

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RESILIENCE FUND



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

ALL OUR RELATIONS



Within the relations of all – to live well.

VOICES OF COMMUNITY

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF), a fund that is built upon the resiliency of, and guided by Indigenous Peoples to support Indigenous communities and organizations through the current public health crisis. On July 9, 2020, IPRF approved their first round of support to communities and organizations across Canada. At the end of December 2021, IPRF has approved support to 316 communities and organizations through 20 different intakes. When we wonder if what we are doing is relevant, and impactful, we read and review the stories from communities and organizations.

Why this fund has any relevancy is in the stories of the communities, and with that IPRF would like to acknowledge each one of the communities and organization that we have had the opportunity to engage with and support. It is their voices through their stories that we share with you. It will provide you with a glimpse of how their work supports our purpose, but more importantly how the bundles of support bring forward the brilliance and ingenuity of communities to do what they need to do...

"EAST"



Miawpukek Mi'kamaway Mawi'omi

Miawpukek Mi'kamaway Mawi'omi is a First Nation (MFN) Reserve located at the mouth of the Conne River on the south coast of the island of Newfoundland, with a registered population of 834 living on-reserve as of September 2019, with another 2,223 living off-reserve.

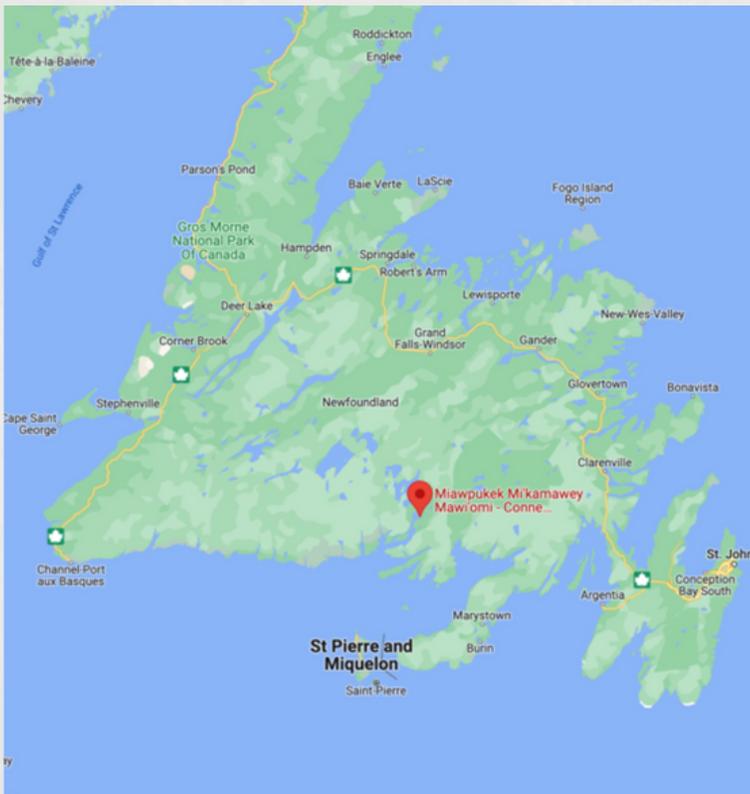
In December of 2020, IPRF had the opportunity to provide support to them for counselling services and emergency funds for families and to purchase a Reefer unit and installation which they identified as a longer-term solution for frozen food storage for this remote community

From Yvonne John of the Miawpukek Mi'kamaway Mawi'omi "Miawpukek been fortunate to receive frozen food through the Second Harvest Food Rescue program which is a national initiative in response to addressing food security issues during COVID. Through this initiative, MFN has provided frozen food to each household (approx 350 households).

As stated in my proposal, a challenge associated with this initiative is Band members do not have the household freezer capacity to store all the food provided. Funding received from Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund in the amount of \$30,000 enabled us to purchase the Reefer and install the electrical hook-up to service the members of our community. The storage and distribution plan Miawpukek put in place was very successful; frozen items that community members were unable to store at home are being held in this reefer unit until storage in the home is available. This opportunity provided relief and decreased the stress felt by the community members during this difficult time.

We are expecting a second order from the Food Rescue Program in the next couple of weeks, this reefer unit is allowing us to continue to store the food safely until community members are able to accommodate the supply. In addition to the Food Rescue Program, Miawpukek is engaged in a moose hunt program whereby moose meat is distributed to the community members. This reefer unit allows Miawpukek to safely store the meat until the distribution is fully completed.

Without the funding from the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund, safe storage of food for the community members would not be possible. This unit will become our community freezer and part of our ongoing food security program. "



"SOUTH"



Women of the Dawn

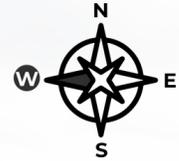
Women of the Dawn is a grassroots, non-profit organization headquartered in Regina Saskatchewan. Women of the Dawn was established in 1993 by a group of First Nation women who saw a need to work with other urban first Nations women in the mutual pursuit of self-reliance and social and economic self-sufficiency.

The Women of the Dawn offers counselling services geared towards addressing residential school issues that are prevalent among the current urban population. They deliver workshops and on-site programs tailored to the local community. As applicants from Intake 8 in December 2020, Women of the Dawn Counselling Centre saw COVID as having a huge negative impact on their organization. The organization depended on donations and corporate sponsorships to deliver two children's projects for the year and one in particular, the Come and Eat Project which feeds children during the summer months from April to November. Due to COVID the program was significantly cut down and was very upsetting to the community. Another project, Kid Care, is a special project that provides a meal, a visit from Santa and a gift to over 300 children.

