

Kivalliq Energy Forum

GN Dept. of Economic Development & Transportation – Programs & Services

December 2nd to 5th 2019

Topics to be covered in this presentation:

Brief overview of the Department

Departmental program funding that is available to individuals, businesses, Hamlets, not-for profit corporations, etc.:

- **Community Capacity Building Funds**
- **Community Tourism & Cultural Industries Program**
- **Small Business Support Program**
- **Strategic Investments Program (Nunavut Business Investment Fund and Nunavut Economic Foundations Fund)**
- **Country Food Distribution Program**
- **Prospectors Assistance Program**
- **Community Transportation Initiatives Program**
- **Nunavut Mining Training Fund**
- **Community Engagement Support Program**

Honourable David Akeeagok



- David Akeeagok was elected in the general election held on October 30, 2017, to represent the constituency of Quttiktuq in the 5th Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.
- Mr. Akeeagok was elected to serve on the Executive Council during the November 17, 2017 proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum. Minister Akeeagok was formally sworn into office on November 21, 2017. He serves as the Deputy Premier, Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister responsible for Mines, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation and Minister responsible for the Nunavut Development Corporation.

Departmental goals and priorities:

The primary goal of the Nunavut Department of Economic Development & Transportation is to ensure Nunavummiut participate fully in the benefits of economic growth in the territory.

Priorities in support of this goal are to strengthen communities, build essential infrastructure, support business development, create jobs, develop social and human capital.

Community Capacity Building funding

- Community Capacity Building funding is available to Nunavut municipalities to:
 - Hire and maintain a Community Economic Development Officer in each community.
 - Invest in community economic development projects that provide benefits to the community. Projects must be of an economic development nature and can include expenditures related to: infrastructure, training, community planning and more.
- The proposed regional allocation for the program in 2020/2021 is \$1,247,000.



Community Tourism & Cultural Industries Program

- The Community Tourism & Cultural Industries Program intends to support projects that foster tourism and cultural industries development in Nunavut communities.
- The proposed regional allocation for the program in 2020/2021 is \$217,560 with over \$500,000 in territorial funding also available for larger projects.
- The program has three application deadlines: April 15th, August 15th and December 15th.



Community Tourism & Cultural Industries Program

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- Funding under this program is available in three key categories:
 - Schedule A – Getting Started, Arts Creation & Training
 - Schedule B – Product Development & Marketing
 - Schedule C – Infrastructure Improvements



Community Tourism & Cultural Industries Program

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- Artists, arts organizations, registered societies, licensed outfitters, licensed establishments and other eligible applicants are able to apply for assistance with:
 - purchasing equipment and raw materials
 - arts and tourism training, mentoring and workshops
 - small business planning
 - exhibitions, shows, touring, showcases
 - tourism and arts product development
 - repair or upgrading arts, culture & tourism infrastructure
 - community beautification
 - music recording
 - marketing
 - and more . . .



Small Business Support Program:

- Funding is available under this program to provide new or existing small businesses, outfitters and individuals involved in resource development initiatives with assistance in:
 - business planning / feasibility studies
 - acquisition of capital equipment
 - marketing
 - working capital during start-up or expansion
 - business skills acquisition
 - and more . . .
- The proposed regional budget for 2020/2021 is \$225,000, with the maximum allowable contribution being provided to any one business being \$50,000.
- Funding under this program is available in three key categories:
 - Small Business Opportunities Fund – Schedule A
 - Entrepreneur Development Fund – Schedule B
 - Sustainable Livelihood Fund – Schedule C



Small Business Support Program - continued

- **Small Business Opportunities Fund:** The funding provided under this policy area helps new and expanding businesses who have identified business opportunities but lack the financial capital they require to take full advantage of these opportunities. The fund will also assist businesses that are facing challenges to develop a recovery plan or to recover assets in the process of a business wind down.
- **Entrepreneur Development Fund:** The funding provided under this policy area will help to support the acquisition of foundational entrepreneurship and business skills; ensuring the long-term sustainability and viability of businesses in Nunavut.
- **Sustainable Livelihood Fund:** The funding under this policy area will support small businesses, which employ others, self-employed entrepreneurs, outfitters or commercial renewable resource harvesters. Under this policy area, individuals or small businesses can access up to \$5,000 per contribution (\$10,000 lifetime limit).



