

FNEPI Grants for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year

Strategic Economic Initiatives (SEI) Program		
Client Name	Project Description	Funds Approved
Alberta First Nations Economic Developers Network Association	The project aims at implementing the Network's projects and to continue building its organization to serve Alberta First Nations as a trusted and endorsed economic development information hub.	50,000
Alberta Research Council Inc.	Alberta Research Council in partnership with industry like Shell Canada, Talisman Energy, other provincial departments and the National Resources Canada are undertaking a sustainable environmental land resource management training program tailored for Aboriginal communities. The aim is to train Aboriginal community members based in the participating communities who would be later trainers and mentors who would create and enhance Aboriginal participation in that environmental project.	100,000
Alexander First Nation	The project would incorporate an E-Index scan of selected communities in the province. The E-Index is an e-readiness and infrastructure assessment that examines the use of information and communication technology skills and infrastructure in communities.	98,500
Alexis Land Management Corporation	The Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation has completed a land use community development concept using the professional expertise of the engineering firm UMA. A consultant will be responsible to identify and deliver specific land use and infrastructure requirements, identify acceptable investment and business partners in the creation of sustainable and environmentally acceptable business, housing and community alternatives on land legally under control and authority of the Band.	200,000
Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	Following the completed Commercial / Industrial Subdivision Study report, certain next steps are recommended in order to pursue the initiative and eventually realize a capital project.	100,000
Driftpile First Nation	The Driftpile First Nation is planning on preparing a comprehensive tourism development strategy. A community tourism development plan has already been initiated but the production of a phased development strategy leading to creation of campground facility, cabins, cultural cafe and park.	100,000
Duncan First Nation	Duncan's First Nation's First Nation would like to further develop its capacity to engage the proposed Glacier Power project by updating the current quality and quantity of the sand and gravel on reserve with a new geological survey and by bringing in the required personnel to develop and implement an efficient corporate side for the purpose of supporting development of a sand and gravel enterprise on the Nation's lands.	90,000
Fort McKay First Nation	This is a three-year pilot project aiming at opening and operating a business incubator in Fort McKay. This will increase participation in oil sands business opportunities for First Nations people working and living in the area.	300,000
International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development	To build a strategic economic development plan and appoint an advisory board. An advisor will be hired to assist in capacity building of the board and the individual Nations' managers for efficient process. Direction for long-term scope is considered for the Nations in the region.	100,000
Little Red River Cree Nation	The LRRCN wishes to explore business opportunities and constructively engage companies providing goods and services in the resource sector. Due to its remote location and lack of resources, governance structures, the objective is somehow difficult to achieve. This project is aiming to address these gaps by providing the Nation with the technical and community capacity to develop realistic strategic plans. Opportunities will be created for economic partnership agreements and ensure the Nation's leadership in making decisions.	80,000

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Mikisew Cree First Nation	Mikisew Cree First Nation has two projects under this funding request. First, they are looking at the potential acquisition of Fort Chipewyan Lodge and subsequently, enhancing and upgrading the existing fishing camp and its operations. A potential partnership with Black Diamond Group that would optimize investment opportunities.	45,000
Montana First Nation	The Montana First Nation wishes to hire a project a coordinator/manager to work with Onion Lake Business Development to define the scope of work that will be pursued within this partnership agreement. Montana First Nation has the potential of signing up contract with TransCanada Pipeline and Enbridge.	75,000
Piikani Resource Development Ltd	Projects have so far been evaluated based on merits instead of an appropriate strategy. This strategic economic plan will now establish objectives that will align the initiatives of Piikani Resource Development and therefore link the economic development opportunities; serve as a reference and screening device to assess new and future opportunities.	83,750
River Cree Development Corporation (Enoch Cree Nation)	This is the second phase of the developments of the RCDC which includes the ratification of the draft taxation/bylaw systems, attracting business and setting up partnerships for commercial development. The project itself will provide a wide range of benefits to the Nation and its members like creating an economy on First Nations lands; alternative sources of revenue; employment; training; upkeep infrastructure and expand business portfolio.	100,000
Saddle Lake First Nation	The results of a feasibility study on Cree-Operative carried out earlier indicated the need for a business plan that would support the development, marketing and sale of traditional Cree artisan and art products. The proposed conference will confirm the support and participation of other First Nations in the business planning process. This would be an opportunity to present successful examples of cooperatives and increase the awareness of the potentials and challenges of the cooperative model, and consider other suitable strategic business opportunities	25,000
Smith's Landing First Nation	The SLFN is currently negotiating an agreement with Artic Module Inland Transportation (AMIT) to allow the company to lease twenty acres of land for approximately five years. Access to the land is required in order for the company to transport materials such as pre-fabricated modules and machinery. The project will also allow the band to negotiate training and employment opportunities.	32,500
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	The Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation is entering into partnership with the Strive Energy Services Ltd for oil field services. This would be an opportunity to create employment and training for the Nation members and benefit of a share of the profit deriving from the activities of the partnership.	100,000
Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation	Several major business opportunities have been identified. Chief and Council of Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 in consultation with their administration is working on developing a strategic and business plans to sustain long-term economic development opportunities	31,700
18 SEI Projects approved in 2009/10	Total Funding Approved	<u>1,711,450</u>