The Women of the Dawn used their support to purchase food, two refrigerators, and provide food hampers to Elders. When responding to the question if they were able to implement within budget, Women of Dawn stated there were "... able to do a very short project as the need was great, and we have to prepare for the next quarter, we are in a lock down in Saskatchewan at the moment and the needs for children and elders is continuous".

One of the report questions is 'How has the support provided made a difference to your group/community?'. Hearing that the support "... has made a huge impact on our children and elders for this quarter, we gave out hampers, purchased two fridges to put food in for the kids" shows the IPRF team that the work community is doing for themselves, and in the way they know is best, and for the members who need it most, is working.





The T̂silhqot̂'in National Government

The T̂silhqot̂'in National Government (TNG) was established in 1989 to meet the needs and represent the T̂silhqot̂'in Nation and T̂silhqot̂'in communities of Tl'etinqox, ʔEsdilagh, Yunešit'in, T̂sideldel, Tl'esqox and Xeni Gwet'in in their efforts to re-establish a strong political government structure.

IPRF received an application in January 2021 to assist with food hampers to support the isolation of the community during a covid outbreak; sharing "Our greatest challenge right now is keeping people home and safe. Our communities do not have grocery stores and our members do not have the ability to purchase food without travelling to our nearest city centre, increasing the risk of exposure. Using existing operating dollars, we have supplied groceries to our communities over the past two weeks but our financial limitations will not support this long term. We are requesting funding to provide basic foods to community members in need."

In their final report, when asked if they had difficulty in implementing their response to COVID-19, their response was much like many of the other communities we have heard from, telling us "No. We had a large group of volunteers who worked with the community health clinics to identify families in need and to deliver food to their homes", as well as "It was amazing to see the T̂silhqot̂'in community come together and assist families in need. There was no hesitation when we put out the request for assistance and the volunteers did a fantastic job in providing much-needed coordinated support during a challenging time. This is the T̂silhqot̂'in way, and it was wonderful to see our laws and values put into practice."

Also shared by the TNG was "Without this funding, we would not be in a position to assist families in need to meet their food security challenges. This funding was invaluable in curbing the COVID outbreak and providing support to families who would have otherwise struggled." TNG reflected on the project saying, "Our learnings were two-fold. First, there was confirmation that we are a cohesive Nation ready to jump in and provide support to our community members when needed. We activated quickly and it validated that self-determined approach to program delivery was the most successful."



The final comment from the July 2021 report helps us to better assist communities; "This funding process should be used as a model for others. The flexibility in grant submission and reporting (written or oral) acknowledges the diversity of communities and our ability to participate in and respond to funding calls. Thank you for applying this approach".

"NORTH"



Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut (RPAN)

Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut (RPAN) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals and communities in Nunavut. RPAN will strive to improve the quality and level of recreation services in our communities.

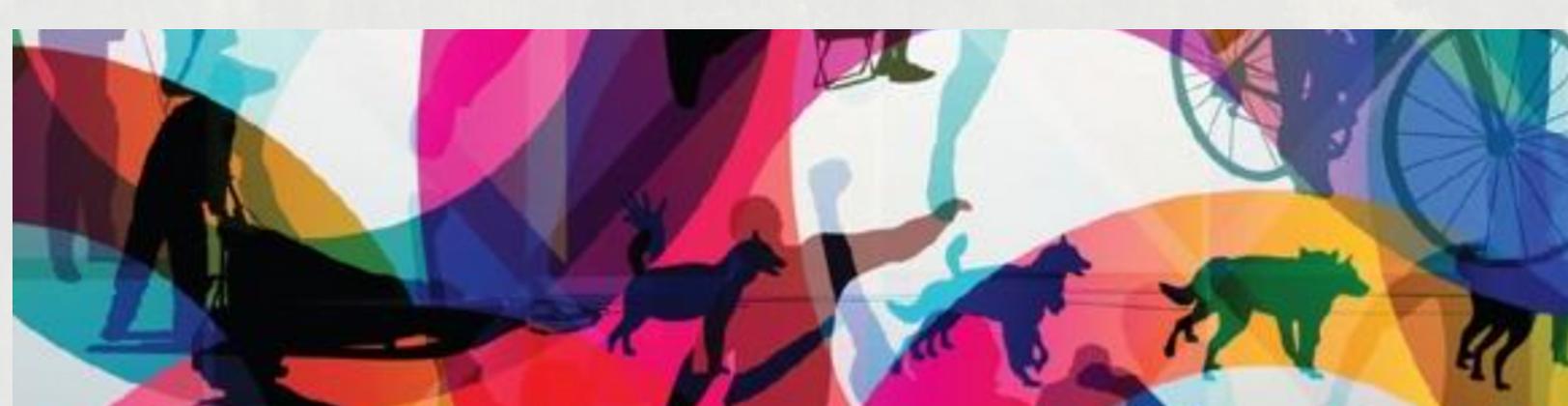
The bundle provided in December 2020 supported RPAN which works with Inuit recreation centres to provide social distance programming in 15 communities in Nunavut.

The support of IPRF allowed RPAN to ensure the trainees, facilitators, guest speakers and community participants were provided clean work/play spaces, protective masks and sanitizing supplies during COVID. The more than 60 youth leaders were provided with a paid training experience that has and will allow them to lead community activities such as After School Programs, Teen Intramural programs, and Sports Camp Program to more than 1250 children.

RPAN had multiple partners for their programs; commenting, "Working together, we can achieve anything!!", we, at IPRF feel the same way.

