

# Non-Government Organization Stabilization Fund

2022-2023 Annual Report

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Kĩspin ki nitawih̄tĩn ē nĩhĩyawih̄k ōma ācimōwin, tipwāsinān.

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Tłıchq̄ yatı k'èè. Dı wegodı newq̄ dè, gots'ogonede.

Tłıchq̄

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ʔerih̄tł'ıs Dēne Sųłıné yatı t'a huts'elkēr xa beyáyatı theʔą ʔat'e, nuwe ts'ēn yółtı.

Chipewyan

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Edı gondı dehgáh got'ıe zhatié k'ée edat'éh enahddhę nıde naxets'é edahı.

South Slavey

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K'áhshó got'ıne xədə k'é hederı ʔedjhtł'é yerıniwę nıde dúle.

North Slavey

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Jii gwandak izhii ginjik vat'atr'ijáhch'uu zhit yinohtan jı', diits'at ginohkhii.

Gwich'in

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Uvanittuaq ilitchurisukupku Inuvialuktun, ququaqluta.

Inuvialuktun

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## Minister's Message

I am pleased to present the Non-Government Organization (NGO) Stabilization Fund Annual Report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This report outlines performance, financial and activity information related to the functioning of the NGO Stabilization Fund, as administered by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

This report represents an important step to improve the evaluation and transparency of this Fund, ensuring that it continues to effectively deliver support to NGOs across the Northwest Territories.

I want to recognize the important work of NGOs in serving residents of the Northwest Territories. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and the Government of the Northwest Territories remain committed to supporting organizations that carry on this important work.



**The Honourable Vince McKay  
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs**

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## Executive Summary

The Non-Government Organization (NGO) Stabilization Fund provides short-term support for NGOs who deliver critical services and programs that support essential Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) policy objectives.

For the 2022–2023 fiscal year, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) supported 20 current year projects and one prior year project through the NGO Stabilization Fund by providing funding to NGOs delivering critical services and programs that support policy objectives of the GNWT. Nine other applications were not approved as funding was fully expended.

## Introduction

This Annual Report provides information on the outcomes of the 2022-2023 NGO Stabilization Fund.

The fund is a GNWT program administered by MACA. The program supports GNWT-funded NGOs facing extraordinary costs that threaten to destabilize their operations and are ineligible for additional funding through their primary contribution agreement. The *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization (NGO) Operations Policy* was implemented in 2009 as an application-based contribution program to provide short term support to assist with these costs and support NGOs who deliver critical GNWT-funded programs and services to NWT residents.

This NGO Stabilization Fund 2022-2023 Annual Report was prepared in accordance with the recommendations from the 2020 program evaluation recommendations.

## NGO Stabilization Fund

Recognizing that many NWT NGOs deliver critical services and programming that supports GNWT policy objectives such as: homelessness, addictions support, and shelters for women and families, the NGO Stabilization Fund was established in 2009.

Funding support is available for eligible NGOs who:

- deliver critical GNWT-funded programs or services to NWT residents;
- receive annual funding from the GNWT for the delivery of those critical services or programs and are in compliance with existing funding agreements; and
- are registered and in good standing in the NWT either as a society or association or as created under NWT or federal statute.

Support can be granted for eligible one-time general costs to stabilize or develop organization capacity to manage programs and services including:

- General management costs that cannot be attributed to specific programs or services. Examples are general administration and management, finances, and bookkeeping.
- Governance costs or board related costs. Examples are governance and board training.
- Organizational development costs related to the structure and processes of the organization.
- Additional general operations costs related to general operations and maintenance that cannot be directly attributed to specific programs or services. Examples are one-time general office costs or one-time maintenance costs.

Examples of approved past projects include improving service levels to smaller communities, board governance, organizational planning and development, transition support to stabilize operations, and other extraordinary general operations costs.

The program is application-based, and NGOs must apply each year to receive funding. The maximum amount provided per organization is \$50,000 annually. Demand for funding from the NGO Stabilization Fund normally exceeds the available annual budget, and partial funding approvals can be used to increase the number of organizations supported per year.

## 2022-23 Performance Measurement Evaluation

Performance measurements were established with a baseline year of 2020-21 to assist with ongoing effectiveness of the NGO Stabilization Fund. The performance of the Fund in 2022-2023 will be used as the baseline for additional future performance measures.

