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From June 2020 through to December 2022, Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund’s (IPRF) purpose was to enhance the resilience of Indigenous communities and organizations responding to the urgent needs brought on by the unknown and critical challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2022, IPRF went through ten rounds of application call-outs. IPRF’s commitment to uplifting applicants remained a high priority. IPRF’s community was invited to our Winter Solstice gathering at the end of the year in the presence of the Governor General of Canada, her Excellency, Mary Simon, as the guest speaker. Participants shared their voices and stories, and through these sharings, we heard that our high-touch, and personal approach was appreciated. The stories below will offer a glimpse of the diversity of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. IPRF has the privilege to uplift and share these stories with you and recognizes that all stories are meaningful. Unfortunately, we cannot share them all, though we wish we could.

**“EAST”**

**Bkejwanong Eco-Keepers (BEK)**

“Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Bkejwanong Eco-Keepers (BEK), an Indigenous youth stewardship training program, had to postpone or opt for virtual learning in lieu of hands-on-land-based activities until a safety plan was in place. The switch to virtual programming posed significant difficulties in convening workshops and meetings with insufficient technical capacity, limited internet access, and cultural considerations such as the use of traditional practices and access to Elders. Our programs have relied heavily on the use of community workshops called “Ecosystem Circles” and mentoring, most of which were not possible under strict social-distancing guidelines. Our staff needed to creatively modify programming to be delivered online, and make necessary in-person gatherings safe.”

Bkejwanong Eco-Keepers (BEK) is Indigenous-led by young professionals (three post-secondary graduates). The Indigenous team plan, run and evaluate the project. 2020-21 BEK surveys showed that youth participants identified a need to reconnect with Elders/local knowledge holders, which they felt had been lost since the pandemic. Following strict COVID-19 safety protocols, BEK was able to hold in-person activities, which were the highest rated and participants felt they gained more out of the event. Some online activities that BEK hosted, reported that participants felt disengaged due to poor internet connection and poor audio.
With the bundle from IPRF, BEK was able to hire 5 local youth, provide Honoraria to Elders/Knowledge Holders, and create 20 youth well-being kits. BEK also purchased Apple Pencils and Adobe Software, as well as an Internet Data Plan for a portable Wi-Fi hub for students with no Internet access, a 1-year Zoom membership to continue to host online activities for youth and community and Zoom Portable Studio and Accessory Pack to capture better audio during Zoom/online sessions and creating promotional and outreach materials. They also purchased Go Pro cameras to create online content for youth that aren’t in the program to see what activities are offered and share what BEK youth learn.

Successes: Stronger connections and relationship building between youth and Elders/Knowledge Holders. Youth were able to meet with 9 Knowledge Holders. Stronger sense of cultural identity as a result of project activities. Increased knowledge of Indigenous culture, language, and practices. Increased capacity to host similar activities in the future.

Challenges: Financially, we had to use our personal credit cards to purchase project supplies. Our Organizational Mentor (Walpole Island Land Trust) is a small non-profit that does not have a credit card and could only pay by cheque. Most supplies were ordered online and then we’d wait for reimbursement since it was the fastest method.

Learnings: Maintain connections to Elders/Knowledge Holders and relationships to the land and water. Make sure the team is trained on how to utilize the budget and expense form that you chose since there are sometimes multiple people making purchases that way it can always be up-to-date.”

BEK received support from Walpole Island Land Trust, providing guidance on project management; and Nin.Da.Waab.Jig/Walpole Island Heritage Centre provided supervisory staff that engaged and mentored BEK youth. They also provided resources for outdoor activities and space to house all activities.
COVID-19 brought many challenges to the Peguis First Nation community and to the SunLodge Village. The community was locked down numerous times due to provincial and local public health restrictions. This had a devastating impact on many community programs, as well as on the mental health of residents, especially those forced into quarantine for extended periods.

The impact on the SunLodge Village was twofold. First, it seriously disrupted services; until they were suspended in March 2020, there was a full schedule of cultural programming for children, youth, and families. These included regular ceremonies, workshops, and land-based experiences with 3,500 participants annually. These numbers dropped to near zero many times during Covid and are only now beginning to resume these services as COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Second, COVID-19 significantly impacted our infrastructure development project, called “Spirit and the Land.”