As part of the three planned programs, the young trainees were inspired by Inuit guest/motivational speakers:

- Nelson Tagoona is a performer and musician, well known for his improvisation with traditional throat singing and beat-boxing, developing a technique he has termed "throat boxing".
- Becky Hanna Canadian Inuk singer and songwriter noted for composing original acoustic music in Inuktitut; and,
- Charlotte Qamamiq is a North Baffin Inuk performance artist, actor, and contemporary and traditional throat singer hailing from Iglulik, Nunavut. She is best known for her work in the throat singing duo Silla, and in twice Juno nominated band Silla and Rise.



FROM THE TEAM

IPRF benefits from a strong and supportive network of partners, champions, and allies, as well as legitimacy in the philanthropic community.

As IPRF moves into 2022, we took time to reflect on its path. 2020 was hectic for all of us and yet, in hindsight, 2020 had its sense of fluidity. IPRF sets out to support the brilliance and ingenuity in communities during a global pandemic with people who understood the community, each with their innate abilities and limitations. We worked from a place of inclusivity, calm and a respectful tone that focused on the mindfulness of our responsibility to the community and practicing it through philanthropy. We were taking our space to serve.

"I could go on and on about how satisfying the past 21 months has been, from the work and commitment of our partners to the deep connections and contacts we have made with communities, and most of all, the opportunity to sit with a table of advisors of all Indigenous Peoples who have a deep commitment to their communities for their communities. This has been an incredible ride, not one that I ever thought I would be part of, but it all feels so right." - Victoria Grant

IPRF values and posture have been the driving force in its decision making, growth and impact.

2021 allowed us space to practice our engagement approaches and recognize our assets, write, reflect, rebalance, and improve language. We grew with team members, but our focus remains the same.

IPRF isn't creating anything new. We apply how Indigenous Nations have interacted with other Nation citizens since time immemorial. Inclusion is a part of Indigenous laws protocols and is expected to be approached with kindness and open dialogue. Formal relationships are supported by sound governance and agreement on the connections, aligned with philanthropy.

IPRF early advisor and Her Excellency Mary Simon shared her lived experience and traditions. When a whale is sought and received by a community, everyone takes the needed space.

"Working with one another over this time has been extraordinary. Because both of us came to this table without any expectation, we did not work to a time allotment; we worked "to the job," getting done what needed to get done when it needed to be done. As a respected "Grandmother Elder of Toronto" the late Elder Lillian McGregor (Crane Clan, Birch Island First Nation, Hon. Doctor of Laws, U of Toronto) would say, "That is real Indian time." We had no job description other than to do what was necessary to make this happen - Victoria Grant and Wanda Brascoupé

We worked alongside our host partners to answer the question, what does IPRF look like in 2050? We shifted our mindset to infinite thinking on all aspects of being an Indigenous-led organization while working with and pressing against the edges using our Indigenous laws and protocols of relationships. In building a model that moves from an Indigenous "lens" to an Indigenous "mirror," we build towards an entity that does not make itself fit into a western concept of relationship but uses what is in our DNA. IPRF is a bridge to build out what meaningful relationships mean so each of us can move toward our mandates with respect and creativity.

"I can't in my wildest dream think of anyone else who I could have worked through this time with, who would have worked through the unknown, and not once meet in person. We came into this work with respect and trust for each other and a commitment to realize the work needed to be done. I don't think I have ever had a working relationship with anyone like this before." - Victoria Grant

Stewardship of Long-term Relationships and Resources

As IPRF grows, we apply Indigenous ways of knowing to reflect on how we responsibly steward long-term relationships and resources. We grew as team members, but our daily focus remains the same, to serve our communities with respect, kindness and trust in the brilliance and ingenuity in community.



VICKY MCKENZIE GRANT



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FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Indigenous peoples are Rights-holders under Canadian law. Our constitution reaffirms this. The track record of land-claims cases reflects this. As Canada grew to include more and more of Turtle Island, it was Treaty-making with First Peoples that allowed a fledgling emerging nation to become one of the wealthiest in human history. Those sacred agreements allowed Canada to flourish and entrenched the immutable truth of Indigenous sovereignty on this land.

To be sovereign means something very specific according to English tradition. However, I have heard trusted Elders and Knowledge Keepers use that word to represent so much more than national identity or passports. For many Indigenous Peoples sovereignty means the right of self-determination, the right of identity, the right to follow traditions, to live in balance with the land, and to raise families and live lives free of outside control.

In its' infancy as a nation, Canada unfortunately forgot (or ignored) its origins as a Treaty nation and embraced a different narrative. A narrative in which Indigenous peoples were not Rights-holders but wards of the state. Systems of marginalization and exploitation assaulted Indigenous sovereignty and led to cultural genocide for Indigenous peoples. In doing so, it also robbed itself of an identity that might have otherwise been enriched through Indigenous contributions.

As a nation we have missed out on hundreds of years of teachings, partnerships and leadership that could have allowed us to model something uniquely Indigenous for the world. Instead, like so many other nations, we find ourselves in a situation where the tank is running empty for our lifestyle. Many fear that through consumption, exploitation and greed we have robbed our children and future generations of the security that this land could have easily provided forever.

There is much to grieve.

The Indigenous Peoples Resiliency Fund is an Indigenous led organization governed by Indigenous values and teachings, accountable to Indigenous peoples. It is non-hierarchical. It works by consensus. It demands accountability of itself to the highest standards; recognizing the sacredness of the gift of trust extended to us by the communities we serve.

As a philanthropic entity, the IPRF operates with the goal of eliminating the need for philanthropy. That word: philanthropy, can mean many different things to many different people. As a naïve young man I was saddened to discover that for many, philanthropy is about the legacy of the donor, the ego of naming-rights, or an extravagant display of wealth that has little to do with the actual needs of those surviving poverties. The IPRF is different. Members of the IPRF community recognize that poverty is often the result of exploitation and marginalization, and so philanthropy is about a humble commitment to justice, grounded in a genuine love of fellow human beings.

