



First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council

Proposal Call – B.C. Language Immersion Camp 2009-2010

Deadline: May 29, 2009

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 culture revitalization in British Columbia to develop a plan that will support language revitalization initiatives. We are pleased to announce that Language Immersion Camp program funding is now available to B.C. language communities.

Goals

To create opportunities for First Nations youth, children, teachers, families and Elders to be immersed in their languages and cultures through activities that facilitate the transmission of First Nations languages, traditional knowledge and values, as well as to nurture the relationship between First Nations people and the land.

Eligibility requirements

- Community organizations must be fully prepared to carry out a 100% language immersion camp based on cultural activities
- Projects should collaborate with neighboring communities within the same language family
- Host organizations must be in good standing with FPHLCC
- Only B.C. First Nations languages will be supported
- Community organizations must be able to provide an additional 25% of the funding

Priority will be given to:

- Communities with the ability to provide complete language immersion to small groups of participants in a cultural setting
- Collaborating projects within the same language family (more than two communities)
- Projects or language communities that have not previously been funded

Expected immersion results

- Increase transmission of cultural knowledge using the First Nations language
- Increase intergenerational language transmission
- Increase First Nations language fluency
- Maintain and preserve B.C. First Nations languages and cultures
- Create new speakers and/or improve fluency of semi-fluent speakers in collaboration with community resources

Project criteria (required for each project)

- Detailed pre-planning including staff training ad responsibilities, logistics, criminal records checks for all staff, first aid certification, safety planning and insurance
- Clear program methods and immersion activities based on cultural activities
- Detailed budget following FPHLCC guidelines
- Community support – financial and political
- Example proficiency tests – pre-camp and post-camp surveys
- Demonstrated staff capacity and skills
- Description of camp location
- Description of camp schedule – when and for how long the camp will last
- Camps should last 1–2 weeks, consist of condensed language immersion hours and be based on traditional seasonal activities
- Age of participants
- Number of participants – **1:3 ratio** of fluent speakers to language learners is required
- Language goals of immersion program
- 100% language immersion programming
- Health and safety precautions – first-aid, emergency procedures, insurance, criminal records checks
- Final report including descriptions of all activities and schedules (to be used by FPHLCC for future 'best practices') as well as detailed financial reports

Application process

Stage 1: Application submission to FPHLCC

Stage 2: Review and approval by FPHLCC

Stage 3: Language and Culture Camp Program Implementation

Stage 4: Project reporting – This step is mandatory.

Budget Details – Eligible Project Expenses

1) Staffing

Contractors/consultants/staff no more than 20% of total budget granted by FPHLCC

Coordinator no more than 10% of total budget granted by FPHLCC

2) Honorariums

Elders/Fluent speakers no more than \$200/day

Cultural Specialists no more than \$200/day

3) Travel and Food no more than 20% of total budget granted by FPHLCC

4) Equipment Rental no more than 10% of total budget

Must demonstrate need of rental equipment – provide quotes

5) Pre-planning no more than \$3,000

Including pre-camp training and orientation, meetings with staff and organizers, first-aid and allergy kits (if required), event insurance, criminal records checks and safety equipment

Application Forms

Please find the 2009-2010 Language Immersion Camp funding application on our website:

<http://www.fphlcc.ca/language/language-toolkit/fphlcc-language-program-funding/forms-documents-tutorials>

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