



First Nations National Guardians Network

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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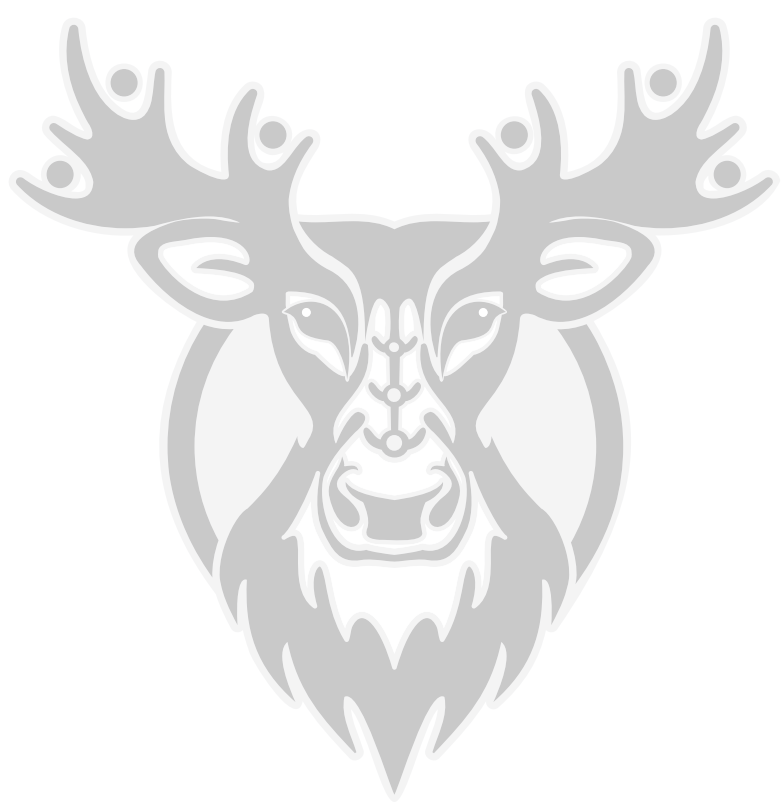
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BACKGROUND

What are First Nations Guardians?

While there is no single definition of First Nations Guardians, they can be understood as First Nations Peoples exercising their cultural responsibilities through on-the-ground stewardship initiatives on their traditional lands, waters, and ice. They act as a First Nation's or Nation's "eyes and ears on the ground".

Who is the First Nations National Guardians Network?

The First Nations National Guardians Network (NGN) is a new national federally incorporated non-profit that aims to support Indigenous-led conservation and sovereignty through First Nation's Guardians initiatives. We will do this by providing consistent funding, networking, training, and educational opportunities that support the profession of Guardians. The NGN Council governs the organization and sets its goals and objectives.

Our vision is 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 is to help First Nations Guardians programs thrive.

For more information about Guardians and the creation of the NGN, please visit: <https://www.ilinationhood.ca/guardians>

What is the First Nations Guardians Fund?

The First Nations Guardians Fund supports First Nations, Nations governments, Networks of First Nations and/or representative organizations to exercise their rights and responsibilities to the land, waters, and ice of their traditional territories. It does this by providing funding for First Nations-led, on-the ground, community-based stewardship programs, organizations, and networks.

We invite you to consult the [Applicant Guide](#), which provides guidance on the types of activities may be funded.

How much funding is available?

The NGN Council, on recommendation from the

First Nations-Federal Joint Working Group, will distribute approximately \$14M in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

How is the application process different in 2024 from previous years?

With the NGN now operational, decision-making, and administrative responsibilities for the Fund will transition from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to the NGN. Any Guardians funds previously committed or received from ECCC will continue to be administered by ECCC. To prepare for this year's funding intake, the company 'McAllister Opinion Research' was directed to engage with Guardians across territories to understand how the NGN could improve the First Nations Guardians Fund and application process. With their input, we have made some important changes to the process.

