

Report on Funding Shortfall FY 2023-2024

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FY 2020-2021 Call for Proposals

- Research Directors raised concerns with unilateral - and significant - changes to the funding proposal templates and process shared by Negotiation Support Directorate (NSD) in December 2019
- To address the concerns, we reconvened the CRU-NSD Working Group
- Over the course of 2020, it was made clear to the CRU members of the working group that only \$10M of the \$12M funding envelope was allocated in FY 2020-2021
- \$2M held back...
“...to support other activities supporting the advancement of the Specific Claims Research program such as: policy development, consultations, and joint research studies.”



Purpose of the Working Group:

- *Troubleshoot funding issues as they arise*
- *Co-develop solutions that are responsive to First Nation and Claims Research Unit (CRU) needs.*




Under subscribed?

It means there was surplus funding in Canada's specific claims research budget each year.

Guidelines? But we're talking about shortfalls!

- NSD noted that they needed to increase interest (and use of) specific claims research funding because the program was “under subscribed.”
- To make the funding opportunity public, they needed to develop and publish “Funding guidelines” on website to assist applicants in submitting their proposals.



Updating Funding Guidelines

August & October 2020

- CRU members of working group meet. CRU members see NSD/SCB's unilaterally drafted funding guidelines for first time (August).
- We continue to address significant concerns with guidelines and lack of movement by SCB/NSD on contents (October).

December 2020

- NSD noted that new funding guidelines needed to be finalized and published publicly by April 1, 2021.

March 2021

- SCB circulated updated draft guidelines to be published less than two weeks later.
- Research Directors email Stefan Matiation (SCB DG) with concerns about April 1 deadline.
- SCB delays posting of guidelines until June 2021.

