

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund



Year 1 Report

Period: June 1 - December 31 2020

Acknowledgement

On behalf of all of us, the Advisory Council, our volunteers and staff at the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund, we wish to express our appreciation for your very thoughtful gifts. Five years ago, in June of 2015, the Philanthropic Community in Canada presented "The Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action" to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In part, it reads, "We are committed to supporting the fulfillment of the vision of Aboriginal peoples, to building a fairer and more just country, and to the recommendations that will be outlined by the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We will work, each in our own way, and together, towards achieving the goal of reconciliation and, in the end, a much stronger, more inclusive Canada." This is what laid the foundation for the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund.



Victoria Grant



Wanda Brascoupé

When we started down this road in March 2020, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into. From not knowing the kind of support needed or the number of applications we would receive from communities. We just knew that it was the right thing to do. What we did know, was that we wanted to do things differently and be responsive to community's needs. If, indeed, there was an urgency, then there was an obligation on us to respond in a timely manner. Support from people like yourself and philanthropic organizations has been nothing short of outstanding.

In the spirit of Kindness, Meegwetch, nyá:wę

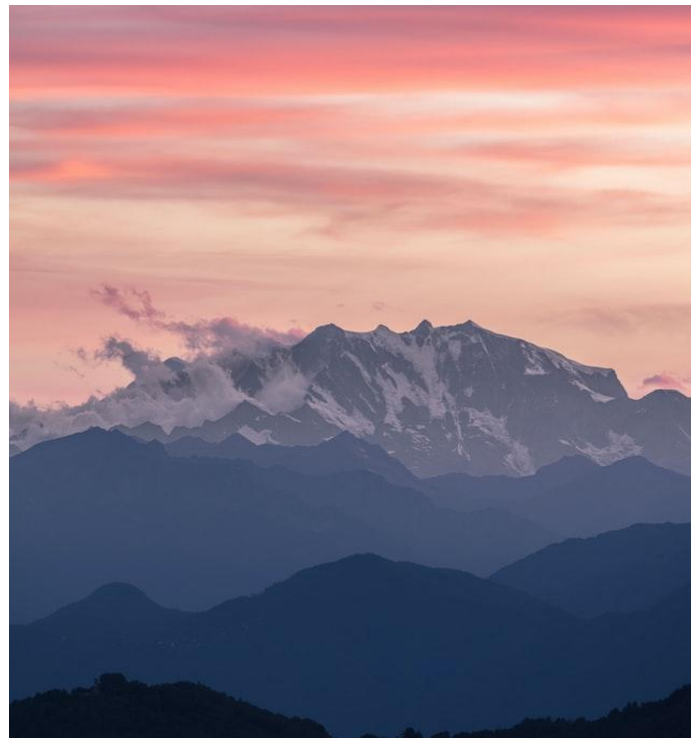
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The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is an Indigenous-led effort to respond to urgent community needs while taking a long-term view on building community resilience. It launched in June 2020.

With the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, communities across Canada and around the world are facing an unprecedented moment; one that is challenging our collective ability to deliver services that communities depend on. For Indigenous communities and Indigenous-led organizations working to respond to COVID-19 in the context of pre-existing economic and health disparities, the impacts are even more pronounced.