Spirit and the Land “has been a project to create the resources needed to offer traditional land-based programs. Through this project, we received donations of equipment for traditional handicrafts, fishing and ice-fishing, camping, hunting, and snowshoeing, as well as skidoos and sleds and two boats and motors. The project also involved the construction of a Craft House, a facility for wild meat processing and hide tanning, and a workshop and storage building. This project was initiated in April 2020, with completion anticipated by summer 2021. The Craft House has since been completed and is now fully in use. We purchased two sea can containers for the storage facility and placed these 24 ft apart on a cement pad. With roof trusses between them, this will form the structure for the workshop and meat processing facility. Unfortunately, we do not have the necessary resources remaining now to complete this project due to the financial impacts of COVID-19.”

Because of COVID-19, the price of building materials skyrocketed during the project, along with delays in the delivery of materials, which caused even further disruption and financial costs. As a result, SunLodge Village was left with less than adequate resources to complete the project.
“As these facilities are a vital part of our traditional land-based programs, we applied to Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) in October 2021 and were approved for funding of $30,000 which would be used to cover the labour costs for the final portion of our building project. Two extensions approved by the IPRF pushed our completion date forward to the fall of 2022. We are happy to report that the structure for meat processing, hide tanning, and workshop facilities have now been erected.”

“Since re-opening from COVID-19, the “Spirit and the Land” program is again providing children, youth, and families with regular access to ceremonies, teachings, and other cultural activities that are intended to foster a spiritual awakening and the development of indigenous pride and self-identity. With the addition of this new structure, we will now be able to build more fully on our land-based experiences. Learning the art of meat processing and hide tanning will provide one more way to help participants reclaim their ancestral ways, which is our ultimate goal.”

Metis Nation Columbia River Society

COVID-19 along with the summer’s extreme heat and fire situation affected everyone’s Mental Health, from youth to elders. To bring joy and mental wellness to members, the Metis Nation Columbia River Society applied to IPRF to host a cultural 3-day workshop on drum making and painting of the drums. They were grateful to have been able to flesh a bison hide. They made 20 - 15” diameter drums and 1 - 18’ diameter drums to bring to ceremonies and gatherings and were able to host workshops to hold a drum circle and learn traditional Cree/Michif songs.

The project’s intent was to help rediscover culture, understand traditional knowledge, learn traditional crafts to encourage spiritual growth and engage the community to help them remember and recognize the importance of sharing stories, music, and value.
"It is through such activities that we move towards healing. We will be including non-Indigenous people in the drum making, which will help them to better understand the importance of drum spirituality and culture, which will also help towards authentic reconciliation. The local knowledge keepers and elders who will be teaching will gain confidence, leadership skills and pride, as will the participants. The stories shared while making drums, help form positive relationships and can serve as a defence against, and healing towards such challenges as addictions, loneliness, depression, and anxiety. The partnerships will also make our community stronger. Healing through music and culture is powerful. Once the drums are made, we will be able to take part in drumming circles in order to gain a repertoire of traditional songs, which can be performed at community gatherings and events."

The bundle from IPRF was used to purchase supplies and materials for the Community drum and drum workshop. Rudy (Moose) Luke from Creston, BC was brought in to help facilitate/instruct the Community drum making, drum protocol, and teaching of traditional songs and drumming.

“This support helped our community come together after having been isolated during COVID-19. To be able to feel a sense of community while working on a cultural project filled us with joy and pride. We found that we are now reaching the younger adults and teens with a greater presence of this age group eager to learn and absorb their culture. This workshop was a great success, we all left feeling closer to one another and our ancestors.”

"NORTH"

Yukon Aboriginal Women’s Council

COVID-19 has created an increased demand for the services that we are providing to our clients. The YAWC Elder-in-Residence (EIR) program began in September 2020, with one Elder, to connect with Indigenous clientele in the Whitehorse area. What is an elder? Being an Elder is not defined by age, but rather Elders are recognized because they have earned the respect of their community through wisdom, harmony, and balance of their actions in their teachings. Elders are deeply committed to sharing their knowledge through lived experience, providing guidance, and teaching others to respect the natural world, to learn to listen and feel the rhythms of the elements and seasons. They strive to show by example - by living their lives according to deeply ingrained principles, values, and teachings.