The IPRF is sovereign.

In this journey we have seen time and time again the power, the beauty and the brilliance of Indigenous Peoples caring for each other. We have seen that despite the best efforts of one of the most powerful nations on earth to destroy them – Indigenous peoples continue to demonstrate a different approach to life. One that would see seven generations moving forward able to find fulfilment on this land. The national attention the IPRF has received seems to indicate that Canada is now possibly, maybe ready to receive the teachings that were ignored for so long.

There is much reason to be hopeful.



KEVIN LAMOUREUX

Advisory Council Co-Chair



CATHERINE PENNINGTON

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PARTNERS

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF), a fund that is built upon the resiliency of, and guided by Indigenous Peoples to support Indigenous communities and organizations through the current public health crisis. Without the support of our partners who have chosen to accompany us in this movement, this work of IPRF would not have been possible. In this report, we have invited some of our partners to share their story 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.



Medavie Health Foundation

Medavie, through the Medavie Health Foundation, has committed to a three year multi-faceted partnership with Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF). This builds on our initial partnering in 2020 in support of Indigenous community resilience.

In its final report, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission urged that “Reconciliation must inspire Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples to transform Canadian society so that our children and grandchildren can live together in dignity, peace, and prosperity on these lands we now share” and further that “...reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country”. We see our partnership with IPRF as one of the ways Medavie, an organization of more than 7,000 people, can contribute to the process of Canadian reconciliation and a stronger, more inclusive Canada.

Our partnership with IPRF includes the transfer of \$500,000 in capital from the Medavie Health Foundation to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund. This transfer of capital is about more than contributing to establishing a new Indigenous-led charity. The funds are allocated from Medavie’s COVID-19 Response Fund, which was established to not only help communities respond to the immediate needs but also support their recovery. This includes investing in the transformation that will be needed in society and finding new and innovative ways to work together in addressing our most pressing challenges. One of these transformations and new ways of working together is creating a more inclusive philanthropic community, with Indigenous-led capital being deployed to benefit Indigenous peoples.

Medavie Health Foundation will also continue to partner with IPRF in the ongoing support of community projects of Indigenous-led and Indigenous-serving organizations and initiatives that are advancing their community’s identified needs as well as their long-term resilience. While Medavie Health Foundation will contribute financially, we will most importantly be learning from the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund’s work and network of partners. We want to understand how we might strengthen the inclusivity and equity of our own funding processes and then weave the learnings across our community partnership towards a shared wellbeing across Canadian society.

VanCity Credit Union

Vancity is founded on the idea of fair financial services and access for all. We are Canada's largest credit union, serving the needs of more than 550,000 member-owners and their communities. With offices and branches in British Columbia, within the territories of the Coast Salish and Kwakwaka'wakw people, we work with community partners to address big problems where we live.

We're proud to support the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) for a second year. "IPRF intimately understands the needs in our Indigenous communities and honors our ways, including accepting oral submissions to tell stories. Indigenous-by-Indigenous support is invaluable in making the most meaningful impact," said Indigenous Partnerships Manager, Community Investment, Joanne Stone-Campbell. "On a personal level, I am inspired by its two strong Indigenous woman leaders. I grew up with limited Indigenous role models in my community other than my mother, who was a chief."

Vancity believes that work with Indigenous communities must be centered on building relationships that go beyond transactional banking services. It's through mutual respect and listening that we can find the connection points between the unique needs and strengths of Indigenous peoples and our offerings to make a meaningful impact. Vancity is a founding partner of Reconciliation Canada, and Reconciliation is one of our core values. We've long worked in close partnerships with Indigenous peoples, businesses, and not-for-profits to help build stronger communities.

Laidlaw Foundation

Since its establishment in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) has been at the forefront of the timely and community-centered responses to the urgent needs of communities across Canada. Their current goal has been to provide needed resources as Indigenous communities navigate different stages of the pandemic.

Experienced and celebrated philanthropic leaders, Wanda Brascoupé and Victoria Grant are leading this initiative with strong community ties and a passion to advocate for a robust Indigenous voice within the philanthropic world. This powerful team has built immense reach of the coalition in a short period of time while centering community resiliency. Laidlaw Foundation is honored to support and learn from Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund's leadership as they continue to present philanthropy in Canada with the opportunity to be more inclusive in addressing and providing support for immediate challenges that communities face.

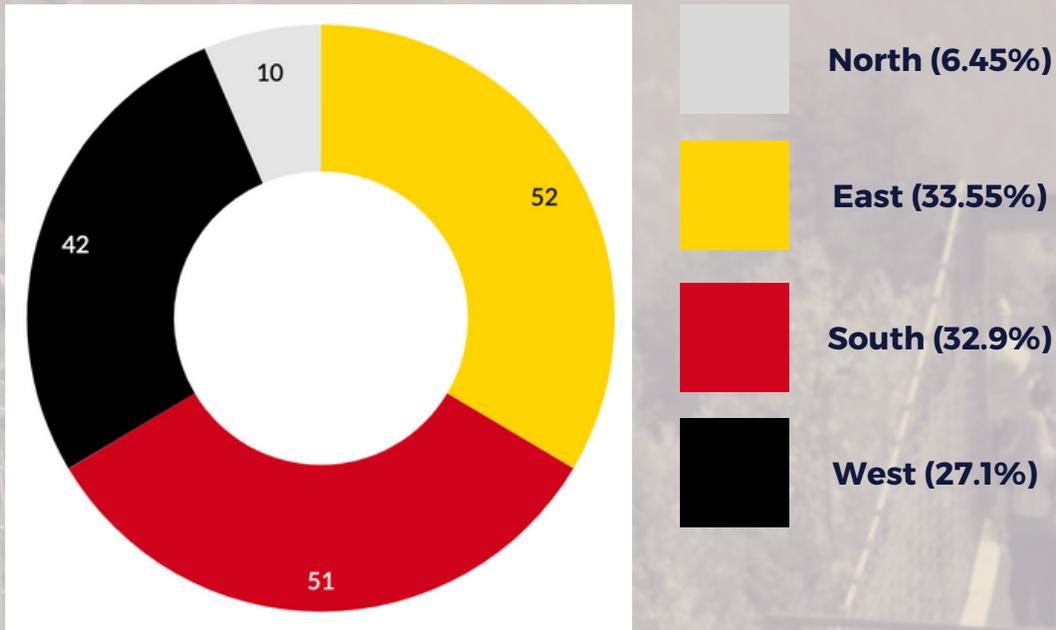
Amanda Bernard, Laidlaw Foundation's Indigenous Communities Futures Fund Program Manager, shares her reflection on Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund. Amanda is someone who also closely works with Indigenous youth across Ontario to address their community needs:

"Throughout the past year, working as the Program Manager for the Indigenous Youth and Community Futures Fund (IYCFF) at Laidlaw Foundation, I have recognized the need to continue to support First Nation communities fight against COVID-19. Many IYCFF grantees had to request extensions or adjust their projects as their communities were shut down for lengthy periods. Some grantees even lost friends, family, or community members. This includes one of the 2021 IYCFF grantees who had to postpone all their workshops after learning about the loss of their close family members due to COVID.

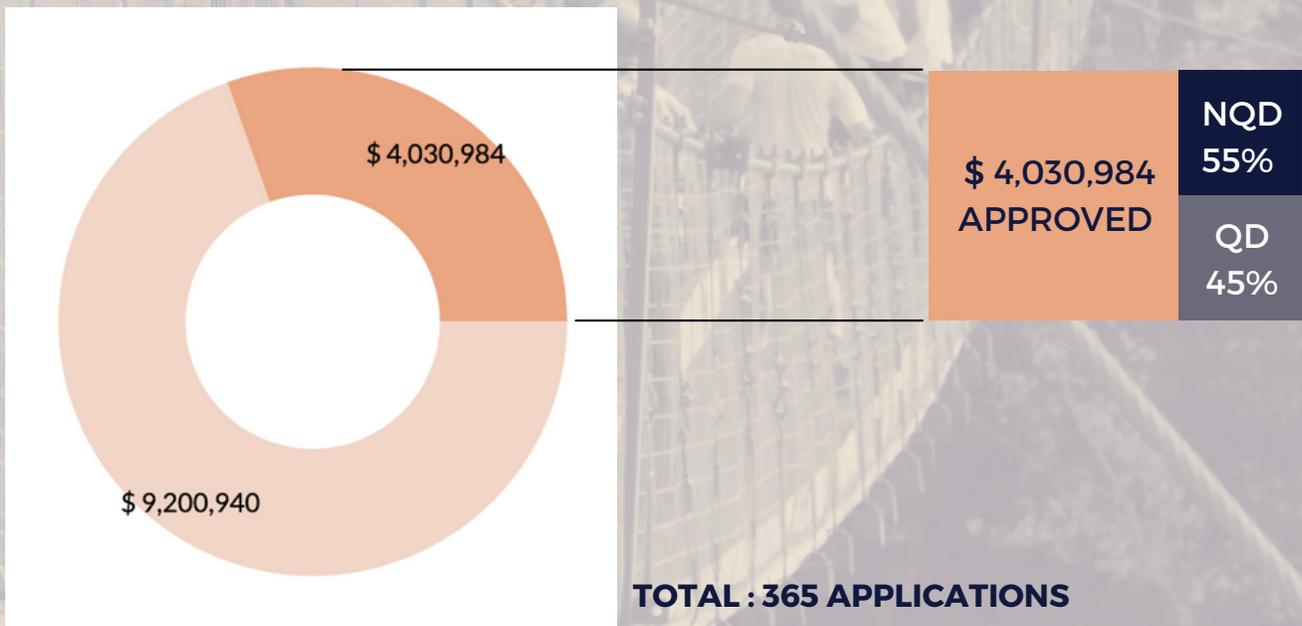
The IYCFF grantees certainly had to overcome a lot of challenges this year, but the battle is still not over. First Nation communities across Ontario are still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal government's response to First Nation emergencies is criticized as being slow and ineffective. This was witnessed with the COVID-19 breakout that occurred at Bearskin Lake First Nation this past month. This isn't the time to ignore these issues. By funding the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund, we can make sure these communities are getting the support they need."