Here are some of the most significant changes previous applicants will notice:

- The application process has moved online, and all application documents must be uploaded into our new Good Grants application system: <https://rng-ngn.grantplatform.com/>. The intake period will open earlier than in previous years. Applications will be accepted beginning on Monday, **October 16, 2023, at 9am PST.**
- The intake period is longer than previous years. Applications will be accepted for six weeks. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, **December 8, 2023, at 11:59pm PST.**
- The application Tiers have been simplified to New and Emerging (Tier 1), Community-based (Tier 2) and Regional Networks (Tier 3).
- The funding amounts are more flexible. Applicants can now request more than the recommended maximum.
- We will provide direct support to all applicants upon request at info@rng-ngn.ca.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will the virtual information sessions be recorded?

Yes. The information sessions that were recorded can be found on the [NGN Dropbox](#)

ELIGIBILITY

Who is eligible to apply for the 2024 funding?

Eligible applicants are First Nations, Networks of First Nations, and/or Guardians organizations.

Note: If two organizations from the same First Nation apply for funding, the applicants will be asked to address the conflict internally.

Can multiple First Nations within a broader Nation apply for Guardians funding? Our Nation has several First Nations, how many can realistically be awarded Guardians funding? Is proximity taken into consideration, or are applications evaluated based on strength?

Yes, multiple First Nations within the same Nation can apply for Guardians funding under Tier 1 or Tier 2 if they meet the definition of an eligible applicant within that Tier.

However, First Nations are encouraged to create partnerships both within and outside their Nation in order to advance nationhood, share resources and take advantage of economies of scale. Therefore, First Nations can apply individually for funding under Tier 1 or 2 and can also be included in a Tier 3 regional network proposal. In instances where a First Nation is applying both under Tier 1 or 2 and as part of a Tier 3 regional network proposal, it is the responsibility of the primary applicants to communicate with each other to ensure that the proposed activities are not overlapping. Duplicated activities will not be supported.

Note that an important objective of the First Nations Guardians Fund is to distribute funding across regions. As such, geographic distribution of funding will play a role in the Joint Working Group's funding recommendation process and in the NGN Council's decision-making process.

If I received Guardians funding in 2023-2024 from ECCC, can I apply for another initiative in this call for proposals?

Yes, we welcome applications from all Guardians, regardless of whether they were previously funded by ECCC.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Are Tribal Councils eligible for funding?

Tribal Councils can apply for Tier 3 funding with a letter of support from the First Nations on whose territories those activities will be carried out.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Are aggregates eligible for funding?

Yes. Aggregates such as Tribal Councils and groups of First Nations are eligible to apply for funding under Tier 3.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Can organizations apply with letters of support from local knowledge keepers, instead of from a First Nation?

No. To be reviewed, your application will need to include a letter of support from one or more First Nations.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! My proposal will be coming from a Network. Do I need a letter of support from each First Nation in the Network?

All Tier 3 applicants are required to submit a minimum of one letter of support that demonstrates that the proposed activities are authorized by the First Nations on whose territories the activities will be carried out.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Is this funding available for Quebec and NWT First Nations?

Yes, the funding is available to First Nations from coast to coast to coast.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! NEW QUESTION FROM OUR WORKSHOPS! Is this funding limited to land or does it also include marine operations?

Funding is not limited to activities on the land.

Eligible activities include work done anywhere within a First Nation's traditional territory, including on land, water, and the ice.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS!
Would a community-led research institute qualify for Tier 3 funding?

Organizations that bring together networks (more than 2) First Nations to collaborate on stewardship initiatives can apply for Tier 3 funding.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! If I have already received Guardians funding through an existing contribution agreement with ECCC, do I need to use those funds before applying for this funding?

No. If you are approved for funding through the NGN's First Nations Guardians Fund, you will enter into an entirely new contribution agreement with the NGN. If you have already received Guardians funding through an existing contribution agreement with ECCC, that will not impact the new funding that you receive through the NGN for the First Nations Guardians Fund. However, if you have had a previous Guardians agreement with ECCC and your reports are late or missing, this may affect your chances at further Guardians funding.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! My current Guardian program has been funded for 2024/25 through ECCC. Are we eligible to apply for 2024?