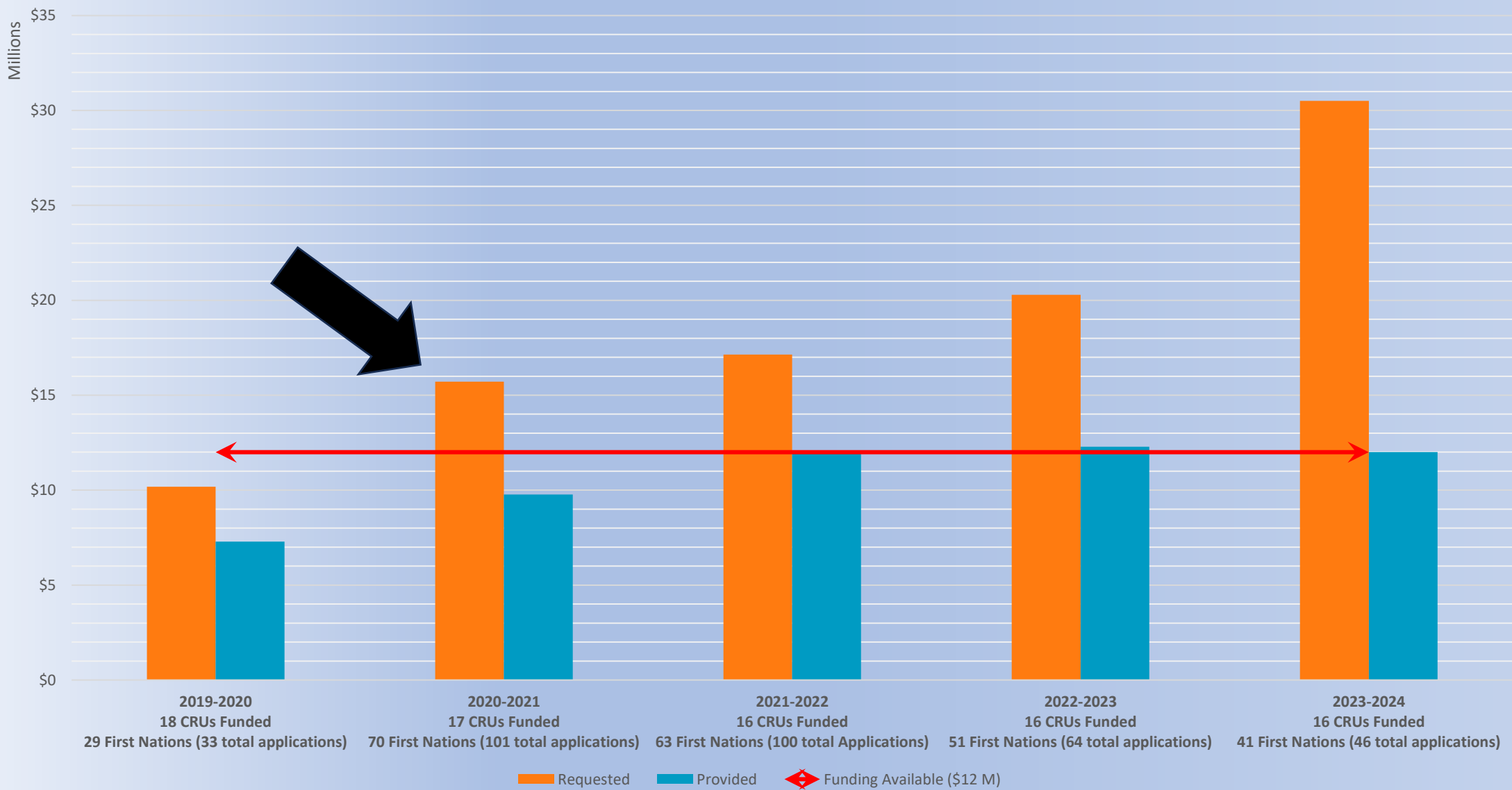
Funding Allocations – A 5-Year Review

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total number of Funding applications received	56	132	142	128	160
Total number of applications funded	51	119	116	80	62
Total number of CRUs funded	18	17	16	16	16
Total Number of First Nations funded	33 applications funded for 29 First Nations and funding to the AFN	101 applications funded for 70 First Nations	100 applications funded for 63 First Nations	64 applications funded for 51 First Nations	46 applications funded for 41 First Nations
Total number of CRUs who were denied all funding	0	1	1	0	0
Total number of First Nations who were denied all funding	5 applications for 4 First Nations	12 applications for 10 First Nations (one First Nation was approved to use carried-over surplus)	25 applications for 18 First Nations (three First Nations were approved to use carried-over surplus)	48 applications for 42 First Nations (four First Nations were approved to use carried-over surplus)	98 applications for 75 First Nations (four First Nations were approved to use carried-over surplus)
Total number of CRUs who received less than what they requested	14	15	10	13	13
Total number of First Nations who received less than what they requested	29	85	81	53	36
Total funding requested:	\$10,178,409 (1.5M requested by AFN is not included in the total amount requested)	\$15,717,123	\$17,139,870	\$20,291,328	\$30,505,266;
Total funding provided	\$7,291,471 (\$1.5M funded to AFN is not included in the total funding provided)	\$9,766,295	\$11,971,057	\$12,289,126	\$12,000,000:
Total funding provided to Claims Research Units	\$5,997,340	\$6,880,354	\$7,817,575	\$8,586,414	\$9,115,919;
Total funding provided to First Nations	1,294,131	\$2,885,941	\$4,153,482	\$3,702,712	\$2,884,081