This fund is Indigenous-led, and is complementary to other Government and

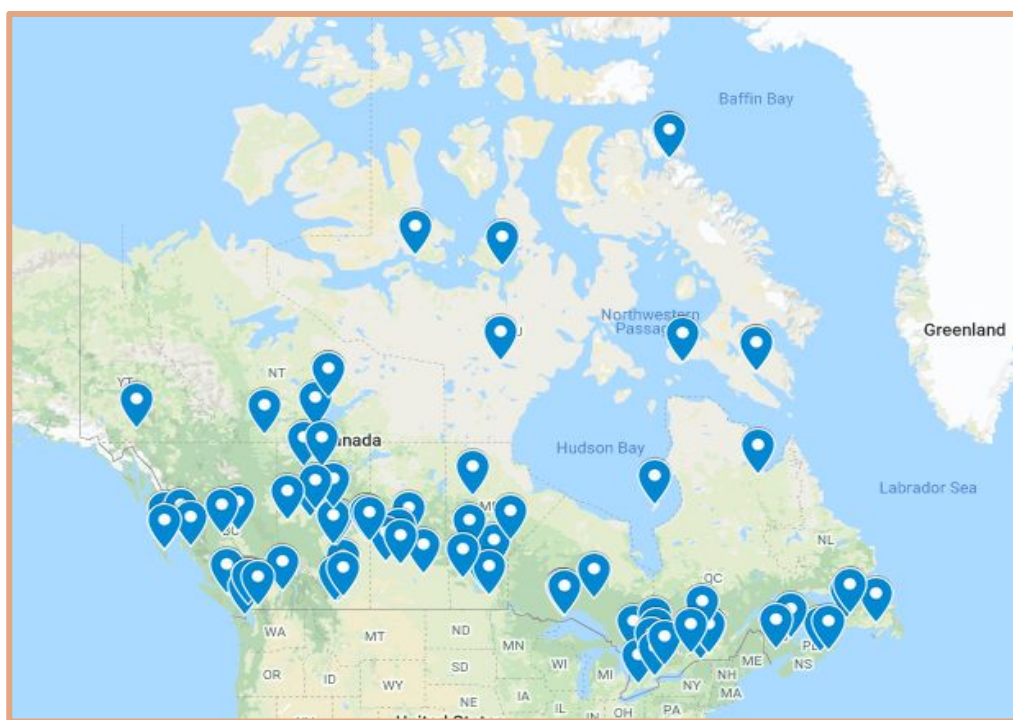
philanthropic efforts. It leverages local data and community knowledge alongside philanthropic capital to provide flexible, adaptive and crucial support where it is most needed within Indigenous organizations or communities.



109 Projects Coast to Coast to Coast

To support Indigenous communities coast to coast to coast, an all-Indigenous Advisory Council (p.10) reviews all applications that come in from communities across Canada. From the beginning, the Advisory Council decided that funds would be allocated based on **urgent community needs**.

Between June and December 2020, the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund spent **\$2.6 million supporting 109 projects**. The top funded challenges have been: food security and food sovereignty, mental health and connectivity. Fifty percent of recipients have been non-qualified donees, providing needed support to grassroots organizations.



Map of funded projects up to December 31 2020.

Project Story: Sucker Creek Emergency Women's Shelter

Mental/cultural support and traditional foods to support food security. The project involved two Elders for five weeks making dried country foods for distribution in the community.

“Each week, we focus on sharing different life skills, such as canning, preserving jams and fruit, how to use a sewing machine, making moccasins and other such activities. While sharing these skills, women in the program are also interacting, providing support and guidance to each other through storytelling. These workshops show them what they can do. Through their own life circumstances they never had this opportunity. Through the storied interactions, the women will recall memories, memories of time with their own grandmothers and family, while there are many emotions, laughter is one that is always there. There’s always lots of laughter.”



Project Story: Matawa Health Co-operative

The purchase of a travel trailer and other materials enabled the community to enhance its COVID-19 surveillance and better protect community members.



“When COVID hit, the ability to get testing, prior to going into our communities, was very limited and very difficult to access ... Our protective factor is the isolation itself, so anyone going into those communities ... needed testing ... the elements are difficult. Nurses were COVID-swabbing individuals outside ... they had no area to work out of, no shelter both for our patients and our nurses. So we needed ... a wellness trailer ... an area that nurses could work in safely, and that the patients could access as well and still be protected from the elements”.

(Dr. Catherine Golding)



Project Story: Ilitaqsiniq Nunavut Literacy Council

A two week program for Inuit in Iqaluit to learn about small engine repair.

“Many Indigenous people do not often have positive learning experiences in formal institutions, and it is our goal at Ilitaqsiniq to bring back that confidence and desire to learn again. As one of our Elder board members said, “Ilitaqsiniq brings back what residential school took away”.

Participants learned how to repair machines and find and use old parts instead of relying on purchasing parts from large companies that are hard to come by. As a result, they gained self confidence and increased their self-sufficiency skills. At the end of the program, participants were eager to put their skills to use on their own machines which they use to access the land and traditional food.



Project Story: Vancouver Native Housing Society

315 COVID-19 and Culture Care Kits that were provided to its Supportive Housing Portfolio throughout the Winter/Holidays.

The Vancouver Native Housing Society's mandate is to provide safe, secure and affordable housing. The care kits contributed to health and wellness in a difficult time for residents. The kits included 10 items, including elk stew, masks, sweet grass salve, traditionally-harvested sage, tobacco, hand sanitizer from traditional ingredients, grocery gift cards, chocolate, traditional tea or salmon jars, and prayer ties.