ECCC confirmed that all Guardian contribution agreements they manage are scheduled to finish in March 2024. Please reach out to your ECCC representative to discuss your agreement with them directly.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Should our application focus on one specific gap/priority, or should we highlight a more general guardianship approach that targets multiple issues of interest and concern to our First Nation?

Applicants are encouraged to design their Guardians initiative based on the interests, needs, and capacity of their First Nation or Nation. If the goals of the initiative are clearly outlined in the application form and work plan, and if the application demonstrates support from leadership, it does not matter if the initiative has a specific focus or takes a more general approach.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Activities that the First Nations Guardians Fund may 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; and,
- Enforcement, compliance support through observation, recording, and reporting.

Can funding be used to support Guardians activities on traditional lands that are also considered Crown lands by the federal government?

Yes. A First Nation may conduct Guardians activities on the lands, waters and ice of its traditional territory.

As part of your application, please be sure to provide a description and a map outlining the traditional territory where activities will take place.

When can funded activities and projects take place?

Funded activities and initiatives can take place anytime between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025 (Tier 1 funding) or April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2026 (Tier 2 and 3 funding), once approved.

Will I still be eligible for funding if I do not provide a record of my First Nation's or organization's most recent Audited Financial Statement?

No, providing your most recent Audited Financial Statement is an eligibility requirement. The purpose of sharing these is to communicate that the applicant is in good financial standing. Successful applicants may not be required to do so for future years of funding.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will the funding be only for one year, or will there be an autorenewal?

Applicants for under Tier 2 and 3 are eligible for funding for two years.

- For Tier 2, the recommended funding level is \$175,000 per year; and
- For Tier 3, the recommended funding level is \$250,000 per year.

If the application is approved, the applicant will receive funding for 2024-2025 and 2025 -2026 and will not be required to provide a new budget for funding in 2025-2026.

We encourage applicants for Tier 2 and Tier 3 initiatives to develop workplans and budgets for the next two fiscal years as we expect funding for these Tiers will only be available during the 2024 intake.

Applicants for funding under Tier 1 are eligible for funding only for one year. However, another intake for Tier 1 applicants in 2024 will open in fall 2025.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Regarding Question 3 in the Application Form and the “examples to show how your Guardians initiative has supported your First Nation to make decisions,” could you define what type of decisions you are referring to? Ecological, land management, volunteer programs, legislative, etc.

This will be specific to the individual First Nation. One example is the use of information collected from monitoring a species to inform an environmental plan or policy. Another example may be the use of information collected from monitoring activities to protect culturally significant sites.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will this funding cover negotiations?

Funding may be used to cover work related to negotiations if it creates opportunities to expand the Nation’s Guardians programs and/or activities. We recommend that you email us at info@rng-ngn.ca so that we can provide an answer that is specific to your application.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Are we allowed to include the proposal writer’s cost in funding submission?

No. Only activities that start on April 1, 2024 are eligible for funding. NGN cannot reimburse costs incurred before the initiative start date.

TIER DEFINITION GUIDANCE

Where can I find information on the different funding Tiers?

A Tier Definition Guide is provided on **Page 9** of the [Applicant Guide](#).

Can I apply for more than one Tier in the same funding period?

No. The same individual (person) cannot submit multiple applications. This is different than a First Nation being included across multiple Tiers – see the answer to ‘Can multiple First Nations within their broader Nation apply for Guardians funding?’ above.

Should I apply as a Community-based initiative (Tier 2) or a Regional network (Tier 3)?