EIR has grown, two of the programs are partnered and have rent and the food budget covered. The money requested went towards the wages for senior workers only. YAWC saw attendee numbers go from 20 clients a month at the launch of the program to 401 in October 2021.
The Yukon Aboriginal Women’s Council (YAWC) is a non-profit society located in Whitehorse, Yukon, that supports leadership and advancement for and by Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people in the Yukon Territory and Northern British Columbia. “Empowering Indigenous Women, Advocating for Change, Celebrating Success” Rooted in First Nation cultures and traditions, YAWC has advocated for the rights of Indigenous women in Yukon and Northern British Columbia for more than 50 years.

The EIR project is tailored to help prevent senior abuse, by sharing tools, and onsite resources and offering emotional support and guidance. Our program promotes inclusion by serving members of the vulnerable groups: Indigenous Peoples/persons with disabilities/members of racialized and newcomer groups/members of LGBTQ2+ communities / low-income seniors.

The project also supports healthy aging, addresses ageism, and helps seniors to age in place by providing practical support. This could include on-site warm meals, access to a computer, a printer, and referral to local resources and partner agencies. The project benefits the community by offering a safe and sober place to the most vulnerable population; serving a warm nutritious meal; offering the support of elders; offering craft and sewing activities with provided materials; regenerating the indigenous culture by following the ancestral teachings and the wisdom of the elders. Finally, this project is providing employment to 4 seniors.

“The EIR project provided daily support to vulnerable clients four times a week. This project originally was held at our office in the downstairs basement. We decided to include our EIR project with the Sally & Sister’s lunch program from 1 to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Our Elders provided guidance and support to women, and youth through different sewing projects. The clients are thankful for this support from our elders.”

The EIR project completed the following projects. Card holder, key chain, mittens, red dress pins, baby booties and vests for youth who graduated in May 2022. This project is in need of extra funds to purchase moose or deer hides, furs, and beading supplies to make mukluks and parka covers. EIR was able to get a few donations to help offset the costs to help with their project.

The daily support to our clients made a huge difference especially during COVID-19 as they were given the opportunity to call in or ask questions on Facebook. The clients continue to attend the EIR program and receive continued communication and support from our Elders. Men are inquiring about support and if a program can be provided for them in the near future.
“Our successes include the support provided by our elders as they build connections with women/children, vulnerable clients and their families on a daily basis. The clients have built a trusting relationship and enjoy just sharing a meal and talking. The challenge was COVID-19 due to being unable to be in the same space and talking through Facebook or phoning in. Another challenge is funding for materials. Learnings: Clients who don’t know how to sew/bead are learning how to thread a needle and make a keychain. Others who were in Residential schools and lost these teachings are relearning again.”

“Thank you for the funding opportunity this project is needed to help our clientele work through their trust issues, support system and regaining their cultural losses.”
At the beginning of 2022, the world we lived in since March of 2020 was beginning to change, not only at IPRF but also all around us. While COVID-19 was still an ongoing challenge and there were still outbreaks happening, people were beginning to move around and about, looking to be in the company of others. Protocols were still being followed, and we still very much operated in a time of caution. As time progressed, and the year went on, COVID-19 was receding into the background, and the world around us was changing to what many would describe as the new normal.

“Reflecting on the work IPRF has done in 2022, the word that comes to my mind is sharing. Every day is a sharing experience, whether it be with the community, partners, or our team. Along with that sharing comes learning, inspiration, reconciliation, and pride. Without the honest, caring, and humble sharing that takes place, IPRF would not be able to share the successes it has had. Hearing the ingenuity and stories shared by the community makes for feel good work at IPRF. Continuing my learning about philanthropy, reconciliation and relationships has been an incredible journey with the IPRF team, community and partners.”

Deb leads the work involved in Operations and Administration.

IPRF having received its Charitable status as of January 1, 2022, we would begin the process of moving from operating within Community Foundations of Canada to operating as an independent Indigenous-led organization.