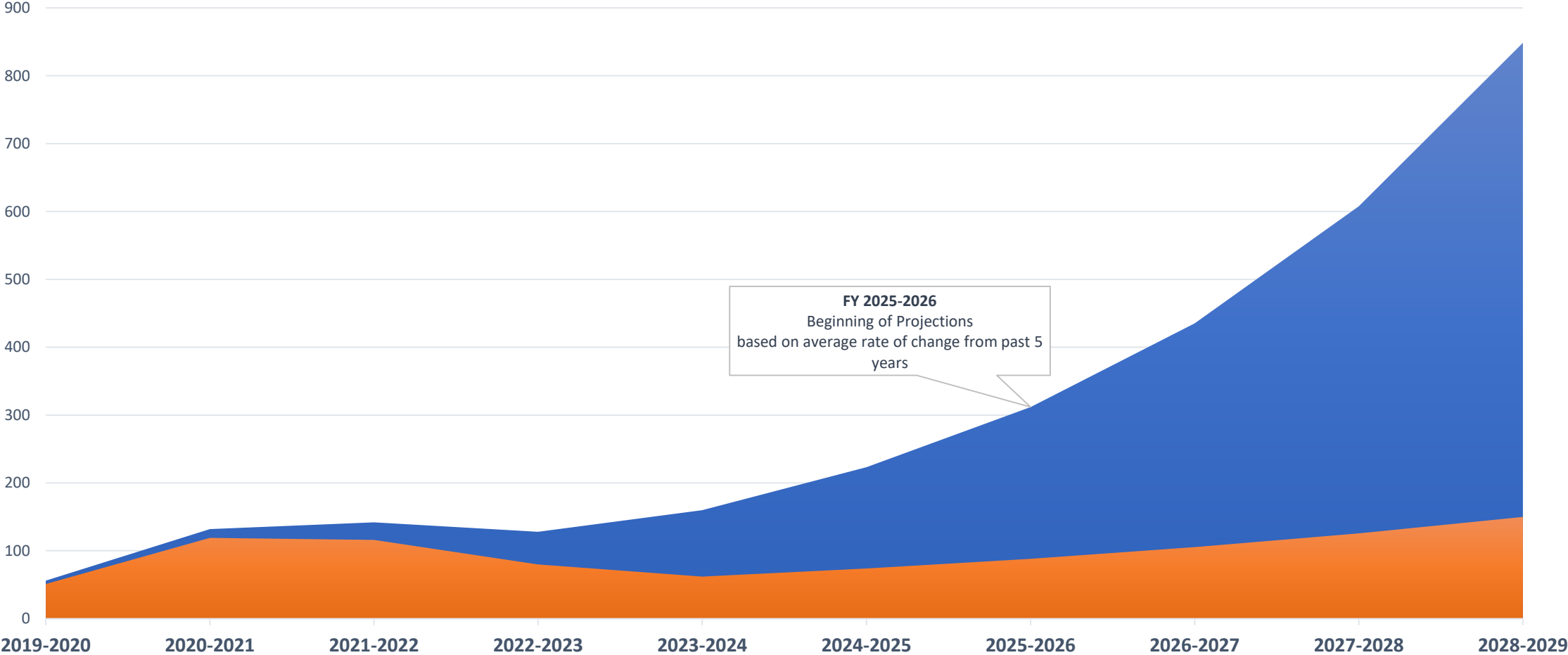
No public guidelines

Guidelines being developed

Guidelines and templates are now on Canada's website

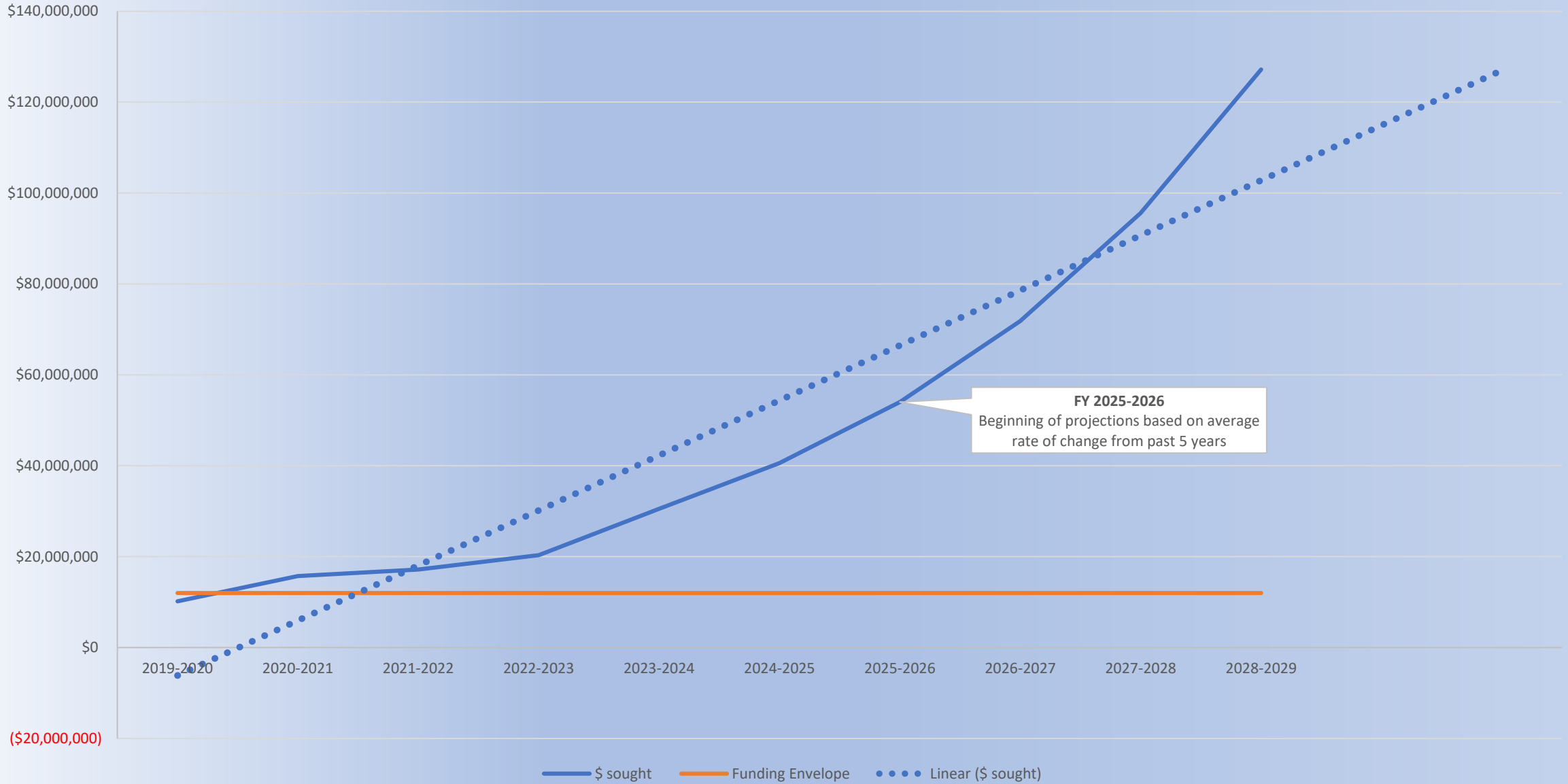


Proposals recieved vs Proposals Funded 5 year analysis & 5 year average projection




■ # Proposals received ■ # Proposals Funded

Rate of change in \$ sought by First Nations 5 year actuals & 5 year average rate of change projections



(\$20,000,000)

— \$ sought — Funding Envelope •••• Linear (\$ sought)



What have we have done?

July 2020: NCRD releases open letter to then-Minister Miller calling for immediate response to \$18.5M funding shortfall this fiscal year

- AFN & UBCIC passed resolutions, calling on Canada to properly fund First Nations who applied to research specific claims
- Endorsement letters pour in from First Nations and Indigenous Organizations nationwide



Canada Responds

**3 months
later...**



But don't just take our
word for it...