



Supporting Treaty Implementation

2010/11 TAC Operational Funding

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Program & Application Guide

1. Introduction

The Supporting Treaty Implementation program was developed in 2007 with funding from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. The intent of the program was to demonstrate options and provide examples of initiatives that local governments were undertaking to support treaty implementation activities in their communities.

The original program was open to Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs) and local governments affected by a signed or initialled final agreement or who were involved in the negotiation of a final agreement. Grants were available for pilot projects that supported treaty implementation through activities such as developing an agreement between a local government and First Nation, establishing a mentoring program, or undertaking a community education campaign.

In 2009, UBCM worked with the Ministry to enhance the existing program in order to support TACs to participate at treaty tables. This resulted in a program that provided the opportunity for TACs and/or local governments that met eligibility requirements to apply for operating funds for 2009/10.

UBCM is now pleased to announce that TACs and/or local governments that are participating at a treaty negotiation table at Stage 4 or Stage 5 and that meet eligibility criteria can apply for operating funds for 2010/11.

2. Program Details

Grants of up to \$5,000 per active treaty table are available to TACs and/or local governments that are:

- Participating at treaty tables in Stage 4 or Stage 5 of the negotiation process.
- Required to participate directly with First Nations in land, jurisdiction or servicing discussions.
- Required to participate directly in the negotiation of a treaty-related measure, treaty interim measure or incremental treaty agreement.

Please refer to the Government of BC's treaty webpage (www.treaties.gov.bc.ca) for information on tables that are at Stage 4 or more advanced.

3. Eligible Activities

Operational funding is available to support TACs and/or local governments to participate at a treaty negotiation table at Stage 4 or Stage 5 in 2010/11.

Eligible expenditures are limited to:

- Costs incurred by TAC representatives for travel, accommodation, meals and per diems.
- Staff time.

4. Application Process

The Application Form must be completed and submitted with the required attachments. This form is available on the UBCM website (www.ubcm.ca).

Please note the following important points when preparing your Application:

- The application deadline is March 26, 2010 and applicants may only apply once for the 2010/11 fiscal year
- There is no matching requirement.
- All activities must take place between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.
- A detailed budget that indicates the grant request per table is required.
- A Board/Council resolution or TAC meeting minutes, indicating support for the proposal, is required.
- A final report will be required by April 30, 2011.

5. Approval Process

This is a competition-based program and preference will be given to applications that demonstrate advancement at the treaty table.

The application deadline is March 26, 2010 and applicants will be notified of the status of their application by April 16, 2010.

The Evaluation Committee will assess each application for attention to the goals, objectives and eligibility criteria. The committee will also consider the location of each proposal in order to ensure a balanced representation in both rural and urban portions of the province and will aim to fund activities with a range of experience and diversity.

6. Grant Management & Applicant Responsibilities

Notice of Approval

All applicants will receive written notice of the Evaluation Committee's decision as well as the terms or conditions of any grant that is awarded. Grants are awarded in two cheques: 70% at the approval of the application and 30% when activities are complete and UBCM has received all required reports and a financial summary.

Applicant Responsibilities

Please note: grants are awarded to local governments and TACs only. In addition to the terms and conditions that will be provided to all successful applicants, approved applicants are responsible for:

- Proper fiscal management, including acceptable accounting records.
- Final report (using UBCM form).

Changes to Approved Activities

Approved applicants are required to advise UBCM of any significant variation from the approved activities as described in the completed Application Form. Approval from UBCM may be required in advance for changes.

7. Submitting Your Final Report

The Final Report is an important instrument for UBCM and the provincial government to measure the success of this program.

The final report is due no later than April 30, 2011. The final report can be submitted as a letter and should include:

- A brief description of the TAC operations in 2010/11.
- Financial summary detailing how the funds were spent.

8. Where to Apply & Additional Information

All application materials should be addressed to:

Local Government Program Services
Union of BC Municipalities
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