As outlined in the [Applicant Guide](#), Tier 2 (Community-based) supports the expansion of programming and/or provides partial administrative funding to support growth and expansion of an existing program for one First Nations’ territory, whereas Tier 3 (Regional networks) is intended to support the creation or expansion of a network of First Nations working together to achieve common goals within and/or across all of their combined territories. If the applicant’s Nation is comprised of multiple First Nations, the applicant must determine if Tier 2 or Tier 3 would be a better fit. Generally, Tier 3 should be selected if participating First Nations have different governments and resources and would like to create a coordinated network of support for Guardians initiatives in each participating First Nation.

Are joint partners eligible to submit and work as a New or emerging initiative (Tier 1)? For example, is it possible to apply with another First Nation under one Tier 1 application?

No, joint applications are not eligible for funding under Tier 1 (New and emerging initiatives). A Tier 1 application can only be submitted by one

First Nation/Nation/organization. Tier 3 (Regional networks) is intended to support groups of First Nations to apply together for funding. All Tier 3 applicants are required to submit a minimum of one letter of support that demonstrates that the proposed activities are authorized by the First Nations on whose territories where those activities will be carried out.

Could a proposed new Guardian initiative, which is based on and expands an existing monitoring program, be eligible for Tier 1 funding?

Yes. The initiative may be eligible if it meets the Tier 1 criteria, including the requirement that the First Nation have no paid staff specifically dedicated to their Guardians initiative.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Can my organization apply as an individual First Nation to Tier 2 and still be eligible to be included under Tier 3?

Yes, as long as the applications are made by different individuals and there is no duplication of costs or activities in the applications.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Is there a minimum number of First Nations to qualify for Tier 3?

Yes. There must be at least two First Nations or entities authorized by the First Nations to be considered a regional network and to qualify for Tier 3 funding.

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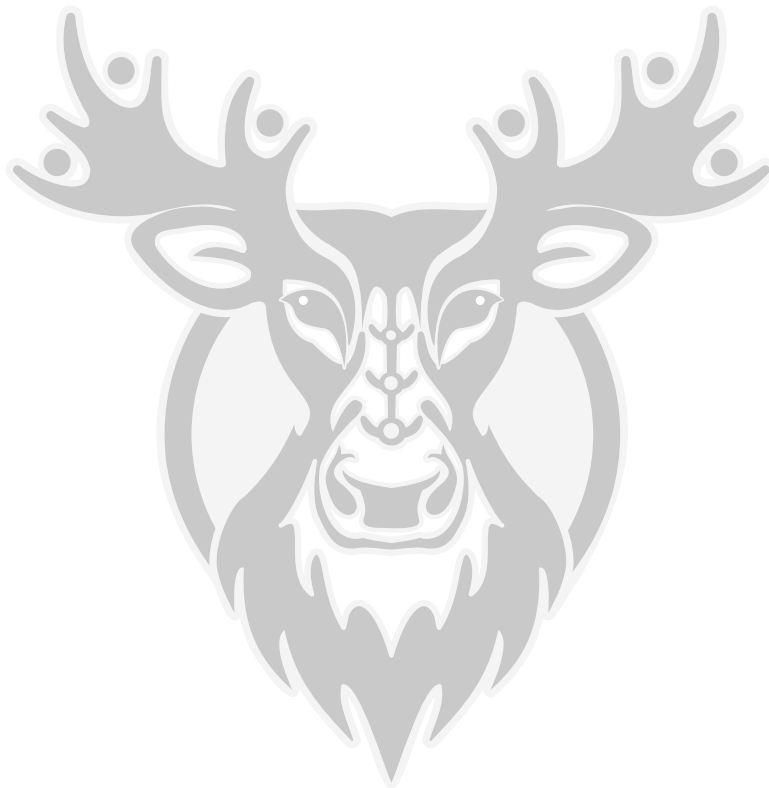
No. Tier 1 is for new and emerging initiatives. Tier 2 is for already functional Guardian initiative.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Can a First Nation apply for Tier 2 or 3 if they have not applied for Tier 1 in a previous year?

