



Indigenous Youth Community Grants

Funding Guide: Kirk Arsenault Memorial Fund – Stream C

Project Summary

The *Indigenous Youth Community Grants* is managed by the Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS) in partnership with the Youth Development Initiative (YDI), to support community-driven, youth-led projects across Nova Scotia. Funding is available through specific themed streams to address community needs.

About the Kirk Arsenault Memorial Fund

The **Kirk Arsenault Memorial Fund** was created to honour the memory of Kirk Douglas Anthony Arsenault (August 22, 1963 – October 27, 2022). Kirk, who was a Board of Director for the Native Council of Nova Scotia, was known for his dedication in helping Indigenous youth and supporting their artistic talents.

This fund aims to help Indigenous youth (ages 12-20) by offering financial support up to \$1000.00 to kickstart or improve their small businesses and/or become more involved in community or cultural activities.

Please note: Funding is limited, not all applicants will be approved.

What You Can Use the Fund For

If you are an Indigenous youth between 12 – 20 years old, you can apply for up to \$1000.00 to:

- Kickstart or improve your small business.
- Participate in community or cultural activities.

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Purchasing materials to create inventory for upcoming powwows or community events (e.g., beadwork, crafts, etc.)
- Funding to attend powwows across the province (e.g., covering costs for hotels, gas, or food)
- Starting a small business selling handmade crafts or artwork
- Organizing cultural workshops or events in your community.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this fund, you need to be:

- An Indigenous youth between 12 to 20 years old.
 - Non-Status/Registered Indigenous youth must complete an intake through the Youth Development Initiative before you are eligible to apply.
- Have a project idea that aligns with the fund's goals.

How to Apply

Fill out the application form and tell us about your project. Include what you want to do, why it is important to you, and how much money you will need. Please note, applicants will require at least one letter of support with their applications.

Review Process

A committee will review your application. They will look at your project idea, how it will benefit you and/or your community, and if it fits the fund's goals.

Getting the Funds

Successful applicants will receive 85% of their total funding amount within two weeks of signing a funding agreement. The remaining 15% will be disbursed two weeks after submitting the final report.

All payments will be made by cheques.

Final Report

One month after your project is completed, you will need to submit a final report. This includes:

- Budget breakdown detailing how the funds were used along with supporting documents (receipts)
- One-page written report detailing how the funds helped you or others
- Project outcomes and impacts

Important Note

Our team will accept Kirk Arsenault Memorial Fund applications anytime between July 1st, 2024 to January 31st, 2025, or until we run out of funds.

Need Help?

If you have questions or need help with your application, email us at ydi@ncns.ca.

The fund is here to support your entrepreneurial spirit and involvement in your community or cultural activities. We look forward to hearing about your projects!