

Accessibility Standards Development

Indigenous Engagement:
Funding Information



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Background

From May 31 to July 31, 2024, all individuals and organizations in British Columbia are invited to provide feedback on initial draft recommendations for new accessibility standards. The standards are intended to identify and remove barriers faced by persons with disabilities when accessing employment and services from organizations that need to comply with provincial laws and regulations. This feedback will help shape the recommended accessibility standards that will be sent to the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) in 2025. The standards will also inform future accessibility regulations in B.C.

Throughout the development of the accessibility standards, Indigenous Peoples, partners, and organizations received updates on their development and were invited to engage in a variety of ways: through meetings and presentations by government staff, working sessions, and written feedback.

To further ensure effective and meaningful participation in the upcoming public engagement and to align with the principles of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration), SDPR is allocating funding to help facilitate input and feedback specifically from Indigenous Peoples, partners and organizations.

This funding is available for Indigenous-led engagement activities that will gather input into the final draft accessibility standards.

Purpose

The engagement funding will support Indigenous Peoples, partners and organizations to host small group sessions within their communities between May 31 and July 31, 2024. This input will inform the final draft recommendations that the Provincial Accessibility Committee will present to the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

After engagement activities are complete, the next phase of the standards development will focus on validating considerations and recommendations in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Peoples, partners and organizations.

Eligibility Requirements

Recipients eligible to receive funding under this initiative are:

- » First Nations

- » Inuit
- » Modern Treaty Nations
- » Métis Chartered Communities
- » Tribal councils and associations
- » Indigenous organizations representing or providing services to Indigenous Peoples

Multiple Indigenous partners and organizations can be included in a single application. We encourage applicants to clearly identify all active partners within their application.

Maximum Allowable Funding

The maximum amount available for the community led small group public engagement sessions is \$2,500.

The level of funding within the maximum allotment will depend on several factors, such as:

- » Amount requested
- » Number of people and/or communities being engaged
Number and/or breadth of the engagement activities

Funding can be spent on a range of expenses related to the engagement including food and honoraria, transportation or care costs for participants, staff time or costs for accessibility supports such as captioning.

Eligible costs	Non-eligible costs
Food for participants	
Participant honoraria	Salaries and fees not directly related to delivering the project
Transportation costs for participants	Fundraising beyond project cost-recovery
Childcare for participants	Capital projects
Wellness support	Major equipment purchases
Venue bookings	Alcohol
Organizational staff time required to coordinate and facilitate the roundtables	Recurring business expenses, such as: utilities, insurance, rent, payroll expenses etc.
Interpretation or translation services (e.g., ASL, CART, etc.)	Rental of office space
Reasonable wages/staff time and administration costs	Utility, telephone, and other recurring expenses

General considerations for proposal submission

Funding will be available for engagement activities taking place between May 31 and July 31, 2024.

Funding applications will be reviewed and accepted until funds are expended. Each proposal will be assessed independently, and funding will be allocated based on the number of sessions proposed, expected number of participants and accommodations required.

If you are unable to submit a proposal for funding but still wish to participate in the engagement process, please send your feedback through a written submission on the draft recommendations by email to EngageAccessibility@gov.bc.ca. You may also submit feedback through the various online submission options provided on our [engagement webpage](#) including a questionnaire.

Proposal requirements

All proposals must include:

- » A completed application form
- » The scope of engagement (how many people, groups or organizations will be included in your activities)
- » Budgeted expenditures that link to planned activities
- » Clear outcomes/deliverables, including a report or summary of findings that includes feedback from participants that will contribute to draft accessibility recommendations

Proposal submission process

Complete the accessibility standards Indigenous engagement funding application [here](#). You can also complete a funding application offline in your preferred format and submit it by email to: accessiblebc@urbansystems.ca.

Deadline

The deadline to submit a proposal is June 30, 2024, at 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if resources permit.

Reporting Requirements

The Final Report (Template is provided) is to be submitted to accessiblebc@urbansystems.ca by September 30, 2024. Unspent funds must be reported to the Ministry in the Final Report.

Note: If some or all of your activities are in partnership with another grantee organization, EACH grantee organization is responsible for submitting their own unique Final Report to account for their activities.

Contact Us

If you require assistance, please contact the Accessibility Directorate at:
accessiblebc@urbansystems.ca
