



# COVID-19 BULLETIN

## FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL INDIGENOUS-SPECIFIC FUNDING

1. Where funding items are **highlighted**, additional details are required to access or receive funding.
2. Where an asterisk appears, further information on this funding is available as a separate item.
3. Where funding is underlined, this represents additional or new funding.

### Federal

#	Department	Source of Funding	Target Recipients	Purpose	Amount	Link to MNP Memo
1	Indigenous Services Canada	COVID-19 Response Fund <sup>12</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations and Inuit communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to identified needs to update and/or activate pandemic plans</li> <li>• Support an effective allocation of the limited public health and primary health care capacity to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak</li> <li>• Align response efforts with scientific evidence as determined by a medical officer of health</li> <li>• Address immediate needs in the short term</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>\$100M</u></b></p> <p><b>*Note: May flow through two programs (FNIHB and EMAP) noted in Item 2 below.<sup>3</sup></b></p> <p><i>Update: Funding could include ISC purchasing swab kits.<sup>4</sup></i></p>	<p><u>Briefing Memo- Specific Funding to Support First Nations Public Health Response</u></p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-several-first-nations-grapple-with-confirmed-covid-19-cases/>

2	Indigenous Services Canada	First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) <sup>5</sup> Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) <sup>6</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Nations and Inuit communities</li> </ul>	Existing programs for which expenditures related to COVID-19 may be eligible.	<b>FNIHB: Varies by recipient<sup>7</sup></b> <b>EMAP: Varies by scale of event<sup>8</sup></b>	<a href="#">Briefing Memo- Specific Funding to Support First Nations Public Health Response</a>
3	Indigenous Services Canada	Indigenous Community Support Fund <sup>9</sup> <i>Part of the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan<sup>10</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Nations communities (including self-governing and modern treaty nations)</li> <li>Inuit communities in Inuit Nunangat</li> <li>Métis governing members in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario</li> <li>Urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations including Friendship Centres, Métis Settlements General Council of Alberta and Métis in the Northwest Territories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Elders and vulnerable community members</li> <li>Measures to address food insecurity</li> <li>Educational and other support for children</li> <li>Mental health assistance and emergency response services</li> <li>Preparedness measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19</li> </ul>	<b>\$305M</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$215M for First Nations (<b>Ontario:</b> First Nations will receive \$37,581,000; Métis will receive \$3,750,000)</li> <li>\$45M for Inuit</li> <li>\$30M for Metis</li> <li>*\$15M for Indigenous organizations and communities</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Briefing Memo - Indigenous Community Support Fund - March 31</a>
4	Indigenous Services Canada	Indigenous Community Support Fund <sup>11</sup> <i>Part of the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan<sup>12</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous organizations and communities providing services to Indigenous peoples in urban centres or off reserve</li> </ul>	See above and in addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overhead administrative costs (<b>15% maximum</b>)</li> <li>Project expenses must be incurred by the project completion date, as set out</li> </ul>	<b>\$15M of \$305M</b> in Indigenous Community Support Fund Update as of April 27: 94 out of 450 applications have been	<a href="#">Briefing Memo - Indigenous Community Support Fund - March 31</a>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1534954090122/1535120506707>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1524852370986/1524852436793>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1534954506773/1535121720820>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1585189335380/1585189357198>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1585928331845/1585928356443>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298>



				in the approved project proposal, and <b>no later than March 31, 2021</b>	approved and funding is being distributed. <sup>13</sup>	
5	Indigenous Services Canada	Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations child and family services agencies, or</li> <li>• Families or service providers with COVID-19 response efforts related to the needs of specific children</li> </ul>	<p>Expenses can continue to be submitted through existing processes, even if related to specific supports to respond to COVID-19 response efforts.<sup>14</sup></p> <p>For at least 6 months, or as long as the outbreak lasts, ISC will continue to cover the eligible maintenance costs to First Nations child and family services agencies providing services to youth who would normally be aging out of care during this time.<sup>15</sup></p>	Program funding in 2018 – 2019 was over 1.1 billion. <sup>16</sup>	<u>Briefing Memo – Child and Family Services- Support for First Nations Youth Aging Out of Care</u>
6	Indigenous Services Canada	ISC Regional Offices ISC Community Disease Control Division <sup>17</sup>		Access to PPE from the ISC national stockpile <sup>18</sup>	ISC has created a tool to estimate PPE needs and the cost in the event of a public health emergency – <b>requirements vary by region.</b> <sup>19</sup>	MNP did not prepare a one-pager on this topic – advise to contact ISC regional offices for details on PPE for First Nation Communities.
7	Employment and Social Development Canada	Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy <sup>20</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness stream recipients</li> </ul>	To help communities address the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak among homeless people, and to provide additional support to organizations working with homeless peoples <sup>21</sup>	<p><b>\$157.5M additional funding to Reaching Home,<sup>22</sup> however:</b></p> <p>Amount and exact method of delivery within the Indigenous Homelessness funding stream is unknown at this time.</p> <p><b>Updated directives due to COVID-19 for eligible</b></p>	<u>Letter- Recent Announcements to Support Urban Indigenous Peoples</u>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1585928331845/1585928356443>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035204/1533307858805>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035204/1533307858805>

<sup>17</sup> <https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://aptnews.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020.03.12-Preparedness-in-First-Nations-and-Inuit-communities-related-to-COVID-19.pdf>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553>

<sup>19</sup> <https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://aptnews.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020.03.12-Preparedness-in-First-Nations-and-Inuit-communities-related-to-COVID-19.pdf>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness.html>

<sup>21</sup> Letter from Anne Scotton, RDG Ontario Region, to Ontario Chiefs and partners on April 11, 2020.