RESOURCES

2021 BUNDLE OF SUPPORT BY DIRECTION

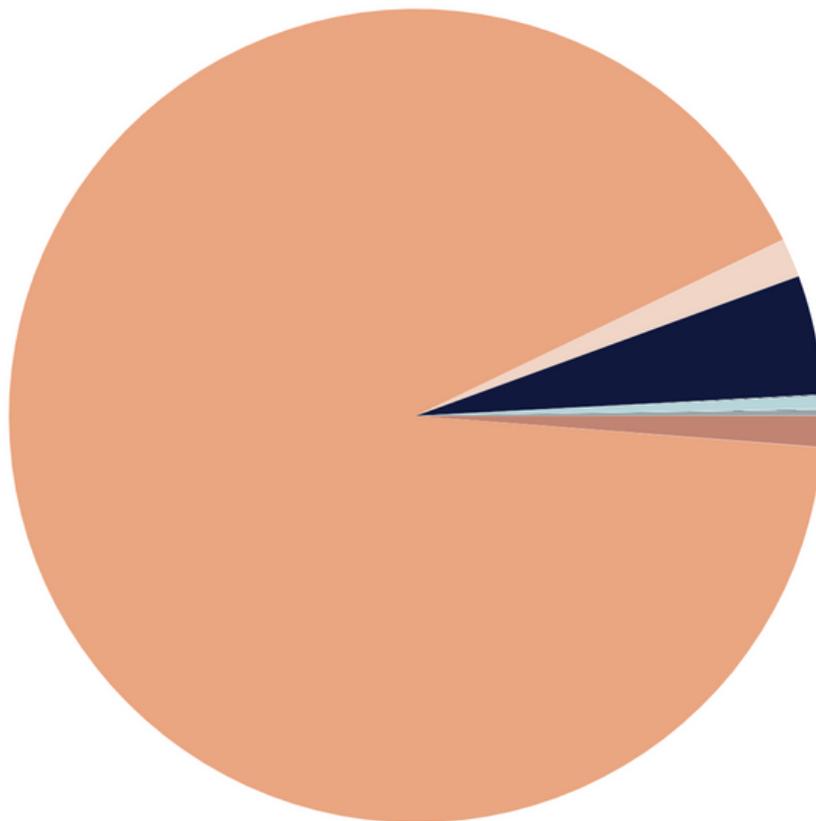


2021 APPLICATION FOR BUNDLE SUPPORT APPLIED / APPROVED NON QUALIFIED DONEE / QUALIFIED DONEE



TOTAL : 365 APPLICATIONS

IPRF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1ST 2021 TO DECEMBER 31ST 2021



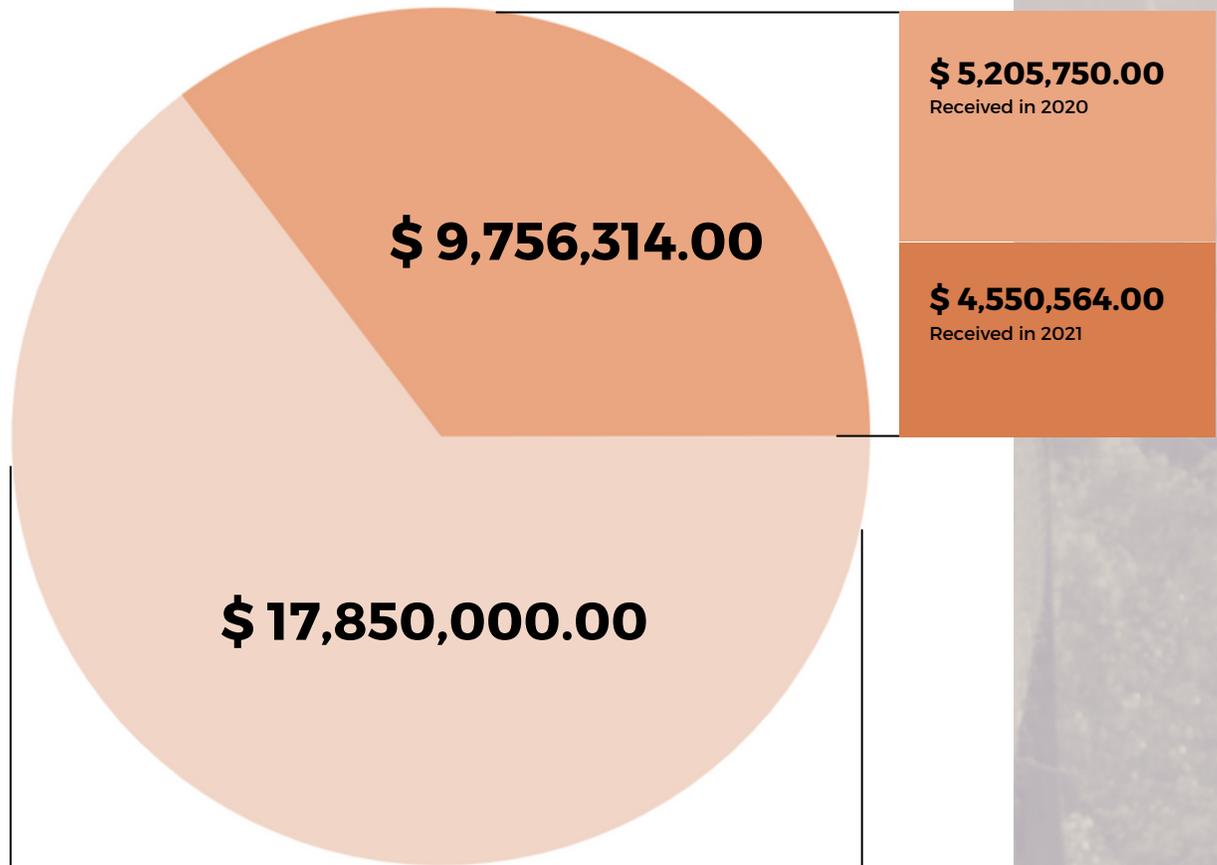
LEGEND

NUMBERS

Program Support (1.25%)	\$ 48,934
Community Support Bundles (91.64%)	\$ 3,593,430
Platform Cost (1.53%)	\$ 60,000
Human Resources Expenses (4.75%)	\$ 186,258
Translation/Interpretation (0.03%)	\$ 1,060
Branding (0.05%)	\$ 2,034
Audit/Legal Fees (0.48%)	\$ 18,911
Program Development (0.01%)	\$ 372
Tech & Web Develop (0.04%)	\$ 1,653
Office Expenses (0.22%)	\$ 8,543

91.64% OF EXPENSES WENT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUNDLES
8.36% OF EXPENSES WAS USED TO ADMINISTER SUPPORT BUNDLES

PROGRESS AND STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES



LEGEND

- Committed funds as at December 31, 2021 (64.66%)
- Total funds Received at December 31, 2021 (35.34%)

\$14,850,000.00

Committed to flow through support over 5 years

\$3,000,000.00

Committed to Long Term Resource Fund

VOLUNTEERS

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF), a fund that is built upon the resiliency of, and guided by Indigenous Peoples to support Indigenous communities and organizations through the current public health crisis. Daily, IPRF gets to move with Indigenous-led organizations and communities who serve their communities well from coast to coast to coast. IPRF supports the community in an open, transparent manner and works to be a humbled listener to every applicant. To assist in the review process, we engage with Indigenous philanthropic knowledge holders who give their time monthly. We walk humbly with each application by utilizing a brave space mindset to reach a consensus.