IPRF’s bundles (support program) continued to operate monthly with the same criteria, urgent and in response to challenges imposed by COVID-19. As we observed the world changing around us, we were anticipating a transition. We took time for reflection and reached out to engage with the communities that received bundles over the last two years. We asked for their advice on how we might move forward. We wanted answers to three questions...What were we doing right? .... How might we improve our support for them? ... In what other ways could the IPRF provide support to community?... These questions are all answered in a report that was completed and called “The Path Forward” and it is available on our website.
Every day working with IPRF and our applicants has been a gift. A large part of our work is connecting with applicants from North, East, South, and West, so I get to hear about what Indigenous peoples are doing. I feel a strong privilege to see the ubiquitous projects happening across Canada and it excites me to see how these projects are materializing. As we transition into 2023, I begin to transition into a newer role of leading the programming. With the IPRF team, we are beginning to envision and imagine the different ways our programming can come together, all in service of Indigenous Peoples.”

Joe stewards the work of our Support Program

In May of 2022, IPRF hosted its first In-Person Gathering of Staff and the Advisory Council in Ottawa. Staff spent three days together reviewing and updating what we refer to as our 2050 document and creating our work plan for the coming year. It was exciting for us to be together, until then none of us had been in the same room together. The last two days were spent in meetings with the Advisory Council. We worked, we played, we laughed, and we got to know each other in a way that you would never be able to through Zoom meetings.

“I have the privilege of imbuing the IPRF’s values of love, humility, and relationships every day, and this creates an environment of understanding, dignity, and mutual respect in advancing trusting relations with Indigenous peoples through something that is inherently connective as philanthropy. IPRF is rooted in the work of the Philanthropic Communications Declaration of Action, to ensure a path forward in positive action on reconciliation will continue. IPRF is a beacon for that path forward that involves working respectfully and collaboratively in partnership with Indigenous communities. I see our partners approach this movement with a sense of cultural humility and as a process to build spaces of learning, innovation, relationship-building, co-creation, and activation in advancing the role philanthropy can play in supporting the necessary healing and reconciliation in this country to be more just, inclusive, and equitable.”

Bruce leads the work in Partnerships and Development

IPRF has developed and is implementing a strategy for the development and stewardship of a Long Term Resource Fund. We have partners who have made commitments to this fund and we are in the process of growing relationships with others. Our ambition is to grow this fund to 250 million over 5 years. We are committed to doing this, but we know we cannot do this alone. We know we need support from coast to coast to coast, we are at the table with the philanthropic sector, and we need the corporate sector and government to walk alongside us. Relationships have brought us here and it will be relationships that will get us to our goal.
As we grow, we are committed to listening, reflecting, and hearing from our partners, and from the communities who have walked with us on this journey. To bring our vision, “Within the relations of all – to live well”, to life, we have invited Reciprocal Consulting to co-create and implement an evaluation and learning framework. The scope would include measuring both the process and outcome of IPRF’s approach and measuring the extent to which the program and program partners are achieving their stated goals. Real time data will be shared back with IPRF to inform adaptations to their approach.

For the IRPF, 2022 has been a remarkable year. We are working with staff who have excellent competencies yet are just fun to be around. At every meeting, there is always laughter. Thank you, Bruce, Josh, Joe, and Deb, for your commitment to the organization.

Recognition must also be made to the Advisory Council who have been with us since we started in April of 2020. IPRF would not be here without them.

We grew as team members, and our daily focus remains the same, to serve our communities with respect, kindness, and trust in the brilliance and ingenuity of the community.
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Back in the 1980’s there was a shift in Education across North America. Prior to this shift, it was normal in schools for educators and professionals to look at the experiences of Indigenous children and ask what was wrong with them. Of course, Indigenous students were not doing well in schools in Canada and the United States. Graduation rates were abysmal. Children were routinely ‘diagnosed’ with deficits and disorders. Professionals, including well-meaning teachers and counselors, would try to understand why these kids were just not successful in school. Was it their parents? Their community? Was it something in the culture surrounding these children that prevented them from achieving as their non-Native peers?