Expected Outcomes	Performance Measurement	Baseline	Target	2022-23 Summary
<b>1. Outputs</b>				
1.1 Calls for applications	Number of calls for applications by fiscal year	One call for applications per fiscal year as per the <i>Stabilizing Non-Government Organization (NGO) Operations Policy</i>	One call for applications will be issued each spring as per policy.	Call for applications ran from May 23, 2022 to June 17, 2022.
1.2 Application assessments	Number of applications assessed by fiscal year	22 applications assessed in 2020-2021.	Two applications assessed per region and greater than ten applications total per year	In 2022-23, 29 applications were assessed across regions as follows: Dehcho: 1 Inuvik: 1 North Slave: 21 Sahtu: 1 South Slave: 5
1.3 Funded Projects	Number of projects funded by fiscal year	Minimum 14 projects. \$700,000/ \$50,000 = 14	Greater than 14	In 2022-23, 21 applications were funded, 20 from the 2022-23 call and one prior multiyear project from 2021-22.

## Key Activities

### Application Process

A public call for applications to the NGO Stabilization Fund for 2022-23 was issued May 23, 2022, and the application deadline was June 17, 2022. Twenty-nine (29) applications were received: 21 from NGOs in Yellowknife, 5 from the South Slave Region, 1 from the Beaufort Delta, 1 from the Sahtu Region and 1 from the Dehcho Region. The total 2022-23 funding requested as part of these 29 applications was \$1,221,433.

In addition to the 29 applications, there was one application in the South Slave that was pre-approved as a multi-year agreement ending in 2022-23 for \$33,655. For the purposes of the report, only the 29 applications that were assessed as part of the 2022-23 call-out are represented in the data in this report, unless otherwise stated.

## **Eligibility Screening**

All applications were screened for eligibility in accordance with the provisions of the *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization Operations Policy*. Applications determined to be eligible basis of the following principles:

- A. Must deliver critical GNWT funded services;
- B. Must receive funding from GNWT;
- C. Must be registered and in good standing in NWT as a society or association or as created under NWT or federal statute; and

All twenty-nine (29) received applications were deemed eligible for 2022-2023. No applications were deemed ineligible; however, some applications included expenses ineligible under the *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization Operations Policy*.

Results of the eligibility screening were communicated in writing to all applicants within three weeks of the application deadline.

## **Assessment of Eligible Applicants**

The assessment of eligible applications was carried out in accordance with the *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization Operations Policy*. Applications were prioritized on the basis of the following principles:

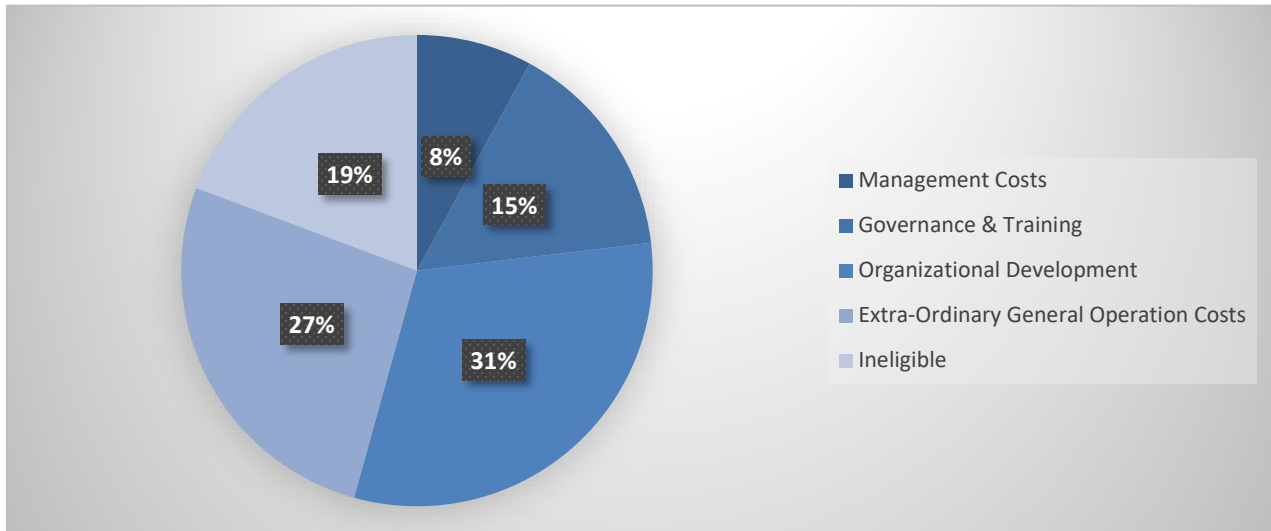
- A. Applications from NGOs who deliver programs and services that:
  - Help ensure people's basic needs for shelter and food are met.
  - Provide social support within their community or communities.
  - Build capacity through education, training, and skill development.Take priority over applications from NGOs who deliver less critical services such as cultural or recreational program delivery.
- B. Collaborative projects or projects that benefit more than one NGO take priority over projects that benefit only the applicant NGO.
- C. Management costs (general administration, management, finances, and bookkeeping), governance and organizational development (strategic or expansion take priority over extraordinary general operations costs (office costs, utilities, maintenance, and renovations).
- D. Projects that have not received support (new projects) take priority over projects that are similar as those supported in previous years for the same NGO.



