

**How To Apply:**

Applications are available upon request or by download from [www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca).

Status Indians, Non-Status Indians, Inuit, and legal entities associated with Indian Bands and Tribal Councils can submit their applications to:

**Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF)**

Asimakaniseekan Askiy Reserve  
202 Joseph Okemasis Drive  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B1  
Phone: (306) 955-4550  
Fax: (306) 373-4969  
[www.sief.sk.ca](http://www.sief.sk.ca)



Métis individuals, and legal entities associated with Métis organizations and communities can submit their applications to:

**Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)**

254 Robin Crescent  
Saskatoon, SK S7L 7C2  
Phone: (306) 657-4870  
Fax: (306) 657-4890  
Toll-free: 1-888-657-4870  
[www.clarencecampeau.com](http://www.clarencecampeau.com)



These designated First Nations and Métis economic development organizations will assess proposals and make recommendations to **Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Relations (FNMR)** who will make the final decisions and administer the disbursement of funds.

**Additional Program Information:**

Funding is also available from First Nations and Métis Relations for related initiatives other than capital and operating costs. This includes building community capacity in the key sectors and assisting applicants in the development of their proposals through such things as feasibility studies and market analysis. Where required, the program may fund up to 75% of these costs up to a maximum of \$10,000. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

To assess merits and strengths, proposals of this nature should include information such as rationale, its connection to one of the strategic sectors, potential economic impact and other benefits, involvement of other communities/partners, breakdown of costs and sources of funding, timelines, and other information as required.

Applications of this type should be submitted directly to FNMR.

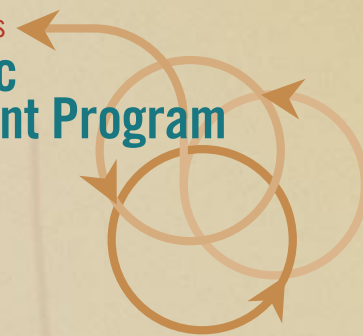
For more information contact:

Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Relations

710 - 1855 Victoria Avenue  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3T2  
Toll-free: 1-866-240-4484  
Phone: (306) 798-7800  
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# Economic Development Program

## Program Overview

The Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program will be administered by Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Relations (FNMR) with assistance from Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF) and Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF).

This program is designed to increase Aboriginal participation in the economy which is expected to benefit the economic and social well-being of the province as a whole.

Grants will be provided to First Nations and Métis entrepreneurs who want to get involved in the key strategic growth sectors of the province.

These key sectors include:

- Energy;
- Mining;
- Forestry;
- Value-added agriculture;
- Manufacturing; and
- Aboriginal themed tourism.

The First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program is a four year program totalling \$5 million, ending March 31, 2009.

## Program Objectives

There is a need to ensure that more First Nations and Métis people are brought into the work-force and provided with the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the economic and social prosperity of this province.

The full participation of all members of our society in the economic mainstream is imperative to Saskatchewan's continued success.

## Program Guidelines

This economic development program is committed to encouraging economic development, job creation, and business expansion.

It provides non-repayable grants as initial funding to establish, acquire or expand First Nations and Métis owned businesses as well as building community capacity.

A minimum of 10% of the total project costs must be financed through the applicant's own equity through cash and other asset injections.

In the case of youth (ages 18-35) this requirement drops to 5%.

There are two steps to apply:

- Initially, applicants will be required to complete and submit a general application available upon request or by download from [www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca).
- Projects chosen for further consideration will be required to submit a comprehensive business plan demonstrating the long-term viability of the proposal and the ability to create jobs.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must be a Canadian resident of Aboriginal ancestry living in Saskatchewan or a Canadian corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity that is majority-owned or controlled by Canadian residents of Aboriginal ancestry living in Saskatchewan.

People of Aboriginal ancestry include:

- Status Indians;
- Non-Status Indians;
- Inuit; or
- Métis.

Legal entities associated with Indian Bands, Tribal Councils, Métis organizations and communities are also eligible to apply.



Partnerships are eligible for funding provided the First Nations or Métis partner holds the majority ownership position and meets the other program requirements.

The funding limit for businesses owned by individual entrepreneurs or private corporations will be \$50,000, on the condition that the provincial contribution does not exceed 35% of the total financial package for the business.

The funding limit for businesses owned by legal entities associated with Indian Bands, Tribal Councils, Métis organizations and communities will be a maximum of \$100,000, on the condition that the provincial contribution does not exceed 35% of the total financial package for the business.

Up to 75% of the business plan development costs may also be funded by the program.

*...encouraging economic growth and promoting opportunity.*