Yes. If you have an established Guardians program your First Nation or organization can apply for Tier 2 funding and be part of an application submitted from another First Nation or organization for Tier 3 funding.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Of the \$14 million, what % will be allocated for each Tier?

There is no predetermined percentage allocation. The NGN is focused on the quality of the applications. Other factors the reviewers will weigh when considering all applications together will be regional diversity.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Is there an Expression of Interest step to the process?

No, an Expression of Interest is not required. To apply, applicants must apply using our [Good Grant application](#) system.

Are applicants allowed to modify the budget and work plan templates?

To ensure a fair and objective application review process, applicants are asked not to modify the budget and work plan templates, except to add additional rows where needed.

Can applicants hire a consultant to write proposals?

Yes, applicants can hire consultants to write proposals. However, consulting fees associated with writing proposals, and any consulting fees incurred before April 1, 2024, are not eligible for funding.

For a previous Tier 1 recipient who is planning to expand their initiative and apply under Tier 2, can we reuse and update portions of a previous application if the core goals/objectives and issues have not changed?

Yes, applicants can reuse and update information from a previous application if they insert the information into the current 2024 proposal form template. The new application should build on previous objectives and outline different or expanded project activities. The proposal should fully reflect the vision for the expanded initiative.

The applicant may also submit a response **in the additional information section** of the application that describes any other Guardians applications (past or present) and that details how the current application builds on previous applications.

What is the maximum amount of funding available for each Tier?

The maximum **recommended** funding amounts for each Tier are as follows:

- **New and emerging initiatives (Tier 1):** \$50,000 per initiative for activities to be completed by March 31, 2025.
- **Community-based initiatives (Tier 2):** \$175,000 per initiative for activities to be completed by March 31, 2026.
- **Regional networks (Tier 3):** \$250,000 per initiative for activities to be completed by March 31, 2026.

Applicants of all Tiers can apply for additional funds with justification for why the additional funds are required, and how the additional funds will meet First Nations Guardians Fund goals, objectives and targets.

Supplemental work plans and budgets must be provided for amounts beyond the recommended level as some applicants may receive funding up to the recommended funding levels but not receive the supplemental funds.

How many Guardians initiatives will be funded this year?

This is a competitive process. The number of selected initiatives will vary based on the number of strong submissions received in each Tier. Preference will be given to selecting the highest quality submissions within each Tier up to the maximum amount of funding available. It is an objective of the Guardians Fund to ensure that funds are distributed across all regions.

What are all the documents required to complete an application?

The documents applicants must complete and submit include:

1. Online application form: go to <https://rng-ngn.grantplatform.com/> to register and start your application.
2. Completed work plan template, to be uploaded with your application form in the Good Grants online system.
3. Completed budget template (in Excel format) to be uploaded with your application form in the Good Grants online system.
4. 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 must include an appropriate scale, legend, labels and an inset regional map (or provide a second regional map).
5. Letter of Support from First Nation(s) leadership.
6. Audited Financial Statements from First Nation(s) or organization(s).
7. Only complete applications will be assessed.

Where can I find additional information available apart from the Applicant Guide and templates?

Check out the downloadable resources on our **file sharing platform**. In it, you will find the Applicant Guide, budget template, work plan template, helpful tips on how to write SMART objectives and a glossary of key terms.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applicants will have until **Friday, December 8, 2023 at 11:59pm PST** to complete the application form at <https://rng-ngn.grantplatform.com/>.

As this is a competitive process, late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

Can supporting documentation be submitted after the application date?

Unfortunately, no. All documents must be submitted by the application deadline.

How can I get help with the online application? Will there be informational sessions?

The NGN is here to help with your application! Reach out to our team by sending an email to info@rng-ngn.ca. We are available to answer questions about the application process until Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00pm PST.

We will also be hosting a series of three online information sessions on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 9:00am PST, Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00am PST and Monday, November 20, 2023 at 9:00am PST to walk through the application process and answer questions from Guardians. We will share more details about these sessions online through the relevant social media channels, as well as via email.

