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## Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund

When IPRF began in 2020, one of our advisors provided the following quotation:

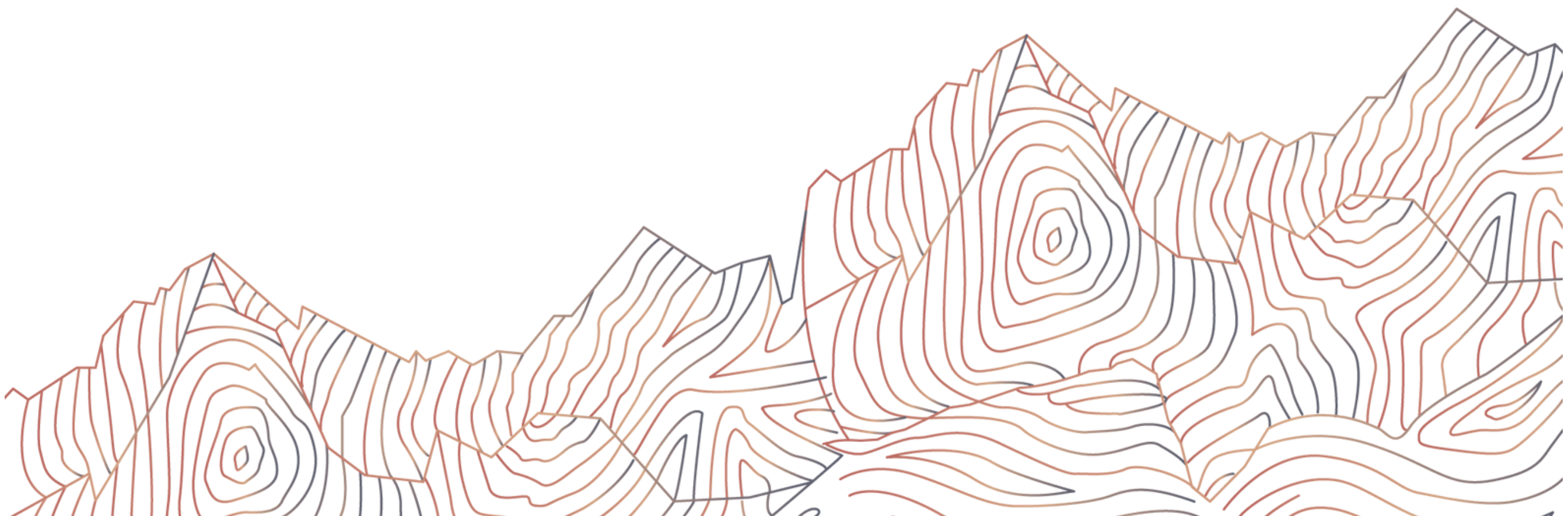
“Our communities have had long-standing needs that are urgent to our communities. With the Covid-19 pandemic, these needs have become amplified and require even more urgent attention.”

IPRF’s genesis was to enhance the “Resilience” of Indigenous communities and organizations to respond to the urgent needs brought on by the unknown and critical challenges of Covid-19 from June 2020 to December 2022.

Indigenous communities and organizations, throughout the pandemic, met the urgent and critical needs of their communities with the assistance of the bundles provided to them by IPRF. As the pandemic diminishes, and the world adjusts, we are in a place of recovery and renewal. What lessons have we learned? What will we carry with us? What do we restore that was lost because of Covid?

IPRF took some time to ask our applicants, how we could best provide support to them. This is some of what we heard from them:

- Continue to support non-qualified donees;
- Prioritize applications that center culture, have activities that promote intergenerational knowledge transfer, and consider the well-being of Elders in the community;



