



First Nations National Guardians Network

APPLICANT GUIDE

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RÉSEAU NATIONAL DES GARDIENS DES PREMIÈRES NATIONS **FIRST NATIONS NATIONAL GUARDIANS NETWORK**

Re: First Nations National Guardian Fund 2024

The First Nations National Guardian Network (NGN) is pleased to announce the opening of the intake period for the First Nations National Guardian Fund in 2024.

It is a very exciting time for the First Nations Guardians this year. The NGN was officially established in December 2022 and work is under way to establish the governance and operations of the organization. This includes the transition of the management of the National First Nations Guardian Fund from the federal government to First Nations through the NGN.

The 2024 application process will **OPEN on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00am PST and will CLOSE on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 11:59PM PST.**

Detailed information about the 2024 funding is available in the attached Applicant Guide. It contains valuable information on the application process, application requirements, and activities that are eligible for funding.

This year we are excited to introduce a new online application system from “Good Grants”. To support Guardians to use the new online system, our support team will be available to **answer questions up until Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00pm PST**. To request support or if you have questions, please email: info@rng-ngn.ca.

Thank you and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with you to invest in the protection and stewardship of your traditional lands.

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Shaunna Morgan Siegers,
Interim Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Méstdzjĥ -Gillian Staveley'.

Méstdzjĥ -Gillian Staveley,
Interim Council Chair



THE FIRST NATIONS NATIONAL GUARDIANS NETWORK (NGN)

is a national non-profit that aims to support Indigenous-led stewardship through First Nations Guardians initiatives. We do this by providing consistent funding, networking, training, and education opportunities that support the profession of Guardians.

The NGN is the first Indigenous-led national stewardship network in the world. It is designed and managed by First Nations individuals, and it centers on Indigenous knowledge, values, and perspectives.

Our vision – For every First Nation in what is now called Canada to have the resources necessary to uphold their inherent stewardship responsibilities to the land, ice, and waters in their territories.

Our mission – To support and connect First Nations Guardians.

For more information about the history to establish the NGN visit the [Indigenous Leadership Initiative website](#).

Across the country, Guardians are caring for lands and waters that help sustain us all. They are on the ground managing wildfires, testing water quality, collecting data on climate impacts, monitoring development projects, and restoring caribou, other animals, and plants. They bring youth and Elders together and strengthen cultural and language revitalization. They also gather, analyze and summarize data so First Nations can make informed decisions about their territories.

The NGN supports this essential work of guardians and ensures First Nations have the tools, opportunities, and investments needed to build thriving Guardians programs. Accessible funding is a foundation for Guardians' work. The network pools federal funds and other investments and creates a streamlined process for Guardians programs to apply for support through an application process that is shaped by First Nations perspectives and Guardians' lived experience.

NATIONAL GUARDIANS FUND

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The NGN Council has identified the following goals, objectives and targets for the National First Nations Guardians Fund beginning in 2024.

As the Council and NGN staff continue to build capacity and engage with Guardians, the goals, objectives and targets will evolve to be responsive to the unique needs of guardians from coast-to-coast-to-coast. At the same time, the NGN will develop tools to measure our success, the outcomes of our funding and communicate our learnings.

GOAL 1: SUPPORT GUARDIANS TO IMPLEMENT NATIONHOOD

General description: The primary goal of the National First Nations Guardians Fund is to support Guardians to promote nationhood and the self-governance of their First Nations and Nations over their territories. Guardians are the contemporary expression of First Nations’ ancestral responsibility to steward and ensure the well-being of our lands and waters. Guardians’ work both revitalizes and maintains First Nations’ unique ways of knowing which is a key element of the right of self-determination as called for in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