The North, South, East, West and Support Review Committees are made up of Indigenous peoples, each from their traditional lands and those who have a connection to these areas. The Northern reviewers are Nancy Etok, co-mayor and school administrator, and Jasmine Redfern, a recent law graduate and completing her articling. The South reviewers are Tim Fox, creator of the Brave Space and VP of Indigenous relations with Calgary Foundation; Bill Mintrim, Director Indigenous and Northern Relations, Rideau Hall Foundation and our newest member Cassandra Lundell, Community Grants Manager, Edmonton Community Foundation. The East reviewers are Joshua Iserhoff, Eenou-Eeyou Community Foundation, Germain Catchpole with Sovereign Seeds and the newest reviewer Gina Doxtator. She has worked and volunteered at national Indigenous organizations is currently with Coeuraj. The West reviewers include Troy Myers, Meg Abraham, Canadian Medical Association Foundation and Launa Payne of Indigenous Rise-Up, who has been a past recipient of a bundle.

We are grateful for their unwavering belief in the brilliance and ingenuity of the Indigenous-led organizations. We walk alongside movements to support organizations transforming their communities. IPRF is humbled by their commitment to the community.

THE FUTURE

2022 and Beyond

Over the past two years, through 22 different review periods, the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) was able to support 316 organizations and communities for a total amount of \$7,634,540. Without the generosity of our partners, our Advisory Council, volunteers, and the great work of our staff, this would not have been possible.

As we begin to think of 2022 and beyond, IPRF must take the time to reflect on what we have learned, look to the future, and appreciate where we are as we move to a more long-term sustainable organization. IPRF has considered four phases of development in terms of relationship to the communities and organizations: Response, Recover, Rebuild, and Sustainability.

Response

IPRF will respond and support the resilience of many communities through to a post-pandemic era. In looking to the future, it will be necessary for IPRF to continue to have a program where we can be nimble and responsive to the communities' urgent needs. In critical times, we have learned that there are always disparities in services.

Recover

As communities and organizations move from responding to the urgency created by the pandemic, there will be a time of recovery. Communities and organizations need to prepare staff for returning to work and decide how and when to begin services and programming. IPRF is unsure of what that will look like. IPRF will be reaching out to communities and organizations to understand how we can provide support to them. We need to remember to be adaptive and collaborative through this recovery period, changing our funding processes to reflect those changing priorities.