Please **register** on the Good Grants system to be added to our email list.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Are there alternative ways to complete an application?

No. All applicants must be submitted through the Good Grants online application system. If you're having difficulties accessing Good Grants, we are available to answer questions about the application process until **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00pm PST**. Please contact us as soon as possible.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Can multiple individuals collaborate on a single application form in the online application system?

No. Good Grants does not allow multiple people to work on the same application within the online system. If there are multiple people collaborating on an application, we suggested that responses are drafted in a Word or other kind of document outside of the system, then copied into Good Grants by the individual who will submit the application.

As this is a competitive process, late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Can I use a letter of support from Chief and Council?

Yes, all applications must include letters of support from the leadership of the First Nation(s) where the proposed Guardians activities will be carried out. We have provided a sample letter in the Dropbox. To access the Dropbox, [click here](#).

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Are maps mandatory? Where applicable, can I use one overarching map or do I need multiple maps?

Yes, you will be required to provide a map of the area where Guardians work is proposed to take place. Visit GIS Lounge for additional information on map elements and concrete examples: <https://www.gislounge.com/whats-in-a-map/>. Non-GIS based maps are also acceptable. These include, for example, photos of maps with hand drawn elements, digitally drawn maps, Google Maps or screenshots of maps. One overarching map of the territory is acceptable.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! What file formats are acceptable for the uploads?

The Good Grants platform accepts most file types including:

.doc
.docx
.gif
.jpeg
.png
.tif
.tiff
.ico
.pdf
.xls
.xlsx

Acceptable file types for the Workplan question are:

.doc
.docx
.pdf

Acceptable file types for the budget question are:

.xls
.xlsx

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! How do I upload multiple files for a single question?

Only one document can be uploaded for the questions where document uploads are required. If you have multiple letters or maps you need to upload, we recommend merging them together into a single Word or PDF document.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! The application asks for copies of your First Nation's or organization's last Audited Financial Statements. If we don't have the last fiscal year (2022-23) back yet, can we submit the last year we do have completed (2021-22)?

Yes. You can submit your organization's most recent Audited statement.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! We don't have audited statements, but we do have Notice to Readers. Will that be acceptable?

Please contact our support team at info@rng-ngn.ca to discuss the types of reporting that may be eligible.

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NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will in-kind funding influence how the applications are scored?

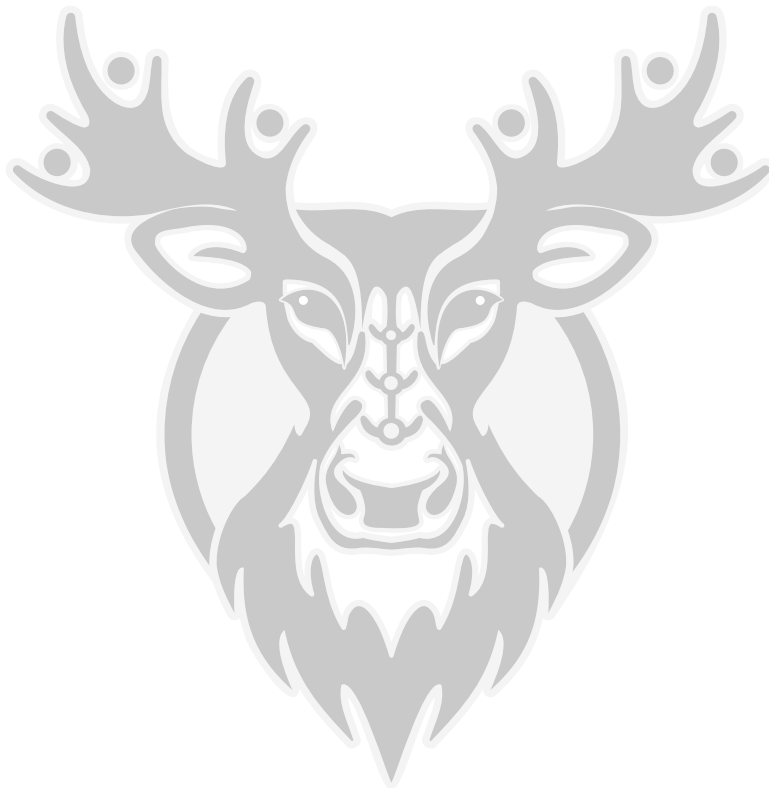
In kind funding plays a small influence on how the applications are scored as it demonstrates how your organization or First Nation invests in its own Guardians. If your initiative is supported by other partners or your First Nation or organization will provide in-kind resources it is important to provide details about those additional supports make your Guardians program more viable for the long term.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! If we are applying for multiple funds, do you want us to share what we have applied for, in the same fiscal even if we don't know we will receive it yet? Will it help to show we are dedicated and trying to lift this off the ground?