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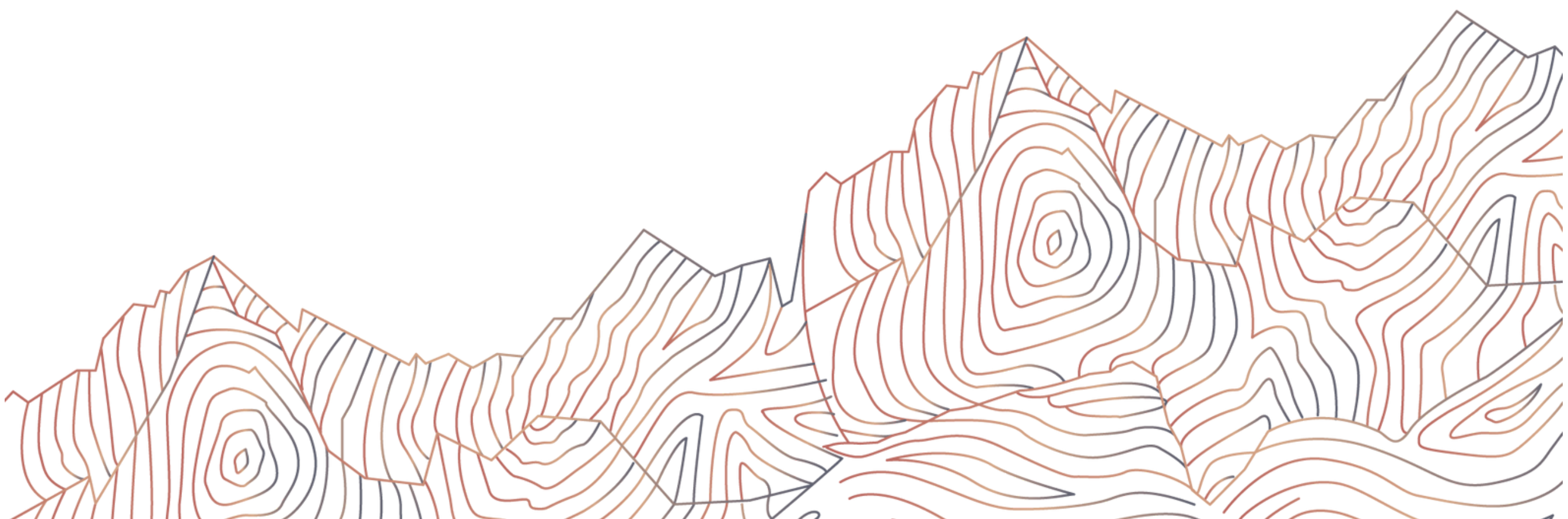
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- Continue to prioritize an easily accessible application process;
- Continue to allow ease of access to people who call in with inquiries about their applications;
- Continue to offer bundles through a process that is as open and as non-prescriptive as possible.

Today and going forward, IPRF's commitment is to enhance the "Resilience" of communities and organizations responding to the long-standing needs that were urgent prior to Covid-19 but were left unaddressed.

IPRF asks that you take this moment to reflect and decide what your community needs through this period of renewal, recovery, and adjustment. In continuing to use our approach of 'money as medicine', IPRF respects that "community knows what community needs."

**This document intends to support applicants interested in applying to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund.**





# Who is Eligible?

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund offers support to Indigenous-led organizations and communities. While IPRF sees trends of the pandemic easing, its effects are not yet eradicated.

Applicants are required to share how their project assists the Indigenous populations they serve, and the impact of the project on the community. Applicants must have a bank account in their organization's name.

Examples of eligible organizations include:

- community groups;
- registered charities;
- registered not-for-profit organizations;
- public bodies performing a function of government in Canada.

Examples of ineligible organizations include:

- Individuals;
- for-profit companies;
- the Government of Canada (federal government);
- provincial and territorial governments.
- the Crown; and
- the United Nations.

If you have additional questions about your eligibility, please contact:  
[info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca).





# Eligible projects

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund offers support to Indigenous-led organizations leading projects at the community level.

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund will support Indigenous-led projects serving Indigenous Peoples.

Applicants can be approved (1) project at a time. For those with one acceptance, the first project must be completed, and a report submitted before applying a second time.

Applicants who received bundles during the Covid-19 crisis are eligible in the renewal, recovery and adjustment phase.

Specifically, eligible projects will:

- Be Indigenous-led. Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund defines Indigenous-led as 51% of positions at all levels of an organization be Indigenous;
- Clearly address a pressing social inclusion or well-being need;
- Serve Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit);
- Be carried out in a short timeframe of 12 – 18 months.