Strategic Investments Program:

- The Department's *Strategic Investments Program* provides Nunavut-based businesses and communities with assistance in two key areas: business investments for entrepreneurs and business owners and economic foundations investments for communities and not-for-profit corporations. The program is under review for 2020/2021.
- For the community and non-profit component of the program (called the ***Nunavut Economic Foundations Fund***), municipal governments, societies and not-for-profit corporations can apply for funding assistance to support various community economic development initiatives, including the local development of infrastructure and human resources capacity.
- The **minimum** level of assistance that is available to communities under this component of the program is \$50,000 per application. The maximum is \$250,000.
- Example: Arviat Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program
- Example: Arviat Greenhouse Project



Strategic Investments Program - continued:

- Example: Arviat Greenhouse Project



Strategic Investments Program - continued

- For the business component of the program (called the ***Nunavut Business Investment Fund***), businesses or entrepreneurs can apply for funding assistance to either establish or expand a business. The **minimum** level of assistance that is available to businesses under this schedule of the program is \$25,000 per application and the maximum is \$250,000.
- Assistance under this schedule of the program is intended to help increase the business' equity investment into the project, thereby enabling the business to leverage loans and other sources of funding into the project.



Strategic Investments Program - continued

Arctic Haven Wilderness Lodge at Ennadai Lake:

- Inuit-owned business in remote area of Kivalliq (fly-in access only)
- Seasonally-operated – April to October
- Used to depend on generators and extremely expensive fuel
- Developed and is still expanding a renewable energy system that includes: 52 solar panels, 2 wind turbines and approx. 200 solar tubes
- Reduced fuel consumption by over 80%



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Strategic Investments Program - continued

Arctic Haven Wilderness Lodge at Ennadai Lake



Country Food Distribution Program:

The **Country Food Distribution Program** encourages and supports economic development initiatives that build on and add value to the harvesting sector.

Eligibility for program funding is limited to Hamlets/municipalities. Hunters & Trappers Organizations or other local organizations may also be eligible to apply with a letter of support from the Hamlet delegating the program funding.

The Program has two key investment areas :

- Schedule A: **Community Harvesting Transfer Fund**
- Schedule B: **Community Harvesting Infrastructure Fund**



Country Food Distribution Program - continued

Schedule A: Community Harvesting Transfer Fund

This fund provides an annual contribution of up to \$30,000 to each community for the purposes of improving the local harvesting economy and country food distribution system. Eligible activities include the purchase & distribution of locally-accessed country food, harvesting training and other community-identified initiatives that improve the viability of the local harvesting economy. Communities that operate community freezers or harvesting infrastructure that are not Government of Nunavut assets may also be eligible for up to \$10,000 per year in operations support for maintenance & utilities costs.

examples:

- country food purchases for community feasts or community distribution (all communities)
- firearms safety training (Baker Lake)
- Young hunters training program (Rankin Inlet)



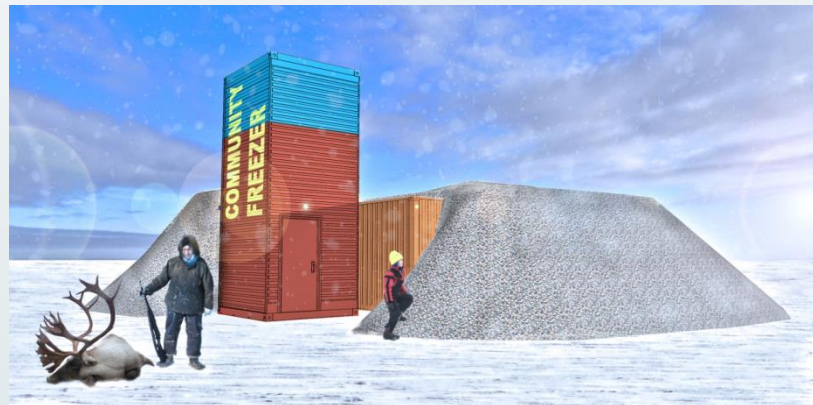
Country Food Distribution Program - continued

Schedule B: Community Harvesting Infrastructure Fund

This fund provides contributions of up to \$800,000 per project (max \$400,000 per year) for the renovation, construction or expansion of infrastructure that supports the harvesting economy. Eligible activities include: design studies, construction & renovation costs

examples:

- feasibility study and construction of a new community freezer (Whale Cove)
- construction of new community freezer with solar power enhancement options (Arviat)



Country Food Distribution Program - continued



Community Engagement Support Program

- The Community Engagement Support Program intends to position Nunavummiut to understand developing projects more thoroughly and create a means for communities to derive significant benefits from mineral exploration.
- The program allocation for 2020/2021 is proposed to be \$900,000.



