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Department of Municipal and Community Affairs Northwest Territories Organizations Providing Assistance to Community Governments

1. Statement of Policy

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs may support Northwest Territories organizations providing assistance to community governments.

2. Principles

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is guided by the following principle when implementing this policy:

- (1) Communication between community governments and the Government of the Northwest Territories should be strengthened and encouraged.

3. Scope

This policy may provide funding to organizations providing assistance to community governments.

Definitions

NWT Organizations – not-for-profit organizations registered in the Northwest Territories with a mandate to assist community governments through research, information sharing, coordination and other support services.

4. Authority and Accountability

- (1) General

This policy is issued in accordance with Financial Management Board direction to delegate to Ministers authority to establish grants and contribution programs. Authority and accountability is further defined in Financial Administration Manual directives 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904 and as follows:



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(a) Minister

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Minister) is accountable to the Financial Management Board for the implementation of this policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Deputy Minister) is accountable to the Minister and responsible to the Minister for the administration of this policy.

(2) Specific

(a) Minister

The Minister may:

- (i) approve changes to this policy,
- (ii) approve grants or contributions according to the terms and conditions outlined in this policy, and
- (iii) delegate the authority to approve grants and contributions to the Deputy Minister.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister has the following authority and accountability, which he or she may delegate to Regional Superintendents or Directors:

- (i) authorize contributions to territorial organizations.



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5. Provisions

- (1) Organizations will submit a written request specifying the funding they seek and appropriate justification for this amount.
- (2) Funding provided will be issued through a Contribution Agreement.
- (3) The Deputy Minister will include information about the funding allocations provided Northwest Territories Organizations in an annual public report about Municipal and Community Affairs funding.

6. Financial Resources

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval of funds in the Main Estimates by the Legislative Assembly and there being a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriate activity for the fiscal year for which the funds would be required.

7. Prerogative of the Minister

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Minister to make decisions or take actions respecting grants or contributions. In this regard, the Minister may make a special exception to the rules set out in this policy. Any exception will require substantiation in writing and must be recorded with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Robert C. McLeod
Minister

November 29, 2010
Date