Finally, it was Indigenous educators from New Zealand, who brought clarity and insight to these discussions. The concept of Kaupapa Māori began to upend these discussions by asking ‘how are some Indigenous students able to be successful?’ By ignoring the deficit messages surrounding their children they were able to see that despite the best efforts of that same school system to erase the history of Indigenous peoples, to minimize and marginalize the very identity of those children, some students were somehow able to be resilient. To be strong. They recognized that despite the wreckage of colonization, oppression, dispossession, and cultural genocide – Indigenous students and their families survived. Some were even able to find success in schools that were never designed for them. How?

This shift from focusing on deficits and challenges to strengths and resilience was revolutionary for Indigenous children in schools – and that same wisdom extends beyond the walls of the classroom. Indigenous peoples are and have been phenomenally resilient in the face of the ongoing horrors of colonization. The story of Indigenous Peoples here in Canada is a story of intergenerational strength, dignity, and courage. It is a story of hope.

With the release of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, we witnessed the strength, dignity and courage of Residential School Survivors who shared their stories to hold Canada accountable for that history. Reconciliation reminds us that Indigenous people do not need pity. They do not need systems that can only see the struggles and deficits. Reconciliation is an opportunity for Canada to finally step out of the way of the vibrancy of Indigenous Peoples. To walk alongside Indigenous peoples and communities while they move into their rightful place as the original stewards of this land.
Each story that you read in this report from communities is a story of triumph. Yes, you will see evidence of colonialism and racism throughout. Readers will be able to recognize how the Indian Act imposed poverty and exclusion on communities. How violence and trauma shattered lives and futures. How Residential Schools assaulted children and families. But take a lesson from our Māori brothers and sisters. Look past the challenges and see the potential. See the incredible vibrancy and beauty of humans caring for one another in an authentic way. See the strength, dignity and courage of Indigenous Peoples. See what is possible when Canada walks with Indigenous Peoples in a good way.
PARTNERS

The IPRF is a fund that is built upon the resiliency of, and guided by Indigenous Peoples to support Indigenous communities and organizations. Without the support of our partners who have chosen to accompany us in this movement, the work of IPRF would not have been possible. In this report, we have invited some of our partners to share their stories of their journey with us and why they have chosen to walk with us. For the rest of you, too many to individually list but are listed on our website at www.iprfund.ca, we know that you also have your story. On behalf of the whole IPRF family, we appreciate and acknowledge your contributions, your support and friendship, as we walk and learn together.
As a signatory to the Philanthropic Declaration of Action in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the provincial government of Ontario, is grateful to walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) as they build upon the resilience and knowledge of Indigenous peoples, communities, and organizations.

We are honoured to be invited to join others in a three-year partnership to listen and learn from the community and share reflections, internally in our own organization and externally with philanthropic partners and the social purpose community. Led by IPRF working with Reciprocal Consulting, partners are using a participatory, community-engaged approach to inform the further development of IPRF and create opportunities to learn for the philanthropic community.

The goal is to enhance understanding of, and relationships with Indigenous-led communities and organizations to better support positive outcomes.

Reflecting on his experience with IRPF, Doug Gore, Lead for Partnership Development at OTF shares, “The last two years have been an incredible journey, unlearning much of what I thought I knew and trying to apply what I am learning to our work, not just with Indigenous communities but with all our partnerships”.

“We will continue to learn and remember, understand and acknowledge, participate and act.”

Ontario Trillium Foundation Commitment to Reconciliation
The Definity Insurance Foundation is absolutely delighted to announce that one of our inaugural grants has been awarded to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF), an incredible initiative that truly embodies our fervent commitment to tackling inequities and lifting up Indigenous communities. Our multi-year partnership supports communities and organizations that increase health access, food security and sovereignty of Indigenous communities across Canada while also supporting the growth and organizational development of IPRF.

The Definity Insurance Foundation works with charitable partners across Canada to address the roots and impacts of inequality through initiatives that address barriers to good health, socio-economic opportunity, and climate-related challenges.