Yes, long-running Guardian programs rely on a diversity of funds including additional potential funding in your budget is encouraged. Simply add “no” in the “Are Other Funds Confirmed” column.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! If a funding agreement is not put in place until May 2024 (or later in some cases), will activities that were proposed to begin on April 1 be funded retroactively?

Yes, and the NGN will be working to get funding agreements in place as soon as possible. Again, NGN's goal is to notify all applicants about the status of their applications by April 1, 2024.



APPLICATION REVIEW AND DECISION-MAKING

Who will be evaluating the proposals?

As the NGN is now responsible for administering First Nations Guardians funds, the NGN Council, with advice from the First Nations-Federal Joint Working Group on Guardians will make the decisions about the distribution of funds to support First Nations Guardians.

The purpose of the Joint Working Group is to make recommendations to the NGN Council on process, criteria, proposal evaluation, and the ongoing distribution of funds to support First Nations Guardians until March 31, 2026. The Joint Working Group will review the applications for funding and make recommendations to the NGN Council.

How are the members of the Joint Working Group appointed?

The members of the Joint Working Group include eight First Nations Guardian knowledge keepers across the country, one federal representative from Department of Environment and Climate Change and may include a limited number of agreed upon ex-officio members.

First Nations Joint Working Group members were nominated in May 2023 at the First Nations National Guardians Gathering, after which the NGN Council selected the First Nations members (also referred to as the First Nations Caucus) to sit on the Joint Working Group until March 31, 2026.

What are the qualifications or background of the Joint Working Group? Do members have Guardians experience or any related qualifications?

First Nations members of the Joint Working Group have dozens of years of hands-on experience in managing and coordinating Guardians initiatives and are leaders in this field. Efforts were made to ensure regional and language (French/English) representation from territories across the country.

The federal member of the Joint Working Group is experienced in managing funding initiatives for Guardians-like activities across the government.

Who will make the final decision about which applications are funded?

Final decisions will be made by NGN Council. The Joint Working Group will make recommendations to the NGN Council through the Interim Executive Director.

Will the scoring and decision-making criteria be made public?

The scoring and decision-making of each application will not be made public as the information collected in the application process is only used for the purpose of selecting which First Nations Guardians initiatives are recommended for funding. Applicants who wish to learn more about how their proposal scored and receive feedback on how to improve in the future can email the NGN at: info@rng-ngn.ca to request a call.

When and how will decisions be communicated?

All applicants will be contacted by email no later than April 1, 2024, on the status of their application.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! How will the application reviewers allocate points?

Please refer to the “Application Review and Scoring” section of the Applicant Guide. In the application form you will also see how many marks are possible for each question and tips the information reviewers will be looking for to assess your application.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will the applications be distributed and reviewed by language or region?

Applications submitted in French will only be scored by French-speaking reviewers or translated for non-French speaking reviewers. Generally, reviewers will only score applications

from applicants in parts of the country that are different from their home territories. For example, a reviewer in British Columbia will only be scoring applications from First Nations outside of British Columbia.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! If I have been previously unsuccessful applying for Guardians funding from ECCC, will that affect my application for this year?

