



Rainy River First Nations Trust

**Supporting a Strong
& Vibrant Community
FUNDING INITIATIVES**

APPLICATION KIT—2024

Mission STATEMENT

The Trust is established for the benefit of the Rainy River First Nations membership. The Trust supports a strong and vibrant community by providing financial assistance for projects that enhance services, increase opportunities and empowers the lives of membership. The Trust will act with cultural integrity, fiscal responsibility and transparency for the benefit of the present and future generations.



Vision STATEMENT

Empowering Rainy River First Nations membership to use our strengths, gifts and abilities with purpose and direction to enhance our future. The Trust supports the development and delivery of projects that preserve our rich cultural identity as Anishinaabeg of Manidoo Baawitigong. The Trust inspires achievement to the fullest potential and aspires to improve the quality of life for this generation and those yet to come.

BACKGROUND

The Rainy River First Nations Trust is excited to pilot two funding initiatives, for up to \$2,500, under the Supporting a Strong and Vibrant Community policy, which focus on ***Community Spirit*** and ***Empowering Our Youth***.

These two funding initiatives align with the Trust Agreement use of Trust property in section 8.2(b) and complement the Trust Mission to support a strong and vibrant community by providing financial assistance for projects that enhance services, increase opportunities and empowers the lives of membership.

It is the goal of the Trust to support Members in getting involved in Trust activities as project applicants. We hope that Members will be inspired to develop project ideas and apply for funding, with the ultimate benefit being increased community spirit, additional support for our youth and new opportunities for Members to engage in.

Members are requested to use the application form that has been developed for this initiative, which is enclosed in this application kit. The application form is also available in electronic format .

If you require support in completing the application or preparing your documents for submission, please contact the Trust office toll free at 855-482-2158 or via email at info@RRFNTrust.ca.



APPLICATION FORM

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WHAT IF MY PROJECT IDEA IS ABOVE \$2,500?

Any project ideas above \$2,500 can be submitted via the regular Trust application process and will be reviewed based on the quarterly Trust deadlines.

The funding initiatives will follow the same policies, submission deadlines and review processes currently in place within the Trust.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete all sections of the Application Form.
2. Attach a minimum of 2 quotes for any purchases/fees for service that will be made.
3. Attach an endorsement letter from Rainy River First Nations if using any community owned property.
4. Attach the participant list of Members who will be participating in the project.
5. Submit to the Trust:
 - **email to:** info@RRFNTrust.ca
 - **mail to:** P.O. Box 484 Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0
 - **or hand deliver by appointment to:** 26C School Road, Rainy River First Nations

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General Guidelines

- Maximum funding for **Community Spirit** or **Empowering Our Youth** is \$2,500(CAD).
- Applications must include a detailed budget along with 2 quotes for any purchases of supplies/equipment or fees for service.
- Applications must include a minimum 5% project contribution which can be in the form of a cash contribution or cash equivalent.
- Volunteerism must be a primary component. Salaries and wages are not eligible costs.
- Applications can be submitted by individual Members (age of majority) or Member groups (*not open to RRFN programs at this time*).
- Applications must include a list of Members who will be participating in the project activities.
- Applications must include an endorsement letter from the Rainy River First Nations for use of any community property.
- Activities must aim to make a positive impact on the lives of Members of Rainy River First Nations and ensure Members are engaged and involved.

Community Spirit Funding

Projects must focus on one of the following six **key areas**:

1. **Community Spirit** (example: community meal, workshops, movie night, social gatherings, etc.)
2. **Community Health & Wellbeing** (example: workshops, cooking, walking group, etc.)
3. **Culture** (example: traditional activities, sewing groups, drumming, dancing, etc.)
4. **Recreation** (example: community walk, crafting groups, music, movie nights, game nights, etc.)
5. **Environment** (example: flower garden, tree planting, community clean up, park, trails, etc.)
6. **Technology** (example: computer workshops, internet safety, etc.)

For questions, clarification or assistance in completing the application form, contact the Trust Office.

Empowering Our Youth Funding

Projects must focus on one of the following seven **key areas**:

1. **Readiness to Learn** (example: homework program, literacy/numeracy workshops, etc.)
2. **Youth Health & Wellbeing** (example: healthy life choices, life skills, suicide prevention, etc.)
3. **Culture, Recreation & the Arts** (example: drumming, dancing, sport activities, art classes, etc.)
4. **Leadership Skills** (example: youth council, visiting speakers, leadership skills, etc.)
5. **Planning for the Future** (example: career fairs, post-secondary institutions, training, trades, etc.)
6. **Mentorship** (example: job placements, elder shadowing, learn abroad, partnerships, etc.)
7. **Economic Development** (example: young entrepreneurs, business plans, conferences, etc.)

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FUNDING INITIATIVE *(Check One):*

Community Spirit Funding

Empowering Our Youth Funding

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Status #: 130 _____

Mailing Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Cellular: (____) _____

Email: _____

Primary Residence: On Reserve _____ Off Reserve _____ *(used for statistical information only)*

8.2B TRUST CRITERIA

Which of the following areas, as outlined in the Trust Agreement, best describes the activities within your project?
You may choose one or more.

- i. Health Care _____
- ii. Educational Opportunities _____
- iii. Special Needs of Elders _____
- iv. Community Development and Improvement _____
- v. Language and Cultural Heritage _____
- vi. Community Activity _____
- vii. Credit Union/Bank/Trust Company _____
- viii. Housing _____
- ix. Business or Commercial Operation _____
- x. Treaty Rights _____

Section 8 of the Trust Agreement details the use of Trust property. 8.2(b) provides specific guidelines on how Trust funding can be used for Community Purposes, providing ten areas under which submissions are eligible.

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PROJECT TITLE: _____

PROJECT KEY AREA: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

HELPFUL TIP: *Share as much detail as possible.
If you need more space, add an additional page.*

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HELPFUL TIP: Tables work well for budgets. Outline the activity/item, details and total cost. Be sure to attach your quotes for all purchases.

PROJECT BUDGET

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____

Provide budget breakdown below.

PROJECT CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN

5% OF TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED *(Provide details below)*



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