



Children and Youth Resiliency Program

1. Statement of Policy

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) may provide financial support to assist organizations establish or expand children and youth programming that supports the development of physical literacy and builds resiliency.

2. Principles

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will adhere to the following principles when implementing this policy:

- (1) The operation of community programs that support the development of physical literacy in children and youth should be supported and encouraged.
- (2) The operation of community programs that support and foster children and youth to help build resiliency should be supported and encouraged.
- (3) Staff, volunteers and youth play important roles in promoting and carrying out physical literacy and resiliency programs for children and youth and should be encouraged and supported to develop and participate in skill development or training opportunities.
- (4) The youth of the Northwest Territories should be encouraged and supported to take a leadership role in the development and delivery of initiatives that lead to positive lifestyle choices which contribute to the health and well-being of youth and the quality of life in our communities.
- (5) The development, promotion and delivery of traditional aboriginal youth activities should be encouraged and supported to help preserve and strengthen northern aboriginal traditions and culture.
- (6) Community governments, school authorities and organizations that serve children and youth play a vital role in developing, promoting and delivering specialized activities for youth in their communities and should be encouraged and supported to continue these efforts.



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3. Scope

This Policy applies to Northwest Territories community governments, school authorities or children and youth serving organizations are eligible for financial assistance through contributions from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and as outlined in the attached schedule.

4. Definitions

The following terms apply to this policy:

Audit - The examination and verification of financial records, and reporting thereon. A Level 1 Audit comprises a financial statement certified by a professional auditor in public practice.

Community government - A corporation established under or continued by the *Charter Communities Act*, the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, the *Hamlets Act*, the *Tłı̨chǫ Community Government Act* or any Recognized First Nations Council.

School Authorities - Any schools or education bodies within the Northwest Territories recognized by the Department of Education, Culture and Employment as defined under the *Education Act*.

Children and youth serving organizations - Registered not-for-profit territorial, regional or community-based organizations that serve children and youth.

Contribution - A conditional transfer payment made to a recipient subject to an audit at a later date for which the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will receive no goods or services in return.

Youth - Residents of the Northwest Territories under the age of twenty-five (25).

Children - Residents of the Northwest Territories under the age of 12.

Physical Literacy - Individuals who are physically literate move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person.



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Resiliency – A term used to describe an individual's ability to resist the effects of stressful situations and to bounce back after experiencing negative life events.

5. 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 805 and 810 as follows:

(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 authority to approve contributions to the Deputy Minister.



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(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister has the following authority and accountability, which he or she may delegate to the Director of Sport, Recreation and Youth or Regional Superintendents:

- (i) Approve contributions to eligible community governments, school authorities or children and youth serving organizations for the purposes outlined in this policy.

6. Provisions

(1) Eligibility

Northwest Territories community governments, school authorities or children and youth serving organizations are eligible for financial assistance through contributions from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and as outlined below are eligible to apply for funding under this program.

(2) Eligibility Criteria

Funding may be provided for:

- (i) Expenses and activities related to the operation of programs for children and youth related to physical literacy, physical activity, resiliency, mental health and related healthy choices programs, specifically:
 - (a) Staff and volunteer training costs related physical literacy, physical activity, resiliency, mental health and related healthy choices programs;
 - (b) Materials and supplies for physical literacy, physical activity, resiliency, mental health and related healthy choices programs;
 - (c) Other staff, volunteer and program costs related physical literacy, physical activity, resiliency, mental health and related healthy choices programs,



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(3) Application Process

- (i) A call for applications will be issued each spring. MACA will establish an appropriate deadline and communicate to stakeholders annually.
- (ii) Applications must be submitted in accordance with the application format and guidelines provided by the Department.

(4) Conditions

- (i) Capital or renovation costs over \$5,000 are not eligible.
- (ii) A maximum of \$15,000 is available for each recipient during the fiscal year except as outlined in (4) below.
- (iii) If all budgeted funds are not allocated by February 1 of the fiscal year, the remaining funding may be allocated to communities with previously approved programs up to a maximum of \$25,000 per recipient.
- (iv) Funding can be used for new initiatives or to top up existing funding being accessed through other sources.

(5) Review

- (i) The following criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing applications:
 - (a) Priority will be given to proposals that establish an activity or service that is currently not available in the community.
 - (b) Proposals that include a contribution from the applicant or have the ability to leverage additional funding from other sources will be given priority, assuming all other elements of the proposal fit the criteria.
 - (c) The proposals will be reviewed to ensure the feasibility of implementation and the applicant's financial ability to meet their obligations.



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7. 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.

8. 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 contributions. In this regard, the Minister may make an exception to this policy. Any exception will require substantiation in writing and must be recorded with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Caroline Cochrane
Minister

Date