



# Specific Claims Research, Development and Submission Program -

Negotiation Support Directorate  
Update on Funding Allocation &  
Call for Proposals

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# Funding Applications & Status

## 2022-2023

- Specific Claims Research, Development and Submission Program Funding envelope for 2022-2023: **\$12M**
  - **\$4M ongoing** funding;
  - **Additional \$8M over 5 years** - Budget 2019 - Starting in 2018-2019 - Sunsets in 2023-2024
- Negotiation Support Directorate (NSD) has received funding applications for over **\$19.6M** for fiscal year 2022-23
- **By early July 2022**, the **\$12M** envelop for fiscal year 2022-23 was fully allocated to **66 groups** to support the research, development and submission of approximately **750 claims**.
- Out of the \$12M allocated in 2022-23, **\$2,3M** was already committed in **multi-year agreements** offered to **19 groups**.
- NSD has identified an increase in the intake of multi-year funding applications overt the past 3 years\*:
  - 2020-2021: 5
  - 2021-2022: 19
  - 2022-2023: 28

\*NSD could only approve multi-year commitments up to fiscal year 2023-2024 since budget level is subject to renewal

# Call for Proposals and Application Process for 2023-2024

- NSD aims to have the 2023-2024 Call for Proposals available by **mid-December 2022**
- The Specific Claims Research, Development and Submission Program Guidelines, available on the Departmental website, provides information on the application requirements, process and deadline
- NSD will only be able to offer funding for fiscal year 2023-2024 since multi-year commitments are subject to budget level renewal
- Close to **\$3.3M** out of the \$12M envelop for 2023-2024 has already been committed in **multi-year agreements** offered to **24 groups**
- As funding is subject to the availability of funding and number of funding applications received by the established deadline, recipients are to make sure to provide to NSD by January 31, 2022:
  - a complete funding application (or revised annual workplan and budget for multi-year recipients) i.e. meeting eligibility and application requirements – *see Annex A*); and
  - any outstanding reports to account for the use of Research Funding provided in previous fiscal year(s)

# Checklist to confirm the completeness of a funding application for Specific Claims Research Funding

- **BCR** or other means of mandate given, for any First Nation that has requested an organization to conduct research for a new specific claim on its behalf
- where the request identifies a **change in mandate** to research a claim, information on the **reason and the collaborative approach** agreed to by the First Nation and CRU
- annual or multi-year **work plan** describing for each fiscal year the mandate, the claim, the stages and activities supporting the research, development and submission of a specific claim
- annual or multi-year **budget** describing for each fiscal year the eligible specific costs to complete the work plan activities
- for each subsequent fiscal year of a **multi-year agreement**, a **revised or updated work plan** and **budget** for the fiscal year
- a **measurable progress report** describing work completed and status of the research, development and submission of a claim, where applicable
- **previous years' expenditures** and identification of unexpended funding to support the determination of the amount to be offered
- **unexpended funding plan** supporting the carry over request of the unexpended funding for activities above and beyond the activities identified in the annual work plan provided
- **details on salaried positions** and names, if applicable
- **details on professional services** required for the fiscal year which includes a list of activities, timelines, estimated level of effort (such as, number of hours of work, travel and other type of resources needed) and name of the firm, or other methodology used to determine the amount requested, if applicable

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