please call the coordinator for this issue; must demonstrate need for such costs).
4. Food
  - a. No more than 10% of total budget (FPHLCC request)
  - b. Ensure meets dietary needs of participants such as allergies or diabetes
  - c. Ensure meets Food Safe Standards
5. Equipment Rental
  - a. No more than 10% of total budget
  - b. Must demonstrate need of rental equipment
  - c. Provide quote(s)
  - d. More than \$1,000 requires written approval due to special circumstances
  - e. Non-cultural rental equipment subject to approval

6. Capital Purchases if necessary must be realistic and justified
  - a. First aid kits
    - i. Allergy kits, if required
  - b. Event insurance
  - c. Criminal record checks, if required
  - d. Other safety equipment as required per camp such as fire extinguishers, life jackets (personal flotation devices), etc.