OBJECTIVES	TARGETS
1. Community-based and Regional Network Guardians can demonstrate how their work supports their First Nations and Nation to make decision about the stewardship of their territories.	100% of successful Tier 2 and Tier 3 applicants can provide at least one example
2. Community-based and Regional Network Guardians can demonstrate how their work is guided by their First Nation’s or Nations values, laws and policies.	100% of successful Tier 2 and 3 applicants can provide at least one example
3. New or emerging Guardian initiatives applicants have a plan for incorporating their First Nation or Nation’s values, laws and policies into their program.	100% of successful Tier 1 applicants
4. Funded Guardians activities are authorized by the First Nation(s) and are operating under the authority and direction of the First Nation(s).	100% of successful applicants (Tiers 1, 2 and 3)

GOAL 2: CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUARDIANS TO BUILD CAPACITY, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FROM WHEREVER THEY MAY BE IN THEIR EVOLUTION AS AN INITIATIVE.

General description: Guardians initiatives are working to set in motion effective First Nations land and marine-use planning and management. Though they share many common features, each Guardians program is at a unique stage of organizational development, and driven by the unique ecological, political and socio-economic goals of their First Nations and Nations.

OBJECTIVES	TARGETS
1. Community-based initiatives and Regional Networks can demonstrate they have improved their capacity to take care of the lands, waters, plants, and/or animals within their First Nations or Nation’s territories.	100% of successful Tier 2 and Tier 3 applicants can provide at least one example

OBJECTIVES	TARGETS
2. Guardians initiatives have a plan to build the capacity of their initiative through, for example, providing training and education opportunities, supporting knowledge transfer initiatives with Elders, developing systems, policies, procedures and monitoring tools to enhance the stewardship capacity of Guardians.	100% of successful applicants (Tiers 1, 2 and 3)
3. Year over year, more Guardians positions are created.	A baseline (or target reference) will be established in 2024
4. Year over year, more Guardian initiatives are supported at a core level until 100% of First Nations that want a Guardians program have them.	A baseline (or target reference) will be established in 2024

GOAL 3: SUPPORT GUARDIANS TO EVOLVE AN INTER-NATIONAL MODEL OF STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION FROM COAST-TO-COAST TO-COAST.

General description: The NGN supports the work of Guardians to identify, restore and conserve ecosystems.

Guardians work to restore healthy wildlife populations and sustain or increase biodiversity, protect and enhance GHG-sequestering natural assets such as forests and wetlands, and enforce laws and values that support respectful harvesting. Recognizing the importance of Guardians working to establish and sustain Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs), a key goal of the Fund is to create strong partnerships among and between First Nations. Additionally, IPCAs create opportunities to advance reconciliation and Nation-to-Nation relationships between Canada and First Nations through co-management/co-governance agreements to support land and marine relationship planning. Ultimately, the NGN is working with Guardians to gather strength through partnerships, amalgamations, and economies of scale across IPCAs and territories.

OBJECTIVES	TARGETS
1. Guardians initiatives can demonstrate they are working in partnership with, or have a plan to work in partnership with, other First Nations and Nations.	100% of successful applicants (Tiers 1, 2 and 3)
2. Year over year, more Community-based initiatives are included in Regional Networks.	A baseline (or target reference) will be established in 2024
3. Funding is distributed across regions.	At least 8 Guardians initiatives or networks from each of East – Atlantic & Quebec; ON; Central – MB, SK, AB; West or BC and North – YK & NWT

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF FUNDING TIERS

The First Nations Guardians Fund is organized into three distinct tiers of funding. Each tier has its own goals and objectives that align with the overall goals and objectives described below.



TIER 1 – NEW AND EMERGING INITIATIVES

GOAL: TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW GUARDIAN INITIATIVES

OBJECTIVE	TARGET
At fiscal year end new Guardian initiatives have a 3-5 year Guardians plan that engaged their First Nation's leadership and community members and demonstrated leadership and community member support.	100% of successful applicants

Description:

- Recommended funding level: \$50,000/year.
- Provides startup funding to applicants operating with the authority of their First Nation to explore the viability of and/or to create a Guardians program.
- Funding in one year is not a guarantee of funding in a subsequent year.