Examples of eligible projects which respond to urgent community needs while also taking a long-term view on building community resilience, include (but are not limited to) the provision of:

- Training and financial support to areas where gaps in funding are needed to strengthen emergency health care efforts and health-related transportation services and community safety initiatives;
- Sustainable access to food security, food justice and food sovereignty (ex: purchasing food to distribute or cook and distribute to vulnerable groups, and purchasing gardening needs, developing food sovereignty infrastructures like gardens and greenhouses, or reclaiming the production or distribution of food systems to serve the community better);





- Training and infrastructure to help communities overcome technological barriers and connectivity challenges (ex: purchasing additional connectivity for community, connectivity for summer student support or assisting in training Elders who would not otherwise use Zoom or social media to get connected);
- Innovation in employment, internships and experiential learning, either virtually or in person;
- Ensuring access to counselling, mental and cultural wellness and health supports where there are gaps in funding available from government programs (ex: provide mental health or cultural classes virtually to those in need);
- Innovative techniques for Elders and Healers who provide counselling, traditional medicines and teachings to youth in their communities;
- Request for funding to fulfill a gap where a shortage of funding for a specific program has been received from another foundation or organization;
- Operating funds that allow for innovation and gaps in services to ensure ongoing sustainability for programs of Indigenous-led organizations, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities providing support at a community level.





# Eligible expenses

All budget items must be project-related.

Eligible expenses will vary depending on the project. The list below are examples of possible expenses:

- Elder honorarium;
- Wages and employment-related costs for existing or additional staff;
- Fees for professional service;
- Disability supports for staff of the recipient;
- Materials and supplies;
- Printing and communication;
- Travel costs including mileage (car mileage using the government of Canada's standard rates);
- Utilities;
- Insurance;
- Rental of premises;
- Lease, purchase, and maintenance of equipment;
- Performance monitoring and reporting costs;
- Data collection; and
- Knowledge development activities.

Please feel free to email [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) should you have any questions.





# Ineligible Projects and expenses

## **Ineligible projects include:**

- Projects that are designed for fundraising purposes;
- Projects that are fully completed before application;
- Profit-generating projects or activities; and
- Any activity taking place outside of Canada.

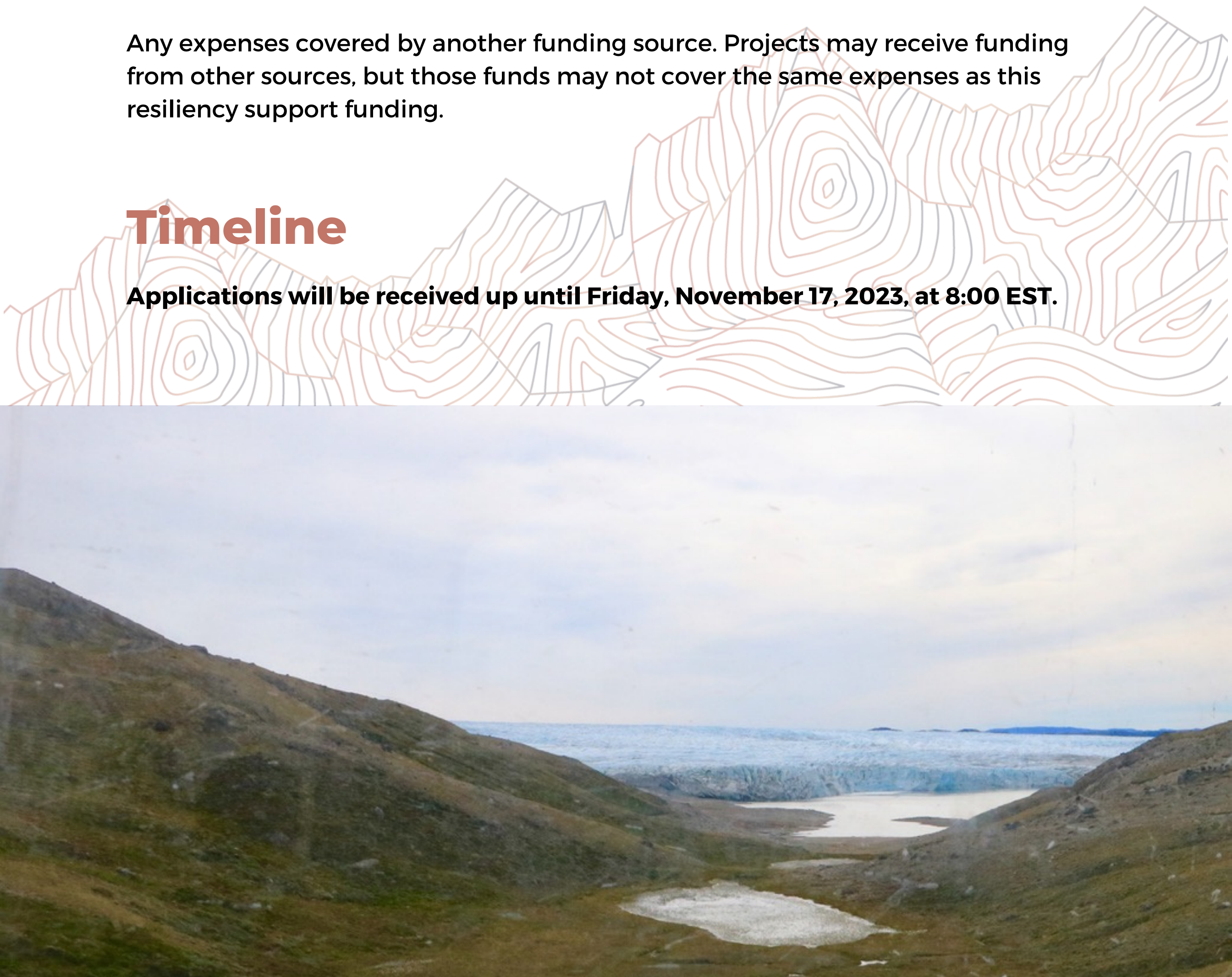
## **The following expenses are ineligible, and will not be supported by the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund:**