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Economic Capacity Building (ECB) Program		
Client Name	Project Description	Funds Approved
Alberta Women Entrepreneurs	Alberta Women Entrepreneurs' (AWE) is dedicated to enable women to build successful businesses that strengthen Alberta's economy. Through this project, AWE proposes to continue the development of business planning and management learning opportunities for Aboriginal women through this program to be delivered in selected Alberta regions. Women involved at all stages of business would have the opportunity to learn more about entrepreneurial and economic development and in turn provide mentorship to their communities.	20,000
Athabasca Tribal Council	The camp/retreat offers participants with an opportunity to learn about business and implications to start their own. They will also engage in personal and professional development workshops like teambuilding, skills presentation and public speaking. Participants will also benefit from empowerment to move forward and learn that entrepreneurship entails. Cultural activities and teachings like story tellers, artisans and dancers will also be part to promote First Nation culture and heritage	10,000
Buffalo Nations Cultural Society	Building capacity for the Board of Directors to clearly establish the vision of the Museum and bring enhancements to support economic success.	32,500
Calgary Chamber of Commerce	The Calgary Chamber of Commerce has undertaken the Aboriginal Workforce Initiative, a three-phase initiative designed to improve the Aboriginal labour market outcomes in the Calgary region.	40,000
Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations	The project involves the provision of training designed to facilitate the ability of interested First Nation individuals to participate in the oil and gas industry through either direct employment or contract opportunities.	50,000
Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO)	To host the 16th Annual Conference and the Annual General Meeting.	10,000
Duncan's First Nation	Duncan's First Nation committed a few agreements, protocols and alliances with the private sector to focus on training initiatives, employment strategies, small business development and assist in building a healthier community. The Nation was not able to achieve the potential benefits in these areas and likewise, it wishes to carry out a few initiatives to increase its participation in training, employment and small business development and also to build the ability to manage the relationships with resource developers and oversee its own commercial interests and investments.	50,000
Sawridge Band	The Band wishes to increase its capacity in both governance and economic development through the enhancement of existing committees and the appointment of new ones. This project will request an analyst to analyze the existing committees, locate resources for them and make recommendations. Assistance will be brought to the Band Council in governing the Band itself and in pursuing economic development.	50,000
Seven Fires Developments Ltd	Seven Fires Developments Ltd has been approached by The WillowS Ltd, an Alberta based company using Korean technology and know-how to pursue an opportunity in developing an organic agriculture business with other Korean companies. This greenhouse was deployed on Paul First Nation's land in September 2009. The Korean entities are prepared to contribute technology, materials, seed varieties, training and capital, however, Seven Fires Development is seeking funding to commission a full business plan towards this initiative.	12,500
Seven Fires Developments Ltd	Seven Fires Developments intends to build a direct linkage to Paul Band and its members by increasing the awareness of employment, career, and entrepreneurial opportunities available within the various corporate entities and other companies and partnerships Seven Fires Developments is affiliated to.	50,000
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	Sturgeon Lake is pursuing a band owned and operated Bulk Fuel Card Lock Station Venture. This contribution to the project will complete all applicable pre-construction work.	7,500

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Sunchild E-Learning Community	The Sunchild Organization will be involved in facilitating the development of oil gas plant operation courses normally run with NAIT to an online program. Twenty Nations and other First Nation communities in Alberta are targeted to complete the course. Through the development and implementation of these level one courses, clients will achieve the certificate program and move towards employability and future higher level courses.	47,500
The Business Link Business Service Centre	This project is a collaborative effort that provides Aboriginal high schools with an opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship, mentorship and goal setting. Students from a few schools are now benefiting from messages, examples and information received from past workshops. The expertise of the facilitators is also an opportunity to teachers and principals to reinforce the outcomes of those workshops which encompass importance of education, setting and achieving goals. The curriculum and format is highly interactive and students have the basic of business and consider entrepreneurship as a viable career option.	40,000
Wabasca-Desmarais Metis Local #90	The Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop and Tradeshow is a great opportunity to network, market and promote Aboriginal Relations' programs and services and meet prospective employees, contractors and key leadership in the community.	3,000
Total - 14 ECB Projects approved in 2009/10		<u>423,000</u>

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Regional Partnership Development (RPD) Program		
Client Name	Project Description	Funds Approved
Athabasca Tribal Council	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	125,000
Bigstone Cree Nation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	125,000
Louis Bull First Nation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Montana First Nation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Paul First Nation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Smith's Landing First Nation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	125,000
Treaty 7 Management Corporation	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Western Cree Tribal Council	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	125,000
Yellowhead Tribal Council	To provide funding to hire a Regional Economic Partnership Coordinator (REPC)	62,500
Total - 10 RPD Projects approved in 2009/10		875,000