## Eligible Applicants Not Recommended for Support

Of the 29 eligible applicants, the three (3) lowest rated applications based on the assessment above were not recommended as demand surpassed the available annual budget.

### Application Funding Request Types 2022-23



## 2022-23 Trends

Ineligible funding requested by NGOs continued similar to 2021-2022 for stabilization projects with NGOs actively seeking longer term capital, regular personnel, and programming funding. Eligible funding requests included managerial transitions, board development training, strategic planning, communications and capacity building, and extraordinary general operations costs such as new security systems.

Applications from organizations who have previously received NGO Stabilization Funding is a recurring theme. In 2022-23, 59% or seventeen project proposals were received from NGOs with projects approved in 2021-22. Applicants noted a lack of available operations funding under other GNWT programs to maintain their ability to offer critical GNWT services or programs.

Projects approved in 2022-2023 had positive outcomes including strategic planning and governance bylaws; policy, communications, onboarding, diversity and risk management training and development; financial and accounting systems and training; and asset upgrades and minor renovations.

**Approved Funding 2022-23**

	Organization	Approved Funding*
1	Avens Seniors	\$50,000.00
2	Children First Society	\$25,000.00
3	Dehcho Friendship Centre	\$45,000.00
4	Family Support Centre	\$50,000.00
5	Foster Family Coalition	\$26,500.00
6	Foxy	\$33,500.00
7	Habitat for Humanity	\$39,000.00
8	Hay River Council for Persons with Disabilities	\$50,000.00
9	Hay River Ski Club	\$33,655.00**
10	Inclusion NWT	\$4,691.28
11	K'asho Gotine Housing Society	\$50,000.00
12	Local Government Administrators of the NWT (LGANT)	\$30,500.00
13	NWT Disabilities Council	\$50,000.00
14	NWT Literacy Council	\$50,000.00
15	NWT Senior's Society	\$5,000.00
16	Salvation Army	\$50,000.00
17	SideDoor (Home Base Yellowknife)	\$35,000.00
18	Status of Women Council of the NWT	\$20,000.00

	Organization	Approved Funding*
19	Yellowknife Women's Society	\$45,000.00
20	YWCA NWT	\$4,000.00
21	Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre	\$36,808.72
	<b>Total Funding Approved</b>	<b>\$733,655.00</b>

\* Approved funding was disbursed based on application requests, with maximum total allowable \$50,000.

- The Children First Society, Foxy, Yellowknife Women's Society and YWCA NWT received less than application requested as ineligible expenses under the *Stabilizing Non- Government Organization Operations Policy* were removed.
- The Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre approved funding was less than application request due to limited remaining available annual budget.

\*\* Extraordinary funding approved.

## Conclusion

The NGO Stabilization Fund supports GNWT-funded NGOs with short term extraordinary funding to strengthen and stabilize NGOs who deliver critical GNWT programs and services to NWT residents. With the limited funding options from governments and private sources and increased service and program needs within the NWT, MACA anticipates that the program will continue to be over-subscribed going forward.

MACA welcomes additional input from stakeholders and the public on issues and concerns and potential improvements to the Fund.

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