- Purchase of real property (land or building);
- Expenses incurred more than three months before the application date;
- Expenses incurred more than one year after the application date.

Any expenses covered by another funding source. Projects may receive funding from other sources, but those funds may not cover the same expenses as this resiliency support funding.

## **Timeline**

**Applications will be received up until Friday, November 17, 2023, at 8:00 EST.**





# What funding amounts are available through the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund?

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund receives a significant number of applications from communities of various sizes and geographies; many more applications than bundles are available.

IPRF asks you to consider your customary way of harvesting the land: using the resources, taking only what you need, using all of what you take, and ensuring resources are left for those who follow you.

Bundles ranging between \$5,000 to \$30,000 are available.

## How are decisions made?

1. Applications will be reviewed to make sure they are complete. If not, the organization will be contacted.
2. IPRF has two levels of Review Committees that read and review the applications. These committees are populated by Indigenous volunteers from across the country.
3. The applications are first reviewed by 4 Regional Review Committees. They make recommendations to the National Review committee.
4. The National Review Committee reviews the recommendations received from the Regional Review Committees. There are usually more applications than funds available for support. Final recommendations are made to the Advisory Council.
5. The National Review Committee's recommendations are then reviewed by the Advisory Council, and final decisions are made. Letters of Agreement are sent out to the applicants for signature.



# When can I expect to receive results?

The week of December 11, 2023, you will receive a notification whether you have been awarded or declined a bundle from IPRF. Once signed Letters of Agreement are received by IPRF, bundles will be issued within 10 days.

# What are the reporting requirements?

Should your application be accepted, Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund will ask you to report on the use of the funds provided. There are several ways that you can share the story of your project. We invite you to share in the way that is most comfortable for you.

- In keeping with our oral traditions, we invite you to share the information requested in the questions with one of our staff through a video/phone call,
- Or in a video (max 3-5 min) created by you and your organization.
- Or in written form and sent via email
- Or complete the online version of the report

**Please email: [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) to schedule a time. Or if you prefer writing, please answer the following questions (maximum 500 words per question).**

1. Were you able to complete your project in the way that you anticipated?
2. Were you able to complete the project within the budget you submitted for the application? If you were not, what changes did you make?
3. Did you have any difficulty in completing your project?
4. How has this bundle made a difference to your group/community?
5. Please share your successes, challenges and learnings.
6. If you had a partner or another funder, how did you use their support in your project?
7. Please provide us with any feedback on how we can improve. (Example: the application or reporting process.)
8. IPRF loves to see pictures, hear anecdotal stories or any other communications that you might like to share. Would you like to add anything else to your story or share any other comments?



# How to apply

We wish for you to apply in the best and simplest way for you and your organization/group. Please choose one of the following:

1. By Online Application, you can click the link here to access our online application.
2. By Email, you can find a fillable PDF or a PDF to fill out by hand at [www.iprfund.ca](http://www.iprfund.ca), then save or scan your completed application form and send it by email to: [info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca).
3. Send by FAX to: 1-613-280-1553.
4. By Oral or Video. Not as comfortable with written communication? No problem, feel free to send us a 3 min video, share your YouTube video link or email/call ([info@iprfund.ca](mailto:info@iprfund.ca) / 403-797-0116) to set up a time to orally provide your application (please note we will record for transcribing purposes).

At any point, if you have any questions, please reach out to us to discuss your proposal.

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