



Indigenous Funding Framework Status Update

Presentation to the City of Toronto Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee
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Background (2019)

- The 4 Indigenous CSP funded agencies met with SDFA staff representatives in 2019.
 - Native Women's Resource Centre
 - Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
 - Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council
 - Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
- Together we reconstructed the City-wide Grants Policy and Procedure to include Indigenous content and considerations:
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ec/bgrd/backgroundfile-134597.pdf>
- TASSC presented to the City of Toronto Grants Committee on issues and opportunities

Progress

Toronto Urban Health Fund
Indigenous Approach was
developed.

2018

Economic Development and
Culture Developed an
Indigenous Funding Stream.

2019

City of Toronto Pandemic
Relief Funding to Indigenous
organizations is
unprecedented.

2020

Opportunity

1. To continue to put action to words; recognizing there is a history of inequity of funding for Indigenous initiatives and organizations in Toronto.
2. To work in partnership and collaboration with key Indigenous stakeholders to create an Indigenous Funding Framework that supports a trajectory of not only equal access across eligible Indigenous-led Organizations, greater self-determination and increased funding investments to Indigenous initiatives with a plan to grow the funding allocations over time.

Next Steps

1. To review historic and current funding allocations to identify funding gaps and opportunities for stronger relationships with Indigenous organizations
2. To survey funded organizations to learn about the unique nature of their hopes for a new funding relationship
3. To continue the working group discussions to map and plan for broader stakeholder engagement
4. To finalize a model born of collective input for 2022

Indigenous Funding Framework Early Concept



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