

First Nations Guardians' Initiative

Proposal for Tier 1: New Initiatives

INSTRUCTIONS

Please send your completed application package by **Monday, November 30, 2020 (23:59 PST)** to the Joint Secretariat at ec.gardiensautochtones-indigenousguardians.ec@canada.ca.

Funding is available for Tier 1 – New Initiatives:

- Previous applicants to Tier 1 can reapply, but funding in one year is not a guarantee of funding in a subsequent year.
- Maximum allocation \$60,000 per year for activities completed by March 31, 2022.
- Total of 10 Tier 1 projects selected for \$600,000 in funding for the fiscal year, nationally.

Please note that application processes are closed for Tier 2 and Tier 3 initiatives. No application from Tier 2 and Tier 3 initiatives will be accepted.

Note:

- There are seven (7) sections that are required.
- This is a competitive process. Word count is provided for information and guidance on the level of detail that the Committee is expecting. Shorter responses may not do as well as longer ones and responses that are too long may not be fully read given the number of proposals that need to be reviewed.
- All fields are mandatory. Please answer all questions even if your response is “no” or “not applicable”.
- Each of the questions are scored out of 5 points:
 - 5 being a complete answer that fully meets the requirements;*
 - 0 being a question left empty.*
- All documents submitted will remain only with the Joint Secretariat and the Joint Working Group for funding assessment. All documents submitted will be destroyed one year following the conclusion of the First Nations Guardians' Initiative (i.e. March 31, 2023).
- Information collected in the application process will not be used for any other purpose than to make funding decisions to the First Nations Guardians' Initiative.
- This will be the final call for applications as part of the Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program. Though the Pilot Program typically receives a high volume of strong applications, the funding available is limited and selection is highly competitive.
- The ultimate goal of the Pilot Program is to build the business case in support of long-term and increased funding for Indigenous Guardians across Canada.

If you have any questions about the form or instructions, please contact the Secretariat **as early as possible** at ec.gardiensautochtones-indigenousGuardians.ec@canada.ca. Please note, due to the high volume of applications, late submissions will not be accepted. Support will be offered only up to 15:00 (Pacific Standard Time) on November 30, 2020.

Before you begin, please review the application package documents:

- ✓ Applicant Guidelines
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- ✓ Budget Template (required for section 7 of this Application)
- ✓ Work Plan Template (required for section 7 of this Application)

Section 1: Contact and Organization Information

Primary Contact - First and Last Name:

Title:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Secondary Contact - First and Last Name:

Title:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Legal Organization or Nation Name:

Preferred name of the proposed initiative (if applicable):

Funding Recipient's Organization Name, if different from your organization (i.e. your fiscal agent or signing authority):

Mailing Address (#, street, city and postal code):

Operational Address, if different from Mailing Address:

Section 2: Need and Capacity

Need

1. Why do you need Guardians? What are the **top 3** issues you are trying to address with your Guardians initiative? Max 300 words
 - a. Are there any species that are of concern to your Organization or Nation? If yes, please describe why they are of concern, including if there are any issues or threats to their populations or wellbeing.
 - b. Are there any areas (forests, habitats, mountains, etc.) or bodies of water (lakes, rivers, etc.) that are of concern to your Organization or Nation? If yes, please describe why they are of concern, including if there are any issues or threats to their integrity (existing or upcoming projects).
2. Please provide a map showing the area where Guardians work is proposed.

Program Management

3. Based on the needs you identified above, please outline the objectives of your Guardians initiative. Max 250 words
 - **Additional Guidance:** Objectives are meant to set realistic targets to achieve your goals. Please refer to the Applicant Guidelines (Appendix A) for **Tips for Writing SMART Objectives.**
4. What risks do you anticipate with starting and/or supporting a Guardians initiative? What strategies do you plan to use to mitigate and manage these risks? Max 300 words
5. a) What is your organization or nation's vision for the future of your Guardians initiative? Max 300 words
5. b) How will you measure its success in achieving your objectives and vision? Max 250 words
6. How will you communicate the challenges and successes of your Guardians initiative? Max 250 words

Capacity

7. a) Describe the relevant actions your organization or Nation has taken to take care of the lands, waters, plants and animals? Max 250 words
7. b) What past projects or activities have you completed that may support or contribute to the success of your Guardians initiative? Max 250 words
7. c) Do you have a capacity-building plan for the training and education of your Guardians in Indigenous knowledge and western science in place or in development? Provide a brief overview of what it includes. Max 250 words.

