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FIRST CITIZENS' FUND

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

To contribute support to projects involved with the advancement and expansion of the culture, education, economic circumstances, and position of persons of the North American Indian race who were born in and are residents of the Province of British Columbia.

FUTURE GENERAL POLICY FOR THE FIRST CITIZENS' FUND

(1) The Cabinet First Citizens' Fund Advisory Committee will seek the advice of an Indian Advisory Committee which will be established from amongst the membership of various Indian organizations within the Province of British Columbia. This Indian Advisory Committee will be asked to meet with the Cabinet Committee from time to time for the purpose of making recommendations to the Cabinet Committee, and it shall be known as the Native British Columbia Indian Advisory Committee to the First Citizens' Fund.

(2) The policies of the First Citizens' Fund shall be open for re-examination and evaluation.

(3) Allocations from the First Citizens' Fund represent new money for projects in the area of culture, education, and economic development.

(4) Fund allocations are not intended to support or to replace existing programmes financed through the Department of Indian Affairs, Canada, nor to displace existing programmes financed under any other department of the Government of the Province of British Columbia.

(5) Allocations from the Fund are to avoid entering upon long-term commitments and, in particular, long-term commitments to the administrative and structural costs of existing or contemplated Indian organizations.

(6) The administrative costs of the Fund are to be kept at the lowest practical level.

(7) Special consideration is to be given to projects which have a high educational significance.

(8) To the extent that administrative structure is required by the First Citizens' Fund the retaining of Indian personnel is to be given top priority.

(9) Allocations from the Fund are not to be made for water, sewerage works, or housing projects.

(10) Allocations from the Fund for legal expenses will not be considered at any time.

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(11) Allocations to non-Indian individuals, and (or) organizations, will not be made without consultation with the Native British Columbia Indian Advisory Committee to the First Citizens' Fund.

(12) High priority will be given to Communication and Community Development programmes where the greatest majority of the Indian people will benefit.

(13) Allocations from the Fund for capital purposes are to be made under consideration, wherever possible, that local community support in the amount of 50 per cent of the total of the requirement will be met from local sources.

(14) Wherever possible individual applications to the Fund should have the endorsement of a bona fide provincially based Indian organization.

(15) Allocations from the Fund for projects involving travel will be authorized only for trips for those Indian groups or individuals winning competitions or festivals.

(16) Allocations from the Fund represent trust moneys, and an accounting must be made by recipients of all disbursements from the Fund.

PROJECT POLICY

(1) Projects designed to improve the standards and authenticity of the basic Indian curriculum content of public school courses will be considered.

(2) Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization a group or individual will be considered for an art or cultural scholarship to advance Indian culture.

(3) Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization individuals will be considered for either apprenticeship training or in-service training in such fields as banking, real estate, property and business management, counselling, etc.

(4) Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization consideration will be given to projects involving in-service training where the Fund would pay the salary of Native Indians being trained in municipal and provincial government offices in order that the Indian might learn special skills on the job. The duration of such training would be approximately six months.

(5) Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization the Fund will support a project where competent Native Indians can be retained to set up and encourage Native Indian arts and crafts throughout the Province.

(6) Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization students from the Native Indian population will be considered for scholarship awards.

(7) Projects designed to improve the counselling of Indian students within the school system will be considered by the Fund in co-operation with local school boards and with the emphasis given to the part-time support of competent Indian counsellors within the local school districts.

(8) Projects designed to improve pre-school programmes for Native Indian children will be considered provided that 50 per cent of the cost is met locally and provided that nursery-school type projects are not available through Federal or other agencies.

(9) Consideration for the construction of long houses will be given with 50 per cent support from the Fund and an equal amount from the local area to a maximum of \$15,000. Payments for capital projects will be on the basis of receipt of progress reports.

(10) While consideration for community halls as such will not be given, consideration for 50 per cent support from the Fund and an equal amount from the local area to a maximum of \$15,000 will be given for that part of the community-hall structure which is designed to promote cultural activities in the way of arts and crafts, educational workshops, festivals, and the like. Payments for capital projects will be on a basis of receipt of progress reports.

(11) Projects designed to promote communication between various local Indian bands and communities in the Province of British Columbia will be considered for support from the Fund.

(12) Projects from Band Councils, including community-based workshops and distribution centres designed to promote the development of Indian arts and crafts in the amount of not more than 50 per cent for expenditures towards space, tools, stock, materials, etc., provided that 50 per cent of the cost is met by the local Indian band to a maximum of \$25,000 will be considered by the Fund. Payments for capital projects will be on the basis of receipt of progress reports.

(13) Projects designed to promote recreation activities between various Indian communities will be considered.

(14) Projects designed to initiate co-operative economic development in Indian communities will be considered in the amount of 50 per cent of the cost of the project provided that 50 per cent is met locally to a maximum of \$50,000. Such projects should be of the nature that the start-up grant from the Fund need not be continued indefinitely. Payments for capital projects will be on the basis of receipt of progress reports.

(15) Scholarships designed to promote education at a provincial university of teachers who are located in schools which have a number of Indian students enrolled will be considered. The First Citizens' Fund will offer a special scholarship of \$100 to selected teachers wishing to enrol in appropriate courses during a summer session. To qualify for the scholarship a teacher must be nominated by a school district. Enrolment will be limited to one teacher from each district with the exception of those districts which have a heavy enrolment of Indian pupils.

(16) As Indian Band Councils are being asked to assume greater responsibilities in the conduct of community business there is need for trained Indian leadership. The First Citizens' Fund will consider projects developed by the Extension Division of either the University of British Columbia or the University of Victoria to develop an Indian Band Management course to meet the needs of the Indian communities in consultation with Indian leaders.

(17) Projects designed to promote Indian culture through the staging of pageants and festivals will be considered by the Fund.

(18) Projects designed to promote Indian communication and unity through the staging of educational seminars or conferences will be considered for support.

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Victoria, British Columbia.

*Communication
Comm. Devt.
50-50 grants*

*Cultural
Educational
arts & crafts*

Scholarships

*50-50
longhouses*

*Community
halls - 20*

*Communication
(RAVEN)*

*Workshops
\$25,000*

*Teachers of
Indian schools*