TIER 2 – COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES

GOAL: TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMMING AND/OR PROVIDES PARTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM.

OBJECTIVE	TARGET
Demonstrated increase in the skill level of Guardians' skills and/or increase in the number of FTE Guardians.	100% of successful applicants can show measurable growth/expansion of their program and/or increased skill level of Guardians in each fiscal year.

Description:

- Recommended funding level: \$175,000/year for up to two years (for activities completed by March 31, 2026).
- Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding.

TIER 3 – REGIONAL NETWORKS

GOAL: TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMMING, SIZE AND/OR PROVIDES PARTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO A NETWORK OF FIRST NATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE COMMON STEWARDSHIP GOALS WITHIN AND/OR ACROSS TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIVE	TARGET
Demonstrated increase of number of First Nations within the network and/or increase levels of collaboration related to: Guardians' skills or knowledge and/or stewardship activities.	100% of successful applicants can show measurable growth/expansion or increased skill level among Guardians in each fiscal year.

Description:

- Recommended funding level of \$250,000/year for up to two years (for activities completed by March 31, 2026).
- Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding.

NOTES: Applicants for all Tiers can apply for additional funds with justification for why the additional funds are required. The required [Work Plan](#) and [Budget forms](#) that will need to be uploaded in the Good Grants system have separate sections for identifying activities and funding needs above the recommended funding level for each Tier.

TIER DEFINITION GUIDANCE

Each applicant must self-identify which Tier they are applying to when they begin the online application process.

Please note these are guidelines, not rules. For more information about how the applications will be scored please see page 14 of this Application Guide.

	TIER 1: NEW AND EMERGING	TIER 2: COMMUNITY-BASED	TIER 3: REGIONAL NETWORKS
Program Definition	The applicant is a First Nation or Community-based organization that does not have a formalized Guardian program.	The applicant is a First Nation or Community-based organization with Guardians and a formalized Guardian program.	Each First Nation within the network has dedicated Guardians on their traditional lands and waters.
Dedicated Staffing	The applicant does not have any paid staff dedicated to a specific Guardians initiative.	The applicant has dedicated staff who oversee/manage/are active on their traditional lands and waters.	The applicant has dedicated staff who oversee/manage/are active across the traditional lands and waters of a network of First Nations.
Monitoring activities	The applicant may or may not have members who are active on their traditional territory. The applicant is monitoring traditional lands and waters informally, meaning there are informal channels set up for members and staff to report back what they see happening in the territory.	The applicant has formal monitoring programs for lands and waters within the First Nation's traditional territory.	The applicant has formal monitoring programs for lands and waters within the established regional network.
Education and Training	The applicant does not have formal mechanisms for educating and training lands staff in Indigenous Knowledge and/or western science.	The applicant has formal programs for educating and training Guardians in Indigenous Knowledge and/or western science.	The applicant has formal programs for educating and training Guardians across the network in Indigenous Knowledge and/or western science.

	TIER 1: NEW AND EMERGING	TIER 2: COMMUNITY-BASED	TIER 3: REGIONAL NETWORKS
Partnerships and Nation-to-Nation Networking	The applicant may or may not have partnerships with other First Nations, land users, developers, researchers and/or other governments.	<p>The applicant's Guardians engage with other First Nations, land users, developers, researchers and/or other governments to strengthen decision-making at all levels.</p> <p>The applicant may be working towards setting up a Guardians Network with other First Nations or representative organizations in their region.</p> <p>The applicant may have multiple funding sources.</p>	<p>The applicant has formal agreements with partners to support the resource sharing.</p> <p>The applicant shares equipment and other resources (physical, human, intellectual or data) among partner First Nations.</p> <p>The applicant works among the network partners to develop annual work plans, or portions of annual work plans.</p> <p>The applicant works to leverage funds for both community-based initiatives and the network.</p> <p>The network engages with other land users, development proponents, researchers and/or other governments strengthening decision making at all levels.</p>
Nationhood and Stewardship	The applicant does not monitor ecological, social, economic, or cultural indicators of their lands and waters; however, some informal ad-hoc monitoring may happen which informs First Nations' government decision-making.	The monitoring of information collected by the applicant is used to inform the First Nations' governments decision-making, (e.g., contributing to the development and implementation of land and water use plans).	The monitoring of information collected by the applicant supports collective First Nation government decision-making (e.g., contributing to land and water use planning across shared territories).