Section 3: Governance

8. Does your organization or Nation have an expression of its authority? If yes, please check all that are applicable.
 - Constitutions
 - Laws

- Policies
 - Membership defined
 - Map of their lands
 - Other (please specify below)
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9. Please provide a short description of your community/Nation's governance structure.

10. a) Explain how Youth engagement occurs in your organization or nation. What role do Youth play in the design and implementation of your Guardians initiative? Max 250 words

10. b) Explain how the transfer of values and knowledge occurs in your organization or nation. What role do/will Elders play in knowledge transfer? Max 250 words

Section 4: Cultural Inclusion

11. How do you anticipate incorporating your organization or Nation's culture, related to the values and responsibilities for caring for the land, in your Guardians' initiative? Max 250 words.

12. How will language revitalization be incorporated into your Guardians initiative? Max 250 words.

Section 5: Community Support and Engagement

13. Please describe how members of your Organization, Nation or community have demonstrated support for the Guardians initiative. This should include how the leadership is supporting your Guardians initiative (either directly or indirectly). Max 150 words

14. Please provide a letter of support (e.g. Band Councils Resolution (BCR) if applicable, and/or letters of support) when submitting your proposal.

- **Additional Guidance:** Please be sure the BCR and/or letters of support describe **why** establishing a Guardians initiative is important to your organization, community or Nation and **how**, if intended, the community/nation/leadership will support your Guardians initiative. Please ensure that your BCR is **complete** and **valid**.

15. How do you anticipate engaging community members (Elders, Youth, community groups, etc.) in developing and/or undertaking your Guardians initiative? Max 250 words

Section 6: Partnerships

16. Do you have or anticipate having financial partners for your Guardians initiative, including in-kind contributors?

- **Additional Guidance:** Select all that apply. If none are applicable, please select “None of the above” as leaving this section blank will result in a lower proposal score.

	Check here for actual financial partners	Check here for anticipated financial partners	Check here for actual in-kind partners	Check here for anticipated in-kind partners
Federal government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial or territorial government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private sector or industry partners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Indigenous groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-governmental organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic institution(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 7: Budget and Workplan

17. Please complete the attached **budget** template, including all applicable cost items. Note: funding allocations for Tier 1 Guardians initiatives are for a single year.

- **Additional Guidance:** Please provide as many details as possible. A glossary has been added to the budget template in a separate tab, for your information. Please also ensure to reflect both financial and non-financial contributions to your Guardians initiative in the budget template.

(insert template attachment)

18. Please complete the attached **work plan** template, including start and end dates and timeframes for accomplishing major activities.
 - **Additional Guidance:** Be sure to highlight activities that will help to achieve your objectives stated above.

(insert template attachment)

Additional information (Optional)

19. If you were unable to fully respond to particular questions because of the word limit, or there is a unique element about your initiative that you would like to highlight for the Review Committee, please provide that in the space below. Max 500 words

Please submit the completed Application Package by **Monday, November 30, 2020 (23:59 PST)**, to the Joint Working Group Secretariat at: ec.gardiensautochtones-indigenousguardians.ec@canada.ca:

1. Tier 1 Proposal Form
2. Proposal Work Plan
3. Proposal Budget
4. Map of Area for proposed Guardian work
5. Band Councils Resolution (BCR) if applicable, and/or letters of support

The Frequently Asked Questions and Applicant Guidelines documents contain valuable information on the application process and should be consulted first. If you have additional questions about the form or instructions, please contact the Secretariat **as early as possible** at ec.gardiensautochtones-indigenousguardians.ec@canada.ca.

Please be aware that any question addressed to the Joint Working Group Secretariat will be answered and shared with all applicants.