"Our tenants are still talking about the traditional foods that they received and how much they appreciated it during such a bleak time."



Feedback from Project Organizers

- “We are grateful for this opportunity and it had such a positive impact in our personal growth”
- “Overall we found the application and reporting process extremely helpful and accessible to us!”
- “The support of the \$30K has been very helpful and has made a significant difference for the community”
- “This project has been a great success and we are extremely grateful for what this funding has allowed”
- “As a non-profit who relies on external funding to run our programming, with multiple projects throughout the year, I really appreciated the simplicity of the proposal and the reporting requirements of IPRF. I think you are doing it right and I hope more groups will be able to benefit from it. We also hope other funders follow your approach.”



Materials that the Kahnawake Library was able to acquire through the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund

Advisory Council

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund is governed by an Advisory Council composed of Indigenous leaders with experience in philanthropy.



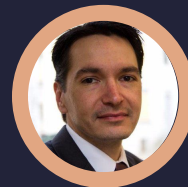
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In addition to the Advisory Council, the following Indigenous leaders with experience in philanthropy participate on committees and as advisors.

Volunteers



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Initial Supporters

We are very grateful to the following supporters for their contributions to Indigenous community resilience through the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund, including the following as well as several anonymous donors.

Seed Funding Supporters:

- Community Foundations of Canada
- The Counselling Foundation of Canada
- Laidlaw Foundation
- The Lawson Foundation
- The McConnell Foundation

Additional Supporters:

- The All One Fund
- The Carricks
- Donner Canadian Foundation
- Edmonton Community Foundation
- Enbridge
- Frontline Fund
- Green Shield Canada
- Maple Leaf Foods
- Medavie Health Foundation
- Metcalf Foundation
- The Toronto Foundation
- The Trottier Family Foundation
- The Sprott Foundation
- Suncor Energy Foundation
- Vancity Community Investment Bank
- Vancity Credit Union
- Vancouver Foundation

2021 and Beyond

We are committed to building an enduring organization to continue the work we have started and build on our learnings. Most importantly, with our partners' support, we will create a sustainable philanthropic community to benefit Indigenous peoples for years to come. In continuing what we have started together, we plan to support communities with 5 million dollars per year for three years while building an endowment for the future, over four phases.

Response

Many communities are still experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks or are in response mode to the pandemic, focusing on caring for the community's immediate health. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 outbreaks, we will continue to respond to the communities' urgent needs over the next two years.

Rebuild and Recover

As communities move from the pandemic's immediate challenges, we will respond to projects that advance their community's identified needs and their long-term resilience over the next two years. We will change our funding processes to reflect those changing priorities.

Sustainability

Through these three years, while supporting the community during this pandemic, we will be building the foundation for long-term stability. We are in the early stages of developing an endowment fund. In three years, with our partners' support, we intend to be fully operational and healthy enough to support what we are doing into the future.

Confirmed Funds

Our goal is to raise and distribute \$5,000,000 per year for 3 years and to build an endowment fund through these 3 years. In Year 1, we have surpassed our goal and are well on our way in Year 2 and 3, and this is because some of our partners have made 3 year commitments and beyond. Below is what we have in confirmed funds to date.

<u>Report on Confirmed Funds to December 31, 2021</u>	
Funds Committed for 2020	\$3,049,500
Funds Committed for 2021	\$3,489,000
Funds Committed for 2022	\$1,300,000
Funds Committed for 2023	\$650,000
Funds Committed to an Endowment Fund	\$1,000,000
Total Funds Confirmed	\$9,488,500

Financial Report

The following is the year-end income and expense statement for the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund.

Financial Report		
Income and Expense Report - June 1 to December 31, 2020		
Income:		
Grants from Funders	\$	5,455,750
Total Income		\$ 5,455,750
Support provided to Communities	\$	2,459,998 \$ 2,459,998
Operational Expenses		
Platform Cost	\$	50,000
Consultants Fees/ Expenses	\$	128,639
Translation/ Interpretation	\$	6,219
Branding	\$	4,752
Audit/Legal Fees	\$	18,100
Office Expenses	\$	675
Total Setup and Operational Expenses		\$ 208,385
Balance of Funds Allocated to 2021		\$ 2,787,367
Note: Administration Fees were budgeted at 10% and at year end were 8%		

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