

What is the NWT On The Land Collaborative?

The NWT On The Land Collaborative (the Collaborative) was created in 2015 to promote and support on the land initiatives in the Northwest Territories. There is a lot of interest in on the land programming in the North because it contributes to the health of the land, people, communities, and economies. However, running these programs can be a lot of work; communities and organizations often have to apply to many different places to access the funding and support they need.



The Collaborative brings together government, Indigenous, charitable, corporate, and other partners to combine efforts and make it easier and less time-consuming for communities to access money and resources for on the land projects.

Who are the NWT On The Land Collaborative Partners?

- MakeWay
- Rio Tinto Diavik Diamond Mines
- McConnell Foundation
- NWT Recreation and Parks Association
- Royal Bank of Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Nature United
- The Gordon Foundation

Participating regional Indigenous governments include:

- Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Tłı̨chǫ Government
- Akaitcho Territory Government
- NWT Métis Nation
- Dehcho First Nations

Who is eligible to apply for a grant from the Collaborative?

The Collaborative accepts applications from individuals, organizations, and communities based in the NWT. We do NOT accept applications from:

- For-profit initiatives or projects for personal gain;
- Individuals, communities, or organizations from outside the NWT;
- Political or partisan initiatives; or
- Federal or territorial governments.

What kinds of projects receive support from the Collaborative?

The Collaborative is committed to respecting local expertise and supporting projects that meet local priorities and goals. To this end, we have deliberately kept our criteria broad, placing few limitations on eligible projects or the application process. We want you to be able to create and implement projects that make sense for you.

The Collaborative funds projects that get people out on the land. We prioritize projects that:

1. Connect community members to their land, cultures, languages, and traditions;
2. Build or strengthen partnerships;
3. Enhance community capacity; and
4. Are sustainable.

Over the past four years, we have supported 270 projects across the NWT. These include a culture camp in Lutsel K'e, a paddling leadership camp in the Dehcho, a caribou harvest on historical Gwich'in trails, day trips in the Inuvialuit region focused on literacy and learning, a hide camp in the Sahtu, a boat trip near Whatì where participants helped to restore traditional burial sites, and many more amazing projects across the territory!



How do I apply for funding?

One of the goals of the Collaborative is to have an application process that is simple and easy for you to complete. Community Advisors, Funding Partners, and the Collaborative Administrator are available to answer any of your questions, talk about your project ideas, and help you navigate the application process.

Applications are available from Community Advisors, the Collaborative Administrator, and on our website (www.nwtontheland.ca).

Here are some important things to know when applying for funding:

- Funding requests must be at least \$1,000. There is no maximum amount, although the fund itself has a finite amount of money to allocate. Last year, we gave out one million dollars in grants.
- You can submit multiple applications for different projects.
- If you have received funding from the Collaborative in the past, you can re-apply, as long as you have fulfilled your earlier reporting requirements.
- Projects must take place in the NWT. We do not fund NWT-based organizations to travel outside of the territory.
- Applications received from individuals must have a letter of support from an organization that can serve as the administrative host for the grant.
- We do not fund programs that are exclusively for hunting or trapping, such as community hunts or trapper training, though hunting and trapping activities may be incorporated into broader programs as important elements of living on the land.
- We strongly encourage applicants to use in-territory service providers. We are happy to supply applicants with contact information for everything from counsellors to film makers to wilderness first aid instructors.
- The Collaborative was created to support initiatives that get people out on the land.

Eligible Expenses

- Administrative fees and pay for participants are **not** eligible expenses and should not be included in application budgets.
- Internal staff salaries (i.e. the wages of existing organizational staff) are **not** an eligible expense. If you have to hire people on a contract or part-time basis (e.g. Elders, cultural instructors, camp attendants) for your program, this is an eligible expense.
- Capital costs such as infrastructure (e.g. cabins) and assets (e.g. snowmobiles, boats) are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please note that should your application be approved, any ineligible expenses will be deducted from the grant amount.



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How do we work together?

The Collaborative is committed to providing a friendly, accessible, and simple process so that you can spend less time on administration and more time out on the land. We believe in building mutually respectful, trusting relationships. If your funding application is approved, we want you to know what you can expect of us and what we will expect of you.



Grantee Responsibilities:

- ***Financial Responsibility.*** You are responsible for using the funds and resources as planned and providing documentation. We will provide you with a simple reporting template and ask you to keep receipts.
- ***Stories, Pictures, and Evaluation.*** Tell us what happened! We want to know what was important to your community about this project, what worked well, and what could have been improved. This information will help us to better support you and others in the future.

▪ ***Sharing with Others.*** You likely learned things through the process of planning,

implementing, and evaluating your project that will benefit other organizations and projects. We will work with you to share your stories with others.

- ***Hosting Visitors.*** You may be asked to help host us in your community at no cost to you. Community visits are part of building better relationships and a deeper understanding of how to best support community initiatives.

Funder Responsibilities:

- ***Respectful Engagement.*** We commit to being respectful and mindful, and to communicating clearly when working with you, your organization, and your community.
- ***Information Sharing.*** We commit to trying our best to support your project including through the sharing of information about other grant opportunities or resources that could benefit your work. With your permission, we will share the stories of your project with the public and other potential supporters.
- ***Listening.*** We commit to listening to your ideas, questions, comments, concerns, and challenges. We also commit to answer your questions.

- *Accessibility.* We commit to being available to discuss your project ideas, answering any questions you may have, and providing continued support through the application, project, and reporting phases.