



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 Provincial Secretary, who is responsible for the administration of the First Citizens' Fund, will seek the advice of the First Citizens' Fund Advisory Committee, which will be established from among the Indian residents of the Province of British Columbia. The Advisory Committee will be asked to make recommendations to the Provincial Secretary and the Minister of Finance.
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 to initiate projects in the area of culture, education, economic development, and recreation.
4. The general philosophy of the First Citizens' Fund is that there be local input toward projects whenever possible.
5. Fund allocations are not intended to support or to replace existing programmes financed by the Department of Indian Affairs, Canada, nor to displace or supplement existing programmes financed under any other department of the Government of British Columbia. Allocations from the Fund are not to be made for water, sewage works, or housing projects.
6. 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 organizations and programmes.
7. The administrative costs of the Fund are to be kept at the lowest practical level.
8. To the extent that administrative structure is required by the First Citizens' Fund, the retaining of qualified Indian personnel is to be given top priority.
9. Allocations from the Fund for investment purposes will not be considered at any time.
10. Allocations from the Fund for legal expenses will not be considered at any time.

11. Allocations from the Fund for capital purposes are to be made under consideration that community support, based on the ability to pay, will be met from local sponsors.

12. Wherever possible, individual applications to the Fund should have the endorsement of a bona fide Provincially based Indian organization or a local Band Council.

13. Allocations from the Fund represent trust moneys, and a satisfactory accounting must be made by recipients of all disbursements from the Fund.

14. Project and programme budgets must be open to inspection by the First Citizens' Fund.

15. Additional allocations from the Fund will not be considered until all previous grant moneys have been satisfactorily accounted for by the recipient.

16. Allocations from the Fund are not to be made to compensate for an over-expenditure of an authorized grant.

17. Allocations from the Fund are not to be made to support an event after the expiration of that event.

18. The Fund shall be programme- or project-oriented, with emphasis placed on assistance at the local community level.

19. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously applied for assistance.

20. Priority will be given to projects and programmes that project possible long-term benefits and to programmes offering on-the-job training or the upgrading of skills to improve employment opportunities.

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, applications will be considered for either apprenticeship training or in-service training in such fields as banking, real estate, property and business management, counselling, etc.

3. Upon the recommendations of a Band Council or 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 order that the Indian might learn special skills on the job. The maximum duration of such training should not exceed 12 months.

4. 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.

5. Projects designed to improve preschool programmes for Indian children will be considered, provided the preschool-type projects are not available through Federal or other agencies.

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

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

8. Consideration for capital construction projects such as community centres and recreation facilities will be given with support from the Fund and an equal amount from the local area to a maximum of \$25,000. Payments for capital projects will be for material only and will be on the basis of receipt of progress reports.

9. 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.

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

11. Projects from Band Council, 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 toward 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.

12. Projects designed to initiate co-operative economic development 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 \$75,000. 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.

13. Upon the recommendation of a Band Council or a bona fide Indian organization, individuals will be considered for assistance to develop a commercial undertaking in an amount not more than 50 per cent of the start-up cost of the project to a maximum of \$10,000. Such undertaking must be owned by a person of Indian ancestry and must employ the applicant or a minimum of one native Indian worker. The applicant will be expected to provide a portion of the cost of the project.

14. 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.

15. Projects designed to promote recreation activities between various Indian communities will be considered.

16. Allocations from the Fund for projects involving travel of athletic clubs will be considered only for those regional and Provincial play-off competitions approved by the B.C. Native Amateur Sports and Recreation Federation.

17. Capital allocations from the Fund will be authorized for such recreation requirements as equipment and uniforms, provided 50 per cent of the total cost is met locally. Priority will be given to projects involving younger persons.

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Requests for the reconsideration of an application for assistance will be entertained three months after the date of the original application and then only upon the revision of the application.

Projects designed to promote Indian communications through the staging of conferences and seminars will be given support from the Fund to a maximum of \$5,000 per annum.

Notes on First Citizens' Fund (Mar 10 '71)

Campbell
Beach
Keenan (Mrs Dawson)
Lichter
Shelford

Indian Advisory Committee ?

being established

letters out to major Indian org^{ns}, asking
each to nominate 2-3, from which committee
will ^{select} choose committee.

Indian Field Worker ?

still planned

no action yet

Union ? no further requests

Raven ? gave 1 grant 30,000 no further requests

In past fiscal year - March - March

\$690,000 so far

30 applic^{ns}

guess \$750,000