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are First Nations, networks of First Nations and/or Guardians organizations. All applicants must provide a letter of support from their First Nation leadership to demonstrate eligibility. The letter(s) must state how the initiative will contribute to the First Nation(s) decision-making processes regarding their lands and waters. Specifically:

- Community-based initiatives must provide a letter of support from their leadership to demonstrate eligibility. The letter must state how their initiative will contribute to the First Nations decision-making process regarding lands and waters;
- Networks of First Nations must provide a letter of support from the leadership of each First Nation represented in the network and the proposed initiative to demonstrate eligibility. Each letter must state how the network will contribute to the First Nation's decision-making process regarding lands and waters; and
- Organizations operating independently from the administration of the First Nation must provide a letter of support from the First Nations they serve. The letter must state how the organization and the proposed initiative will contribute to the First Nations decision-making process regarding lands and waters.

If two organizations from the same First Nation apply for funding (e.g. a lands department and community-based organization), the applicants will be asked to address the conflict internally.

Here is a [Sample Letter of Support](#). Please note that the sample is intended as a guide and is not the template applicants must use to meet this requirement.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Activities that First Nations Guardians initiatives support include, but are not limited to:

- Gathering and application of Indigenous laws, teachings and knowledge;
- Maintenance and support of Indigenous relationships with lands, waters, animals and plants;
- Capacity building, outreach, education and training of Indigenous youth, tourists, and members;
- Emergency response;
- Data collection and monitoring related to the use of lands, waters and other earthly gifts on traditional territories, including cultural sites;
- Species and habitat identification, monitoring and protection;
- Habitat stewardship for maintenance and improvement of ecosystem services;
- Conservation, land use and land relationship planning;
- Capacity building, technical and legal support from professionals and consultants; and
- Enforcement, compliance support through observation, recording, and reporting.

Note: In addition to completing an online application form, applicants are required to develop a work plan for their initiative or project using the [budget](#) template provided.

Here are additional resources to assist with work plans:

- [Sample Work Plan for Tier 1 New and Emerging initiatives](#)
- [Sample Work Plan for Tier 2 Community-based Initiatives](#)
- [Tips for Writing Smart Objectives](#)

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

Eligible initiative expenditures include:

- Honoraria directly tied to the proposed project or program;
- Salaries directly tied to the proposed project or program (Employee benefits such as: dental, medical and health, may be reimbursable, but only if these are warranted by the Recipient's Human Resources and/or Personnel policies);
- Professional fees directly tied to the proposed project (e.g. fees for consultants and lawyers);
- Gifts, prizes, or awards if directly tied to the proposed project or program (e. g., gifts for Elders);
- Communications materials, printing, production and distribution, equipment rentals;
- General supplies (items less than \$10,000);
- Capital assets (things that cost \$10,000 or more) and are necessary for delivering the project or program;
- Administration costs of approximately 10 – 15% of the total proposed budget (excluding salaries);
- Travel expenses following the [National Joint Council](#) guidelines;
- GST/HST paid while undertaking program or project activities (this must be included, not in addition to, the NGN contribution amount); and
- Expenditures must be made between
 - April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 for new and emerging networks (Tier 1)
 - April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 for Community-based and Regional networks (Tier 2 and 3).

INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

Ineligible expenditures include:

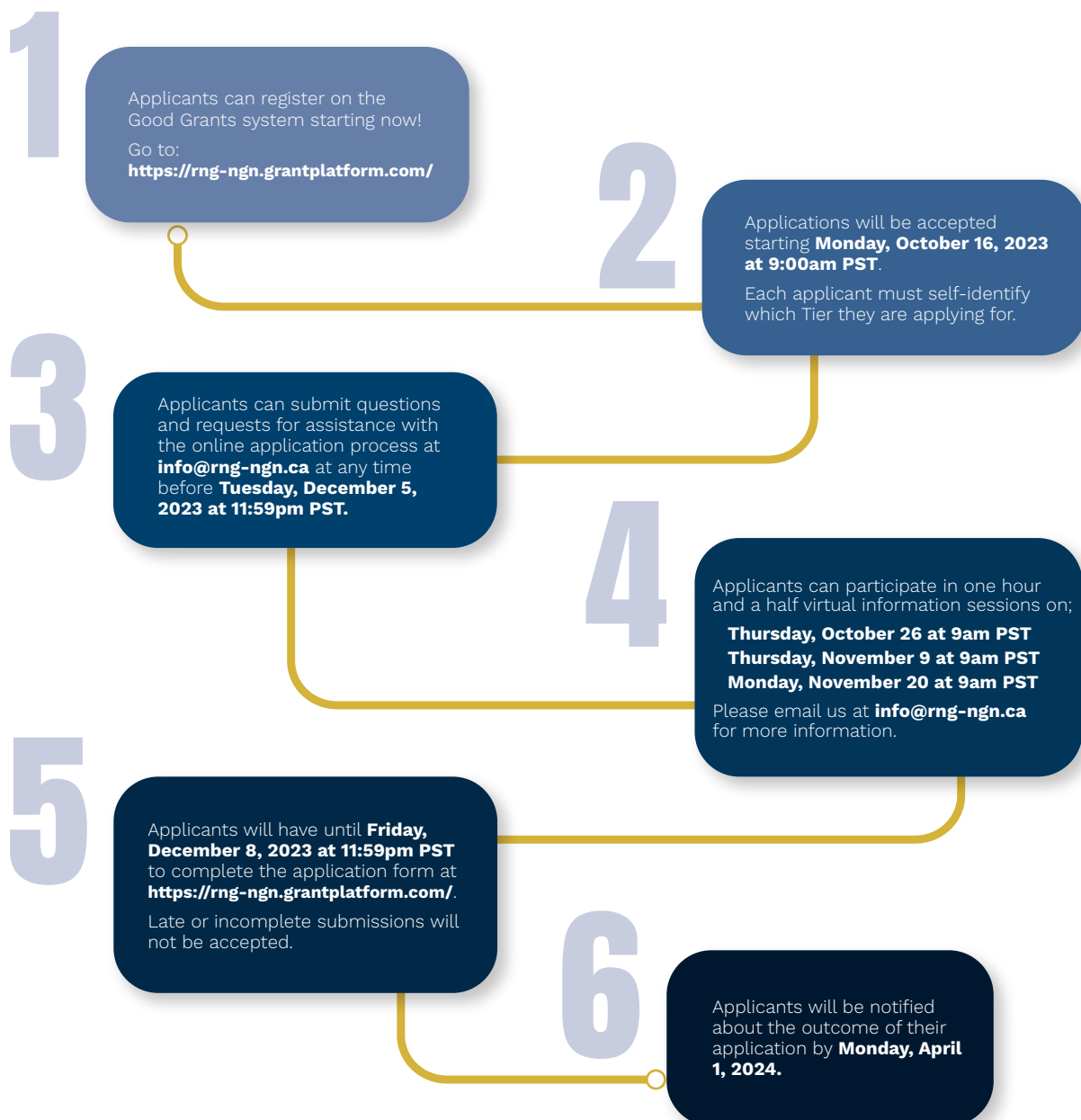
- Materials and supplies over \$10,000 (this should always be listed as a capital asset);
- GST/HST paid above the NGN contribution amount; and
- Travel expenses outside of the National Joint Council guidelines.