As a new foundation it’s important to be responsive and relevant, especially during a time of health, economic and racial unrest. Anchored by our values of community, integrity, and justice, we sought insights from more than 50 non-profit and philanthropic experts to guide our approach and help us enter the philanthropic space with curiosity, courage and humility. We landed with a commitment to respect the self-determination of Black, Indigenous, and other racialized peoples, with an eye to including women and youth at the intersection of these identities, to drive solutions to challenges they are disproportionately impacted by. We further recognized the need to work collectively with partners and pool resources with other funders. This allows for greater support of community decision-making and capacity building for those most impacted and facing systemic barriers to achieving well-being and enhancing community resilience.

We view our partnership with IPRF as an opportunity to support the recovery and rebuilding of Indigenous communities and contribute to resourcing that builds on the community’s resilience, traditional knowledge and lived experience. In addition, we are keen to participate in building meaningful relationships between philanthropy and Indigenous communities. We recognize that how we show up is as important as what we fund, and we do not take this responsibility lightly.

We are honoured to be able to practice a relational approach to philanthropy that will deepen our understanding of the communities we aim to serve and reduce power imbalances between funders and social purpose organizations. Through our partnership with IPRF, we have been gifted with honest conversations, the ability to ground our learning in the work of community, and support solutions driven by Indigenous communities. Lastly, our partnership with IPRF exemplifies the power and potential of philanthropy and Indigenous communities to work collectively to achieve greater impact.
The CMA Foundation is the private foundation of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). Through collaborative relationships with our partners, the CMA Foundation provides impactful giving to improve the health of Canadians and support excellence in health care.

The CMA Foundation takes pride in its relationship with the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF), an organization that demonstrates a profound commitment to community-led efforts in addressing the short, medium, and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous peoples across Canada.

The IPRF’s work is deeply rooted in Indigenous knowledge, sovereignty, and self-determination. Their focus on supporting community-based efforts reflects a comprehensive understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Indigenous communities and peoples. Their willingness to engage in a reciprocal relationship has enabled us to learn, reflect, and foster a stronger and more meaningful relationship based on mutual respect, trust, and understanding.

As stated by Allison Seymour, President of the CMA Foundation, “We are pleased to partner with IPRF to support the organization’s critical work and engage in knowledge sharing and translation, leading to meaningful action and improved health outcomes for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis individuals and communities across Canada.”

Over the course of this five-year relationship, the CMA Foundation proudly joins a collective of philanthropists, changemakers, and Indigenous advisors from various regions of Canada within the IPRF leadership. Together, we provide immediate resources for preparedness, healthcare support, and long-term initiatives. The CMA Foundation remains dedicated to supporting the IPRF in their important work, and we look forward to sustaining and growing this relationship in the years to come.
The volunteers play a major role in supporting the work of IPRF through the Support Review Process. We acknowledge the time, commitment, and dedication brought to IPRF by each volunteer and we wish to share our gratitude now.

IPRF puts trust into the Regional Review Committees and The National Support Review Committee to adjudicate the high volume of applications. The reviewers come from different Indigenous backgrounds and different sectors. They come with a multitude of perspectives that include community knowledge, a deep understanding of the work that is being done in each region, and an understanding that applications come from many different Indigenous communities and organizations.

In 2022, IPRF invited successful applicants to join the Regional Review Committee of their area. We can now say that applicants that were supported by IRPF are now stewarding the work that IPRF does, bringing this work full circle.

**EAST REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Josh Iserhoff, Chris Googoo, Brian Jackson, and Germaine Catchpole

**SOUTH REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Bill Mintram, Tim Fox, and Bruce Miller

**WEST REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Launa Payne, Meg Abraham, Gina Doxtator, and Braden Etzerza

**NORTH REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Jasmine Redfern, and Nancy Etok
RESOURCES

2022 BUNDLE OF SUPPORT BY DIRECTION

North (6.3%)
East (28.9%)
South (28.9%)
West (35.8%)

2022 APPLICATION FOR BUNDLE SUPPORT APPLIED / APPROVED NON QUALIFIED DONEE / QUALIFIED DONEE

$4,343,261 APPROVED
NQD 60%
QD 40%

TOTAL: 498 APPLICANTS
IPRF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1ST 2022 TO DECEMBER 31ST 2022

88.44% OF EXPENSES WENT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUNDLES
11.56% OF EXPENSES WAS USED TO ADMINISTER SUPPORT BUNDLES
PROGRESS AND STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

$6,195,000

$7,265,000

$13,460,000 TOTAL

LEGEND

- 2022 Revenues
- Confirmed beyond 2023 Revenues
2023 And Beyond: Meeting the New Moment

In 2022, IPRF received its charitable status and created its vision and ambition.

