

**“It is the age-old concept of give and take, compromise, respectfulness and treating each other as equals that creates the framework for successful relationships and countless opportunities for future partnerships.”**

**– Participant**

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about applying for regional Community to Community Forum, please contact UBCM:

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# **Community to Community Forum**

Program



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“Each event lessens the distance between the communities, which physically are very near to each other, but sometimes socially are very distant.”

- Participant

## **Description**

A regional Community to Community (C2C) Forum is a jointly organized meeting that brings together members of municipal councils and/or regional boards with First Nation council members and other community leaders.

## **Background**

Since 1999, as a result of continued support from the provincial Ministry of Community Services and the federal Department of Indian Affairs (BC Region), over 170 regional C2C Forums have been held in communities across the province.

This year, UBCM and the FNS have received funding once again for the purpose of providing modest grants to First Nation and local government applicants.

## **Purpose**

The goal of a regional C2C Forum is to increase understanding and to improve overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Dialogue topics may include economic development, land use planning, service delivery or other areas of common interest.

## **Forum Objectives**

- Educating and informing participants about relationships between First Nations and local governments
- Providing a forum for dialogue on a specific concern or topical issue
- Strengthening relationships and fostering cooperation by building stronger links between First Nations and local governments
- Determining opportunities for future collaboration and joint action.

## **Who is eligible?**

Any local government (municipality or regional district) or First Nation government (Band or Tribal Council) may apply for funding for a regional C2C Forum. First time and repeat applicants are eligible.

## **Approval Process**

The FNS and UBCM hope to encourage as many C2C forums as possible across the province, within the confines of the available funding. Each year more applications are received and, if need be, steps will be taken to ensure funds are spread as far as possible:

Consolidation – In some cases, where several forums are proposed in the same region, we may ask that the groups combine efforts and hold one forum for that region.

Regional Equity – Consideration will be given to ensuring regional equity in the allocation of funds.

Advice - Where requested, UBCM and FNS will provide advice to applicants on their application and event.

“I cannot recall being involved in anything more significant in my career. Building peoples’ futures rather than building ‘things’ is much more satisfying”.

– Participant