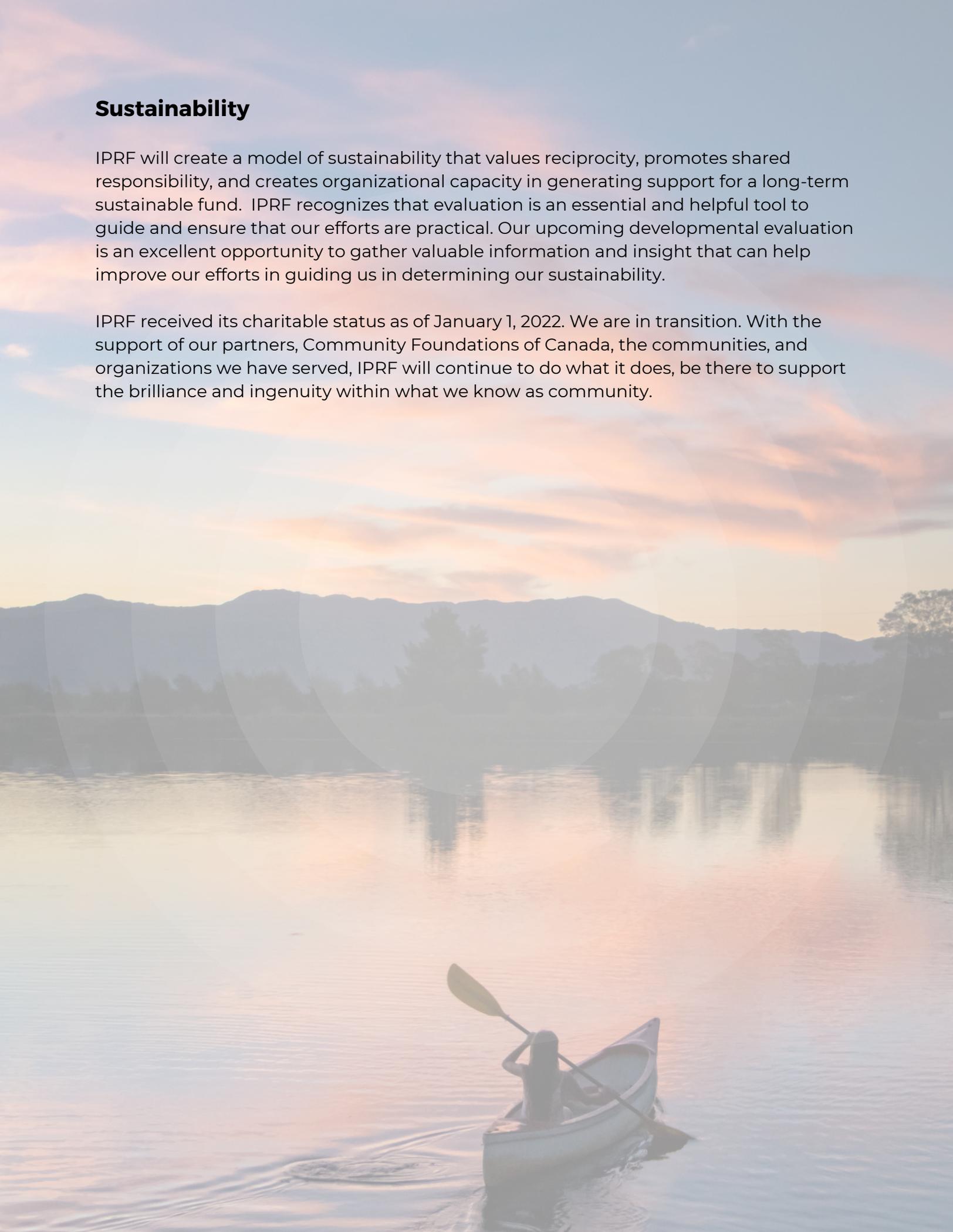
Rebuild

In terms of looking to the future, what are the questions for consideration in terms of the Rebuild. How has living through the pandemic changed community needs? What will the communities do to reflect what they have learned through the pandemic? How will that reflection affect what the community is doing now? These are big questions, and the IPRF needs to listen, learn and respond to the community. IPRF will host conversations with communities and organizations to hear openly about the support necessary for this Rebuild.

Sustainability

IPRF will create a model of sustainability that values reciprocity, promotes shared responsibility, and creates organizational capacity in generating support for a long-term sustainable fund. IPRF recognizes that evaluation is an essential and helpful tool to guide and ensure that our efforts are practical. Our upcoming developmental evaluation is an excellent opportunity to gather valuable information and insight that can help improve our efforts in guiding us in determining our sustainability.

IPRF received its charitable status as of January 1, 2022. We are in transition. With the support of our partners, Community Foundations of Canada, the communities, and organizations we have served, IPRF will continue to do what it does, be there to support the brilliance and ingenuity within what we know as community.



GRATITUDE



EAST

“The support provided through the funds given by the IPRF have allowed dozens and dozens of Indigenous community members in the West Queen West area of Tkaronto (and beyond) to access culturally appropriate healing supports through their medicines.” - Niiwin Wendaanimak Indigenous Wellness Program

It is funding such as this that allows First Nation communities to stay home in our community and use the resources to ensure we stay healthy and connected.” – Curve Lake Food Bank

“Approx 10,000 lbs of fresh potatoes harvested!” – Four Rivers, Matawa First Nation Management.

“The support created a sense of security for the community members. The support helped with the anxiety of safety as the cleaners became knowledgeable about covid and did an excellent job. The anxiety about food security was reduced due to the meals that were provided. And the elders session brought an activity that was much needed for the mental health of many. Overall the support created a sense of community that was much needed.” – Indian Island First Nation



SOUTH

“Next spring, because of the IPRF support, we will be hosting comfortable and engaging events in the food forest for the first time. Without the space for the people to relax, cook, eat, play, and be together around a fire, the potential of the food forest as a community space would never be realized. Yes there would be healthy food, but it’s engagement with our community which also measures success.” – Muskeg Cree Nation

“You were wonderful! The application process was simple. Thank you for your patience through our delays, and for allowing us to extend the funding timeline in order to do our project right. More grant foundations should follow your lead!” - Piikani Nation Food Bank

“There was laughter, tears, personal growth, learning new skills, empowerment and a sense of belonging and self-worth.” – Sucker Creek Women’s Emergency Centre

“Application and reporting processes are straight forward and no issues were found. We believe face to face interaction with our funders was positive opportunity to share our successes I would recommend that this process continue. The Northwest Metis Council wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the partnership between our office and the Indigenous People’s Resilience Fund. It is through these types of partnerships that we are able to ensure the success of our Youth in their educational and training goals. We look forward to continuing with our partnership which, to date, has shown outstanding results”. – Northwest Metis Council

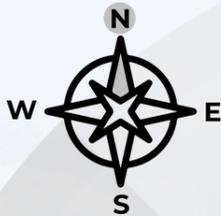


WEST

It was amazing to see the T̓silhqot'in community come together and assist families in need. There was no hesitation when we put out the request for assistance and the volunteers did a fantastic job in providing much needed coordinated support during a challenging time. This is the T̓silhqot'in way, and it was wonderful to see our laws and values put into practice." - T̓silhqot'in National Government

"The transition to telehealth/e-Health service delivery has been challenging for both staff, clients, and our Elders. Face-to-face connection and interaction is the way of our people. COVID (new health guidelines - reduced/limited/no contact) has challenged our way of being with each other and highlighted the importance of including Elders in all aspects of our service delivery." - Native Courtworkers and Counseling Association of B.C.

"These funds have helped 375 households with their food budget, boosted our economy, helped support our local store and helped our peoples mental health." – Skidegate Band



NORTH

“We learned to be resilient and flexible in terms of our program offering in the time of a pandemic.” – Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre

“... it has been amazing to work with an Indigenous funder and to feel supported and trusted in knowing what our communities need.” – Indigenous Harm Reduction Team

We do not have any improvement suggestions because we were more than happy with the service and funding you provided to BLPNP. Thank you for your generous support in making BLPNP’s COVID-19 aid possible! - Baker Lake Prenatal Nutrition Program (BLPNP)



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