“Within the relations of all – to live well.”

“Grounded in the values of the People served, we honor the voice of Indigenous communities and organizations.”

IPRF is building a capitalization strategy that stewards capital in much the same way we would have looked after Family traditional territories "Take only what you need, use all of it, and leave some for others coming behind." In our capitalization strategy, we will articulate the concept of "money is medicine" to be utilized for restorative purposes to achieve our vision.

IPRF’s aspiration is to build a strategy to inspire giving that will lead to a 250 million Long-Term Resource Fund over a 5-year period. Keeping that in mind, we have set a target for ourselves of having 20% of that amount within two years. We believe the time is now. With our partners walking with us, we know that this is possible.

IPRF will coordinate the stewardship of ongoing partnership relationships and leverage those relationships for cross-sector collaboration with private, and public foundations, corporate philanthropy, and government relations.

IPRF will build on the strength of our governance by continuing to develop our organizational capacity by advancing reciprocity as an Indigenous model of receiving, giving, and sharing. Reciprocity will ensure we learn, teach, inspire, create, and renew. And lastly, IPRF is a bridge in working across Indigenous and non-Indigenous worldviews and norms in the philanthropic sector.

In the fall of 2022, IPRF engaged in a process with our community partners to ask these questions "How are we doing? What are we doing right? What should we change? It was in the spirit of the seven generations' teaching, which is to look back, to look forward, to decide for today, that we engaged in to contemplate and guide us in meeting the new moment. “The Path Forward” report provided us with the information we needed and with that, we outline “Our 2023 and Beyond Priorities” and we envision this future having three horizons.
First, continue to meet communities and organizations where they are – to enhance the “Resilience” of communities and organizations responding to the unaddressed, long-standing needs that were present prior to the pandemic and refining our support as described in the Path Forward report. Second, deepening investments in long-term community resilience. Third, planting a seed today in meeting the new moment, with proper care and nourishment, can create a forest over time for an abundant future.

Guided by our values of love, humility, and relationships, more seeds will be planted, and roots will be nourished for an ecosystem to support Indigenous Peoples in meeting the new moment in advancing healing and reconciliation, honouring our ancestors and our cultures, and supporting Indigenous communities’ brilliance, ingenuity, and resilience.

In 2023 and beyond we will continue to take the lead from the people who are on the ground, working with the resources at hand to improve their communities to better understand ways to serve communities. We will do this by drawing from Indigenous teachings, knowledge, and history to support a future for Indigenous communities that are resilient and sustainable; to reimagine philanthropy that ensures communities can take what they need now while leaving enough for those coming behind them.
In the Fall of 2022, IPRF collaborated with Pine Gum Studio (PGS) to reach out to its 700+ applicants and recipients to ask, “How can IPRF better serve the community?” 54 participants attended ten Virtual Gatherings over a four-week period. An extra Gathering was held for IPRF’s volunteer application reviewers. A total of 107 applicants replied to an applicant survey.

The entire process was documented by an Indigenous Graphic Illustrator. All illustrations, data and a full explanation of recommendations can be found in the full-length interactive report submitted to IPRF. A summary of the report can be found on our website.

The report produced 27 recommendations from a culmination of hundreds of pieces of data, weaving together common voices and highlighting bright ideas along the way.

IPRF is grateful for the sharing from communities and organizations who took part in the ‘Path Forward’ process; it has given IPRF the tools needed by reiterating what works and what requires change.

Wordcloud was created by engagement participants who were asked to use one word to describe their experience with IPRF.

One repeated comment was that connection to culture was at the centre of everything the communities are working for.
Grounded in the values of the Peoples served, we honour the voice of Indigenous communities and organizations.

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