Other departmental programs:

- **Nunavut Mine Training Fund (\$200K total)**
 - To assist with mine training initiatives that develop Nunavut residents' skills and competencies in the exploration and mine development sectors. Other funding must be levered. The deadline to apply for generally the 3rd week of March of every year.
- **Community Transportation Initiatives Program – (\$1.5Mil Nunavut)**
 - The new Community Transportation Initiatives Program provides funding to Nunavut communities for the construction and maintenance of community access trails and for the maintenance and improvement of marine facilities. The deadline for the submission of applications under this program is mid-April 2020.



Other departmental programs - continuation

- **Nunavut Prospector's Program (\$150,000 total)**
 - To assist individuals in purchasing supplies and services to successfully prospect and/or explore for mineral and ore deposits in the Kivalliq. Maximum contribution is \$8K per application. Additional conditions apply.
- **Visitors Centre Contributions (\$50,000 total – regional)**
 - To support the ongoing seasonal operation and development of the existing visitors centres in Arviat and Baker Lake. NOTE: A separate budget support the year-round operation of the Kivalliq Regional Visitors Centre in Rankin Inlet.



Departmental business support services:

The Department provides many additional support services that benefit businesses and help create economic opportunities. These include:

- Seven Steps to Starting a Business in Nunavut - guide
- Nunavummi Nangminiqagtunik Ikajuuti (NNI) Registration
 - Provides an advantage for Nunavut-registered businesses and Registered Inuit Firms when bidding on government contracts (and sometimes private sector contracts).
 - To qualify for this advantage, businesses must:
 - register with the Government of Nunavut
 - Register with the NTI Inuit Firm Registry (if Inuit-owned)
 - meet all eligibility criteria
 - The policy provides bid adjustments of up to 25% to qualified firms.



Departmental business support services –

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- Sector-specific strategies, such as:
 - Sanaugait – A Strategy for Growth in the Nunavut's Arts & Crafts Sector
 - Ukkusiksaqtarvik: Carving Stone Action Plan
 - Ingirrasiliqta – Nunavut's Transportation Strategy
 - Tourism Sector Development Strategy
 - Mineral and Mining Strategy - Parnautit
 - Nunavut Fisheries & Sealing Strategy
 - And more . . .
- Economic development reports and studies, such as:
 - The Kivalliq Interconnected Communities Initiative
 - Marine Facilities Studies
 - The Nunavut Mineral Exploration, Mining & Geoscience Overview
 - Kivalliq Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee Reports
 - And much more . . .

Departmental business support services –

continued:

- Coordination and funding support for various regional and territorial trade initiatives, such as:
 - the annual Kivalliq Trade Show in Rankin Inlet – Sept
 - the annual Nunavut Trade Show in Iqaluit – Sept
 - the annual Nunavut Mining Symposium in Iqaluit – April
 - the annual Nunavut Arts & Crafts Symposium - Summer
 - sector-specific trade shows or events:
 - Example: Kivalliq Energy Forum – December 2019
 - Example: Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada – March
 - Example: the Northern Lights Conference in Ottawa – February 2020
 - Example: the Arviat Job & Career Fair – April/May
 - trade delegation visits from other jurisdictions
 - trade missions



Departmental business support services –

continued:

- Investments in economic infrastructure that benefit communities and businesses, such as:
 - Airports – i.e. expansion of Rankin Inlet airport 2019 to 2013, new ATBs in Naujaat & Chesterfield Inlet in 2020 and Whale Cove in 2021
 - roads – i.e. the Manitoba-Nunavut Winter Road Project
 - marine facilities – barge landing sites, floating docks, small craft harbours, moorings, dock cranes, ports
 - access trails – i.e. Diane River Trail, Maguse Lake Trail, White Rock Lake Trail, North Pole River Trail, Prince River Trail, Duke of York Bay Access Trail, Josephine Lake Trail
 - visitors centres – i.e. Kivalliq Regional Visitors Centre
 - processing facilities – i.e. Kivalliq Arctic Foods, Whale Cove Fish Plant
 - and more . . .



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