NOTES: In addition to completing an online application form, applicants are required to develop budgets for their initiative or project using the [budget template](#) provided.

Here are additional resources to assist with budgets:

- [Glossary](#)
- [Sample Budget for Tier 1 New and Emerging Initiatives](#)
- [Sample Budget for Tier 2 Community-based initiatives](#)

APPLICATION STEPS



WORKING WITH THE GOOD GRANTS ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

This year we are excited to introduce a new online application system from “Good Grants”. Of all of the online application tools the NGN assessed, Good Grants offered the highest level of data security and privacy for both the NGN and applicants.

To support Guardians to use the new online system our support team will be available to **answer questions up until Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 11:59pm PST**. To request support or if you have questions please email: info@rng-ngn.ca.

For immediate assistance with the Good Grants system, here are some online resources.

- **Ultimate Guide For Applicants:** <https://help.goodgrants.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4405817472271-Ultimate-guide-for-applicants>
- **How to Register Video:** [How to Register with Good Grants:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjOdb_kuPOY) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjOdb_kuPOY

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SCORING

The First Nations-Federal Joint Working Group on Guardians (JWG) will continue to play an important role in this year’s funding by reviewing and making recommendations to the NGN Council about the distribution of funds to support First Nations Guardians. The JWG will evaluate applications and make funding recommendations to the NGN Council using the following scoring scheme.

Questions marked with * are not applicable to Tier 1: New and emerging initiatives and will not appear in the online form.

	HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE	WHAT THE JWG MEMBERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR IN THE APPLICATIONS
Initiative Summary	5	The application provides a clear description of how the project or program will invest in the stewardship of the territory.
Contact and Organization Information	10	The application includes a letter(s) of support (e.g., Band Council Resolutions, Tribal Council Resolutions, and/or other letters of support) that demonstrate the leadership’s understanding of the role and value Guardians can play to the Nation’s decision-making, governance and nationhood.

	HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE	WHAT THE JWG MEMBERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR IN THE APPLICATIONS
Territory Question 1	10	<p>The application provides a general description and map of the area for proposed Guardians work. The maps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an appropriate scale and level of detail to show the specific sites or areas in which the proposed activities are to take place; and • clearly labelled.
Governance Question 2	5	<p>The applicant checks a box to indicate whether there are specific laws and/or policies related to lands, waters, plants, and/or animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If “YES” is checked they explain how the Guardians initiative will help uphold these laws/policies and inform decision making. • If “NO” is checked, they explain how the initiative could help develop laws/policies and inform decision-making.
Governance Question 3	5	<p>The application identifies up to three examples. For each example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is clear how the initiative has or will use Indigenous Knowledge and science to inform or support a decision-making process or decision about the Nation(s) lands and resources; and • the applicant explains how the process or decision supported Nationhood, self-governance and authority over the Nation’s territory.
Governance Question 4	5	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies neighboring First Nations; and • clearly explains how collaboration will occur and how these relationships will strengthen the Guardians initiative for example by providing support/capacity and/or by sharing information, knowledge, and resources, etc.
Need Question 5	10	<p>The application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies three distinct issues to be addressed through the initiative, explaining how they impact on the First Nation and why more support is needed; and • clearly connects each issue with an objective identified in Tab 6.
Objectives and Vision Question 6	10	<p>The application identifies up to 5 clear measurable objectives. The objectives are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound). The objectives are clearly tied to activities in the applicant’s work plan.</p>
Objectives and Vision Question 7	5	<p>The objectives demonstrate a clear link to a long-term vision for the Guardians initiative.</p>
Risk Analysis Question 8	5	<p>The application identifies multiple risks (e.g. environmental, financial, safety, resources, or possible external factors. etc.). Each risk has a clear mitigation strategy.</p>
Capacity Question 9*	10	<p>The application outlines up to three relevant past projects that demonstrate the First Nation or organization’s previous experience. For each example, the application clearly explains the specific skills, partnerships and capacities gained from these projects, and how they will help to position the First Nation or organization to implement the proposed initiative.</p>

	HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE	WHAT THE JWG MEMBERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR IN THE APPLICATIONS
Capacity Question 10	5	The application provides a detailed explanation of how the Guardians initiative will enhance capacity in the First Nation or organization to make decisions and to lead the stewardship of their traditional territory. Where work will be done with outside partners or contractors, it is identified how this work will support the capacity development of Nation(s).
Capacity Question 11*and 12*	No Marks	If relevant to the applicant, the application requests information about financial contributions made from the applicant to the initiative. Financial contributions show support for the initiative and contribute to the long-term success/sustainability of initiatives. Financial contributions are not required to be successful in the application process.
Stewardship and Engagement Question 13	5	The application clearly explains how the initiative will be delivered in a culturally informed manner and uphold traditional knowledge, culture, spirituality and/or language in its values, tasks and duties of caring for the land.
Stewardship and Engagement Question 14	5	The application clearly explains how Elders and youth inclusion is incorporated into the initiative's design and how their involvement will help transfer and preserve culture.
Partnerships Question 15 a) and b)*	5	The application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outlines clear strategies for creating new partnerships; and • clearly explains how existing/anticipated partnerships will contribute to the success of the initiative and what support they will provide.
Work Plan	15	The work plan provided has enough details on the tasks/activities that will help to achieve the stated objectives.
Budget	15	<p>The budget provided is detailed and reflects both financial and non-financial contributions to the Guardians initiative and aligns with proposed activities.</p> <p>The budget makes sense for the scale, scope and purpose of the project or program. For specific descriptions and more examples about eligible expenditures, visit our Budget Glossary.</p> <p>All costs associated with travel must be based on the Joint Nation Council Travel Directive.</p>
Audited Financial Statements	No Marks	The purpose of sharing these is to communicate that the applicant is in good financial standing. For successful applicants, this may not be a requirement for future years of funding.
Maximum Possible Score for New and emerging initiatives: 120 Maximum Possible Score for Community-based and regional networks: 130		

FUNDING AGREEMENT AND RECIPIENT REPORTING

Before any funds can be dispersed, the selected applicant must enter into a funding agreement with NGN. The funding agreement will outline specific requirements for reporting associated with all activities and expenditures.

If a funding agreement cannot be negotiated within 90 days of notification of the selected applicant, NGN may, at its sole discretion, choose to discontinue discussions with the applicant and enter into a funding agreement with another applicant or not enter into any funding agreement with respect to such funds. Any funding agreement is at the absolute discretion of NGN, and NGN shall not incur any liability to any applicant as a result of any funding agreement decisions, including a decision not to enter into any funding agreement for any reason, including a reduction or denial of funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada or any other funder.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Below is a list of documents and information you will need to submit your application. Only complete applications will be assessed.

- ☐ Time! As with previous years, the application will take some time. **You should anticipate needing at least 2-3 weeks to gather all of your information and prepare** your application.
- ☐ Online **application** form: go to <https://rng-ngn.grantplatform.com/> to register and start your application
- ☐ Completed **Work Plan** template uploaded with your Application Form in the Good Grants online system
- ☐ Completed **Budget** template uploaded with your Application Form in the Good Grants online system
- ☐ A **map** of the territory or area of proposed Guardians work. The maps do not need to be professional or created using a geographic information system (GIS), however they must show the boundary of the traditional territory relative to the sites or areas in which the proposed activities are to take place and include appropriate scale, legend, labels and an inset regional map (or provide a second regional map).
- ☐ Copies of your First Nation's or organization's last **Audited Financial Statements**.
- ☐ A **letter of support** from your First Nation(s) confirming you are operating under their authority and direction.

Thank you for your application!



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