



Indian and Northern
Affairs Canada

Affaires indiennes
et du Nord Canada

THE MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT GET INVOLVED!

FUNDING FOR NWT COMMUNITIES


The wordmark for Canada, featuring a small maple leaf above the letter 'a'.

GETTING READY TO TALK PIPELINE

The North is well positioned to be a secure and reliable supplier of energy to North American natural gas markets for many years. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories see this as a great opportunity for the North as well as the rest of Canada.

All the parties involved in this project are committed to a “made in the North” project assessment approach. This includes a Joint Review Panel to undertake a rigorous environmental impact assessment, and a co-ordinated and timely regulatory review of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

We want you to get involved in this project. First Nations, Aboriginal groups, Inuvialuit organizations, individuals and non-profit organizations are invited to review this brochure to see what funding is available.



Funding sources have been categorized into four groups:

- ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REGULATORY REVIEW
- NEGOTIATING LAND ACCESS AND BENEFITS AGREEMENTS
- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

PIPE UP. GET READY. GET INVOLVED!



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REGULATORY REVIEW

THESE FUNDING SOURCES HELP COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REGULATORY REVIEW PROCESSES.

Participant Funding Program

This program is designed to help the public participate in the review of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. Funds are released in three phases:

1. To review and comment on the draft terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Funds released in June 2004;
2. To participate in technical conferences and provide technical analysis of EIS;
3. To participate in Joint Panel Review public hearings.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals, non-profit organizations, and Aboriginal and public governments with an interest in the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project.

CONTACT: Northern Gas Project Secretariat (867) 766-8600 or Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (613) 957-0254.

FUNDS: CEAA and Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB).

Community Capacity Development for Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Review

This prepares communities for involvement in the environmental assessment and regulatory review of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

ELIGIBILITY: Aboriginal groups from the Sahtu, Gwich'in, Deh Cho and the Inuvialuit with an interest in the project.

CONTACT: DIAND's Pipeline Readiness Office (867) 669-2855.

FUNDS: DIAND.

Interim Resource Management Assistance (IRMA) Program

IRMA is designed to help Aboriginal communities strengthen their ability to participate in land and resource management activities, that affect their surrounding land use areas, including regulatory processes, environmental assessments and resource management policy.

ELIGIBILITY: First Nations and Métis groups in the NWT (in unsettled claim areas).

CONTACT: IRMA Co-ordinator, (867) 669-2567.

FUNDS: DIAND and GNWT-RWED.

NEGOTIATING LAND ACCESS AND BENEFITS AGREEMENTS

THIS FUNDING HELPS COMMUNITIES PREPARE, NEGOTIATE AND RATIFY LAND ACCESS AND BENEFITS AGREEMENTS.

Resource Pre-Development Program

The program is designed to assist Aboriginal organizations in the negotiation of access and benefits agreements and tax-based communities who may require fee-for-service arrangements to address impacts on community infrastructure.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants represent NWT communities/organizations that are directly impacted by the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline project.

CONTACT: DIAND's Pipeline Readiness Office (867) 669-2855 or DIAND's Economic Development Officer (867) 669-2625.

FUNDS: DIAND, Mackenzie Gas Project, GNWT.





EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

THESE FUNDING PROGRAMS ASSIST FIRST NATIONS, INUIT AND MÉTIS GAIN THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.

Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy (AHRDS)

This strategy is designed to expand the employment opportunities of Aboriginal people across Canada. It assists Aboriginal people to prepare for, find and keep jobs. There are currently 79 Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement (AHRDA) holders in place across Canada.

ELIGIBILITY: First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

CONTACT: 1 800 O CANADA or visit www17.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ARO-BRA/ARO.cfm for the AHRDA holder locations in the NWT.

FUNDS: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP) Program

This program funds partnerships which enable Aboriginal people to acquire the skills needed to participate in economic opportunities such as oil and gas activities/projects.

Eligibility: First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Contact: 1 800 O CANADA, Northern ASEP Advisor, Delphine Elleze (867) 669-5043, or NWT Director, Joe Kronstal (867) 669-5007.

Funds: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

Advanced Training Initiatives for the Oil and Gas Industry

The GNWT's Department of Education, Culture and Employment supports training initiatives to help northern workers get the required skill training for entry level employment and advancement in the oil and gas industry.

ELIGIBILITY: NWT residents.

CONTACT: Local Career Centre: Fort Simpson: 695-7334; Fort Smith: 872-7218; Hay River: 874-9200; Inuvik: 777-7365; Norman Wells: 587-2566; or, Yellowknife: 766-5100.

