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Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)

Applying for funding for environmental projects

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LEDSP – What is it?

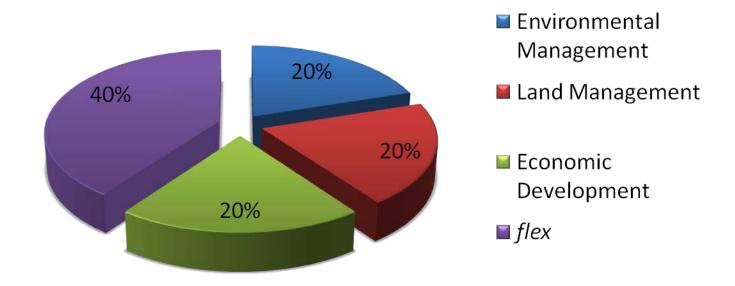
- Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP) helps Aboriginal communities build and manage a solid land base for economic development activities.
 - Supports the economic development, land and environmental capacity of First Nation communities.
- There are two LEDSP streams:
 - CORE formula-based core funding; and
 - TARGETED proposal based funding for initiatives.
- LEDSP replaces the following previous AANDC programs that supported environmental capacity funding:
 - LEAF (Lands Environmental Action Fund);
 - ECDI (Environmental Capacity Development Fund); and
 - IEAF (Indian Environmental Action Fund).

SCOPE OF PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION

Former Programs New Programs (effective April 1, 2014) Community Economic Development Program Reserve Land Environment Management Lands and Economic Development First Nations Land Management Act Services Program Land Surveys, Commercial Leasing, Land Designations and Additions-(LEDSP) to-Reserves related to Economic Development **Community Support Services Program Lands & Environment Action Fund** Community Economic Opportunities Program **Community Opportunity Readiness** Community-based projects or initiatives under the Aboriginal Business **Program Development Program** (CORP) Eligible projects or initiatives under Aboriginal Business Development, except for activities relating to commercial ventures and infrastructure, Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program related to Aboriginal entrepreneurs or Aboriginal businesses Major Resource Development and Energy Investments Private equity instruments of Aboriginal Business Development Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative component of public services in economic development

LEDSP-targeted plan for 2014-2015

LEDSP-targeted: breakdown of \$7.3 million national budget



LEDSP-Targeted Eligible Recipients

- First Nation communities and their governments, including Tribal Councils;
- Other persons performing delegated land management functions under Sections 53 and/or 60 of the *Indian Act* on behalf of First Nations;
- Organizations and associations controlled by Aboriginal people except for those with charitable or religious purposes; and
- Non-Aboriginal organizations and associations, except for those with charitable or religious purposes.

Eligible environmental management projects under LEDSP

- Initiatives that enhance environmental planning, awareness and support efforts towards pollution prevention on reserve;
- Initiatives that support environmental management best practices with land and community assets on reserve; and
- Initiatives to improve environmental regulatory compliance on reserve.

LEDSP will continue to support great initiatives

- From 2012-2014, 86 proposals were received under LEAF, and 37 projects funded (over 2 yrs), including:
 - Waste management plans;
 - Implementation/promotion of community recycling program;
 - Development of a plan for cleanup of an unauthorized dumpsite;
 - Delivery of a landfill operations and maintenance training course;
 - Hazardous waste contingency plan;
 - Workshops on fuel contamination and proper remediation procedure;
 - Development of guidance manual on small fuel tank systems;
 - Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference;
 - Accessing a training course on water/sediment sampling;
 - Water quality monitoring to support a community-run greenhouse;
 - Development of a plan to bring ecological function to a solar farm;
 - Creation of a reserve base map & environmental GIS geodatabase.

Applying to LEDSP-targeted.... some important considerations

- Continuous intake process (no proposal deadline).
- Projects may include environmental, lands, and economic development components (or focus on only one component):
 - e.g.: land use plan and species at risk survey for a business park.
- For 2014-2015, regional priority will focus on planning projects:
 - e.g.: Land use plans, comprehensive community plans, waste management plans, recycling implementation plans.
- LEDSP-targeted can cover up to 100% of project costs...
 -but applicant contribution and confirmed co-funders will strengthen your application!
- Multi-year funding possible.

How do I apply?

LEDSP-targeted application form:

http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1406217390783/1406217434540

LEDSP-targeted program guidelines:

http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427

- **Send your application** to Kelly Maurice, Intake Officer at: LEDONTARIO@aandc.gc.ca.
- For advice on developing environmental proposals for consideration under LEDSP-targeted, contact Chevenne Loon, Senior Environmental Advisor at: chevenne.loon@aandc.gc.ca.
- Your **AANDC Environment Officer** is also available to provide advice:

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