

## Green Stream Intake 2

### First Nation Communities

#### 1. How was the carve out amount (\$24M) determined?

The province is setting aside \$24M of the Stage II allocation towards First Nation communities based on precedence in other federal programs.

The carve-out for First Nations projects allows the province to balance needs across all Ontario communities based on thoughtful consideration and ensures a protected minimum funding amount for First Nations.

#### 2. Who do First Nation applicants get in touch for help with their application?

For all program-related questions the primary contact is [ICIPGreen@ontario.ca](mailto:ICIPGreen@ontario.ca).

For technical issues related to the submission of your application form or other supporting documents, please contact Transfer Payment Ontario Client Care at 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090 or email [TPONCC@ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@ontario.ca) for assistance.

MOI will be conducting several webinars beginning in July 2021 to support program questions and encourages applicants to attend these sessions for further information and application support. There will also be a webinar held to support specifically First Nation applicants.

#### 3. Do requirements relating to provincial policies and regulations (alignment of project with asset management plans, Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and other land use planning policies, provincial environmental assessment, etc.) apply to First Nation applicants?

Given that First Nation communities in Ontario are on federal lands, provincial statutes, regulations, and policies may not apply, however, additional federal policies may apply (e.g. federal environmental assessments).

Wherever possible, First Nation applicants should provide similar information as it relates to federal jurisdiction.

#### 4. Do the following application elements apply to First Nation applicants?

- Questions in the technical schedules regarding systems revenues and rate structure.
- Alignment with provincial land-use planning legislation and policy

- **Asset Management Plans**
- **Provincial environmental assessments**

The above do not apply to First Nation applicants in the application forms for ICIP Green Stream. Wherever possible, First Nation applicants should provide similar information as it relates to federal jurisdiction. If you are not able to provide a response, please include “N/A” on the form. You will not be penalized for providing a N/A response.

**5. Can First Nation communities apply for the targeted municipal funding?**

No. Although a First Nation community may be considered a partner on a municipal project, they cannot submit a stand-alone application to the municipal funding. This is the same rule for a municipality wanting to apply to the First Nation funding carve-out.

In the event that a First Nation community applies with a municipality as a partner, it is foregoing the opportunity to submit a stand-alone application under the First Nation carve-out, as only one application per applicant is allowed, including joint projects.

**6. Can you please confirm that First Nation applicants whose projects are all on federal (reserve) lands do have to submit an Aboriginal Consultation and Environmental Assessment Smart Form?**

The Aboriginal Consultation and Environmental Assessment Smart Form is a federal requirement and must be completed by all applicants for their project.

This form must be submitted to the Province at the time of application.

**7. There are some questions in the technical schedule regarding drinking water advisories. How should this be answered for projects located on reserve land?**

First Nation applicants are asked to provide information in response to the technical schedules only insofar as it is applicable to their system/jurisdiction. If certain questions or components of questions do not apply, First Nation applicants are asked to provide a related quantitative measure that can be used to assess existing health and safety issues, where possible.

For example, First Nation applicants could provide information regarding health advisories issued by Health Canada or Indigenous Services Canada with respect to the potability of water, or other relevant supporting information.

## **8. How does the First Nation carveout factor in boil water advisories?**

First Nation communities under a boil water or long-term drinking water advisory are eligible for funding (as are all First Nation communities in Ontario). Due to Indigenous Services Canada stacking restrictions, projects that are already receiving federal funding from Indigenous Services Canada to address a boil water advisory will be unable to receive funding under this intake for the same project. If there was a component of the overall project not receiving funding, it could be eligible.

However, First Nation communities with boil water advisories are still eligible to apply for funding for other drinking water projects to address their health and safety issues associated with drinking water infrastructure, as well as projects that do not specifically address these advisories.