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/notice-covid-19.html>



					<b>expenses and other requirements are now available.<sup>23</sup></b> Some communities have specifically earmarked funding for Indigenous homeless. <sup>24</sup>	
8	Indigenous Services Canada	Family Violence Prevention Program <sup>25</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46 shelters currently receiving operational funding through the FVPP</li> </ul>	To support shelters in First Nation communities. Eligible recipients are the 46 shelters currently receiving operational funding through the FVPP. <sup>26</sup>	<b>\$10M</b> The amount for each shelter will be determined using a formula that includes factors such as on-reserve population, remoteness and number of beds. The funding will be distributed through ISC's regional offices through existing contribution agreements and using FVPP authorities.	<a href="#">Letter- Recent Announcements to Support Urban Indigenous Peoples</a>
9	Indigenous Services Canada	Support for Indigenous Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6,000 small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses</li> </ul>	To help small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses, and to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses.  The funding will allow for short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions through Aboriginal Financial Institutions, which offer financing and business support services to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis businesses. <sup>27</sup>	<b>\$306.8M</b> Provided through Aboriginal Financial Institutions and administered by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association and the Métis capital corporations in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada. <sup>28</sup>	<a href="#">Briefing Memo - Indigenous Business Supports and Election Postponement</a>
10	Indigenous Services Canada	Nutrition North Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>116 isolated northern communities served by Nutrition North Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$72.6 million will be proportionally split between the governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to support their COVID-19</li> </ul>	<b>\$25M</b> While most of the funding in this announcement is targeted	<a href="#">Briefing Note – Support for Northern and Remote Communities</a>

<sup>23</sup> ESDC, Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Directives: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html>

<sup>24</sup> Nanaimo receiving share of federal funding for those experiencing homelessness (April 27): <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/nanaimo-receiving-share-of-federal-funding-for-those-experiencing-homelessness/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/fun-fin/shelters-refuges-en.html>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035253/1533304683142>

<sup>27</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses>

<sup>28</sup> <https://nacca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/NACCA-FAQs-for-Indigenous-Businesses.pdf>



				<p>health and social services preparations and response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$17.3 million to the governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to support northern air carriers to ensure the continued supply of food, medical supplies, and other essential goods and services to remote and fly-in communities.</li> <li>• Up to \$15 million in non-repayable support for businesses through <u>CanNor</u> in the territories to help address the impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>• <b>Provide an additional \$25 million to Nutrition North Canada to increase subsidies so families can afford much-needed nutritious food and personal hygiene products.</b></li> </ul>	<p>to communities north of 60, there are several NAN communities that are likely to benefit through increased Nutrition North Canada food subsidies.</p>	
11	Canada Revenue Agency	Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible employers (we have received information that indicates this includes First Nation owned businesses)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help employers retain their employees by subsidizing their wages up to a maximum of \$847 per week.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Case by Case subsidy</u></b></p> <p>The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (wage subsidy) is a subsidy available for a period of twelve weeks from March 15, 2020 to June 6, 2020, that will provide a subsidy of 75% of eligible remuneration, paid by an eligible entity (eligible employer) that qualifies, to each eligible employee—up to a maximum of \$847 per week.</p>	<p><u>Briefing Memo - Information on Federal Wage Subsidy</u></p> <p><u>Briefing Memo - Changes to CEWS and Canada Summer Jobs Program April 9</u></p>





4	Ministry of Transportation	Ontario's Action Plan: Response to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure continued service to remote and northern airports, enabling essential goods and services to continue reaching isolated communities.<sup>33</sup></li> <li>Transportation costs for health care professionals and the distribution of critical supplies.<sup>34</sup></li> </ul>	<b>\$4M</b>	<a href="#">Briefing Note - Government Of Ontario COVID-19 Funding for Indigenous Communities</a>
5	Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care; Corrections; and Community and Social Services	Pandemic Pay for Frontline Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible frontline workers regardless of heritage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary wage increase of \$4.00 per hour for eligible workers<sup>35</sup></li> <li>Effective April 24 through August 13, 2020</li> </ul>	<b><u>No total cost of support program specified</u></b>	<a href="#">Briefing Note - Government of Ontario Pandemic Pay for Frontline Workers</a>

<sup>33</sup> <https://news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2020/4/ontario-helping-indigenous-communities-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19.html>

<sup>34</sup> <https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/action-plan.html>

<sup>35</sup> <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/pandemic-pay-provides-support-for-frontline-workers-fighting-covid-19.html>