FUNDS: GNWT.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ESTABLISHED FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT HELP ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES UNDERTAKE RESEARCH AND PLANNING, BUSINESS START-UP AND EXPANSION AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES. FUNDS UNDER THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE APPLIED TO THE PROPOSED MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT.

Aboriginal Business Canada

This Industry Canada program provides financial assistance, information, resource materials and referrals to support Aboriginal entrepreneurs in a range of business activities. Business opportunities linked to pipeline construction in northern Canada may be eligible for support. Applicants must demonstrate that the business or project would: derive more than 60 per cent of its revenues from pipeline construction activities; or, receive more than 60 per cent of the value of its inputs from pipeline construction activities. Each proposal is assessed on its own viability and merits, and takes into account the need, the scope of the project, and other possible sources of financing. For more information, visit www.abc.ic.gc.ca .

ELIGIBILITY: First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals or organizations/ development corporations.

CONTACT: Aboriginal Business Canada (867) 920-6624.

FUNDS: Industry Canada.

DIAND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Community Economic Development Program

Funding is provided to communities to develop community economic development plans. Areas of development can include (but are not limited to): plan resource or development projects, provide job-related training, and management of financial and technical services.

Resource Partnership Program

This program co-funds activities leading to the creation of a joint working agreement. The goal is to obtain economic benefits from major regional resource development projects for First Nations and Inuit communities.



Major Business Projects Program

This program provides financial assistance to eligible First Nations and Inuit businesses via their respective Community Economic Development Organization. Funding is used to obtain conventional debt financing for business start-ups or a business expansion in order to pursue a major industrial, commercial or resource-based opportunity.

Opportunity Fund

This fund provides financial aid in the form of matching equity funding. The objective is to use the funding to obtain conventional debt financing for business start-ups or a business expansion.

Resource Acquisition Initiative

This initiative helps communities to fund resource-sector and related business opportunities which may include acquiring natural resource permits and licences.

Regional Partnership Fund

This fund promotes First Nations and Inuit participation in, and expanded economic benefits from, major regional development initiatives by providing financial assistance for economic infrastructure.

ELIGIBILITY: First Nations and Inuit individuals, organizations or communities.

CONTACT: DIAND's Economic Development Officer
(867) 669-2625.

FUNDS: DIAND.

GOVERNMENT OF THE NWT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

NWT Business Credit Corporation

This agency provides loans and guarantees loans to business enterprises, guarantees loans made by financial institutions to business, and provides bonds to resident business enterprises.

NWT Development Corporation

The NWT Development Corporation can make minority equity investments in Northern businesses, and operates a number of subsidiaries where alternate employment opportunities are limited.

Community Futures Development Corporations

Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) are regional agencies that provide loans of up to \$125,000 to local businesses. CFDCs also provide mentoring and related business assistance including training and information in support of business development.

Business Development Fund

The Business Development Fund (BDF) is a contribution fund that provides funding to individual entrepreneurs and small businesses aimed at stimulating employment and economic development throughout the Northwest Territories. The BDF has eight schedules that are designed to assist businesses during all phases of the business cycle.

ELIGIBILITY: NWT entrepreneurs and businesses (criteria varies by program).

CONTACT: Your RWED Regional Office: Yellowknife: 920-8966; Fort Smith: 872-6400; Fort Simpson: 695-2231; Inuvik: 777-7286; or, Norman Wells: 587-3501.

FUNDS: GNWT.



Photos: Sharon Nelson/DIAND

CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND)

4914 - 50th Street
Bellanca Building
PO Box 1500
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2R3
Telephone: (867) 669-2500
Website: nwt.inac.gc.ca

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)

22nd Floor, Place Bell
160 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3
Telephone: (613) 957-0406
Website: www.ceaa.gc.ca

Northern Gas Project Secretariat (NGPS)

Suite 208, Scotia Centre
5102 - 50th Avenue
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3S8
Telephone: (867) 766-8600
Website: www.ngps.nt.ca

Government of the NWT (GNWT)

Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Office
Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED)
PO Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9
Telephone: (867) 920-8954
Website: www.gov.nt.ca

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

1st Floor, Joe Tobie Building
5020 - 48th Street
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2R3
Telephone: (867) 669-5043
Website: www.hrsdc.gc.ca

Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)

YK Centre, 6th Floor
PO Box 4910
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8
Telephone: (867) 920-6624
Website: www.abc.ic.gc.ca