No. The reviewers will not consider the outcomes from applications in previous years and all eligible applications will be reviewed.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! What does a strong application look like?

In general, a strong application:

- Thoroughly answers questions within the word count available;
- Provides responses in a clear but concise way; (bullet points may be helpful)
- Provide a clear description of activities that align with the work plan and budget;
- Describes how the proposed activities support decision-making; and
- Have clear work plans and budgets that show how you plan to grow and build the capacity of Guardians.

You can also check the Applicant Guide and hints in Good Grants application form for more tips on what makes a strong application.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! If an application is denied, will there be feedback provided?

Yes. An applicant may request feedback on their proposal by reaching out to the NGN using the contact information provided in the email regarding the status of your application.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! When does the NGN anticipate contribution agreements will be signed and to flow funds to successful applicants? What is a realistic date to plan to begin project work?

NGN's goal is to notify all applicants about the status of their applications by April 1, 2024. We will then work as quickly as possible to get those agreements in place. Once the agreement is signed by the applicant, we will be able to flow funds. Once notified that your application is successful your project work can begin, as agreements will be dated to begin on April 1, 2024.

REPORTING

What will be the reporting responsibilities of Guardians?

The reporting responsibilities of Guardians will be set out in a contribution agreement between the First Nation/Nation Government or an organization applying for funding. Templates and tools for supporting Guardians' reporting responsibilities will be shared prior to finalizing the contribution agreement.



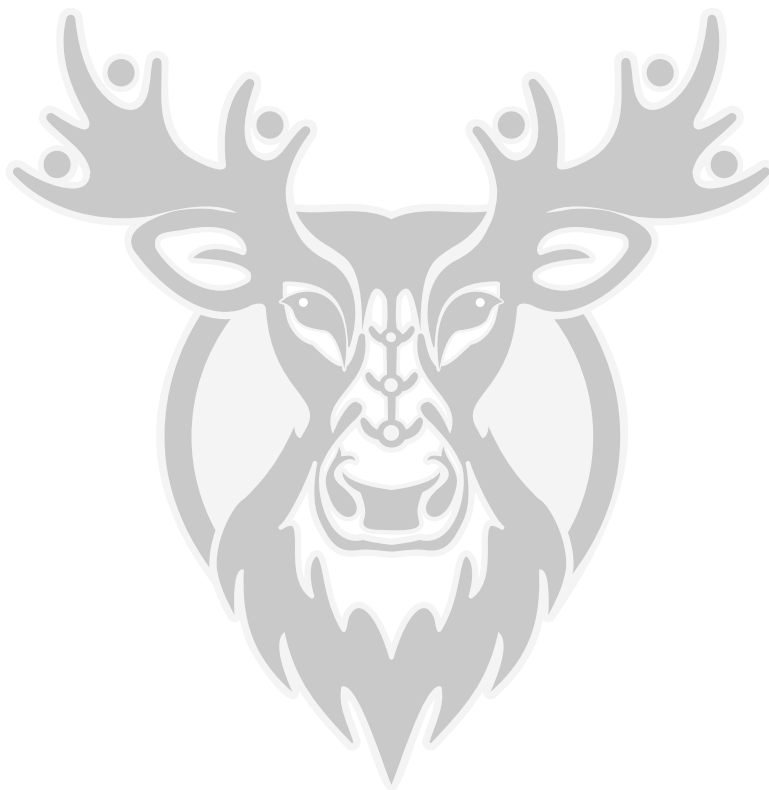
FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! Will there be a call for Tier 2 and 3 next year?

No. This is because we are putting in a 2-year contract for Tier 2 and 3 applicants. However, we anticipate there will be another intake for Tier 1 applicants in the Fall 2024.

NEW QUESTION FROM OUR INFO SESSIONS! When will the next round of funding be available for Tier 1?

NGN anticipates opening a new intake for Tier 1 applicants in the fall of 2024.





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