



2025-2026 NIIGAAN GDIZHAAMI FUND

PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

Eligible applicants (see Appendix A of the Guidelines) are invited to submit a proposal to the 2025-2026 Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund (the “Fund”). Once all proposals have been reviewed, applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body.

Proposals must be completed and submitted by eligible First Nations.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Friday, May 16, 2025**

Contact information	
Name of Anishinabek First Nation Applying:	
Project Title:	
Contact Name:	
Telephone:	Mailing address:
Fax:	
Email:	
Project Start Date (dd/mm/yy):	
Project End Date (dd/mm/yy):	
Project Duration (in months):	
Total funding requested: \$	



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Funding stream:

- Proposals submitted by an Anishinabek First Nation for individual initiatives
- Proposals submitted from a group of Anishinabek First Nations
- Joint proposals submitted by one or more Anishinabek First Nations and one or more School Boards with Education Service Agreements with those First Nations
- Proposals submitted by one or more Anishinabek First Nations and one or more affiliated third-party organizations (for example, a tribal council, an education organization, or a health and social services organization. ***A person in the partnering organization must be identified***)
- Proposals submitted by an Anishinabek First Nation for individual initiatives which will produce a resource that may be shared with other Participating First Nations in the Anishinabek Education System

An Anishinabek First Nation may submit an individual proposal and may also be a participant in a group of Anishinabek First Nations submitting a proposal; separate proposals must be submitted for each project.

If applicable, name of all partnering organization(s), including other Anishinabek First Nations, School Boards, and/or affiliated third parties:

A contact person must be identified for all partnering organizations:

Contact person's name:

Email address:

Phone Number:

*Partnering organization(s), including partnering First Nations must (each) provide a **letter of support** as part of the submission (please see section 3.0 of Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund Guidelines: Roles and Responsibilities. Intellectual Property Rights: please see section 4.5 of Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund Guidelines.*



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By my signature below, I confirm that the First Nation and its partners, if any, will meet the in-kind or financial requirements set out in the Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund Guidelines.

Name:

Signature:

1. PROPOSED PROJECT OBJECTIVES

What are the project's primary objectives in relation to the 2025-2026 priority areas identified in Section 2.4 of the Fund Guidelines? Please check ALL that apply to your project's summary objectives AND summarize how your project will address priority areas.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek histories, cultures, perspectives, languages, and contributions ("Bimaadziwin") and traditional Anishinaabe knowledge passed down from one generation to the next through ceremonial teachings ("Kendaaswin"). Summarize how your project will address this priority area:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities for the engagement and participation of Anishinabek students, families, and communities to support Anishinabek student success and well-being. Summarize how your project will address this priority area:



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilitating the successful transition of students between Anishinabek First Nations' schools and schools in the Provincially-Funded Education System. Summarize how your project will address this priority area:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovation and introduction of leading practices in Indigenous education. Summarize how your project will address this priority area:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting collaboration between the AES and School Boards, including data and information sharing. Summarize how your project will address this priority area:



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Production of a resource which will be shared with the Participating First Nation communities within the Anishinabek Education System.</p> <p>Summarize how your project will address this priority area:</p>
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2. PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a synopsis of the project. Include: the need for the project, activities to be undertaken, and the expected outcomes/results to be achieved.

Regional Location of the Project:

Context of the Project: (describe why this Project is needed. What will this Project accomplish? This sets the stage for your Project):

Need(s) for the Project:

Project Activities to Address Identified Need(s):



Target Audience:

Project Outputs (products or services, if applicable):

Project Outcomes (results):

3. PROJECT EVALUATION AND PERFORMANCE

Applicants need to demonstrate how they will measure and determine project success (example – surveys before course/workshop and surveys after course/workshop).

How will you determine and measure success?

What indicators of success will you use? (e.g., key benchmarks, targets, increase in student attendance, and increase in students' grades)

How will you collect data and monitor performance?



4. SHARING PROMISING PRACTICES

An objective of the Master Education Agreement is to share knowledge about promising practices. Do you intend to share promising practices developed through your project? If so, how?

5. ENGAGEMENT

Describe how communities and/or partnering organizations (other Anishinabek First Nations, School Boards, and/or affiliated third parties) will be engaged throughout the project, including sharing project outputs or outcomes.

6. PROJECT WORKPLAN

Describe the major activities, expected outputs and timelines in the chart below or please attach a copy of your work plan. **Your work plan should show how you expect to complete your project from start to finish.** Your description of activities should lead to the completion and success of the project in a logical and timely sequence. Be as detailed as possible (i.e. – if your project includes language classes, how many language classes? If your project includes traditional teachings, how many traditional teachings?)

Activities	Outputs (products/services)	Timelines



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7. PROPOSAL BUDGET

Applicants should refer to Sections 2.5-2.8 in the Fund Guidelines and are required to submit a project budget, which includes Total Project Costs, Applicant Contributions (in-kind, financial) to the project, and the amount of the Funding Request to the Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund. **Use only sections that apply to your project.**

Complete the budget lines below as relevant – for any items not applicable, please note “N/A”. The budget should include a detailed description of each budget item under the “Expense Details” column and the total applicable “Cost”.

Please note that per section 2.7 of the Fund Guidelines, the following costs are *not* eligible for this Fund:

- Core business or operations;
- Consulting services;
- Infrastructure, major renovations or construction;
- Software or licenses not directly associated with the funded project;
- Furniture or equipment not directly associated with the funded project;
- Grants or bursaries; and,
- International travel.



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All funding provided to successful applicants must be expended between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.

Individual Anishinabek First Nation Projects:

The Fund will support up to 75% of the total costs of a project, to a maximum of \$25,000. The applicants are expected to provide a contribution equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project. This contribution will be documented through an attestation form signed by the First Nation (see attestation form on final page of proposal template).

*Note: please do **not** include in-kind contribution in the budget below. Your budget should only reflect the amount you are requesting. In-kind contribution will be reflected in the attestation form.*

For example, if you are requesting \$25,000, your budget should add up to \$25,000.

Please note that although the maximum for individual projects is \$25,000, project budgets can be submitted for any amount up to the maximum allocation. For example, a smaller project with a smaller work plan may require a budget of \$10,000. In this situation, the PFN will request \$10,000 under the Individual Participating First Nation Projects Stream.

Individual Participating First Nation Projects – Production of Shareable Resource

The Fund will support up to 75% of the total costs of a project, to a maximum of \$50,000. The applicants are expected to provide a contribution equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project. This contribution will be documented through an attestation form signed by the First Nation. (see attestation form on final page of proposal template). Applicants may provide a larger contribution, but that will not increase the project funding beyond the maximum of \$50,000. To qualify for this stream of funding, the Participating First Nation must produce a resource that may be shared with other Participating First Nations in the Anishinabek Education System.

*Note: please do **not** include in-kind contribution in the budget below. Your*



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budget should only reflect the amount you are requesting. In-kind contribution will be reflected in the attestation form.

For example, if you are requesting \$50,000, your budget should add up to \$50,000.

Please note that although the maximum for the shareable resource stream is \$50,000, project budgets can be submitted for any amount up to the maximum allocation. For example, a smaller shareable resource project with a smaller work plan may require a budget of \$30,000. In this situation, PFN will request \$30,000 under the Individual Participating First Nation Projects-Shareable Resource Stream.

Group Projects:

The Fund will support up to 75% of the total costs of a project, to a maximum of \$50,000. The applicants are expected to provide a contribution equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project. This contribution will be documented through an attestation form signed by the First Nation (see attestation form on final page of proposal template).

*Note: please do **not** include in-kind contribution in the budget below. Your budget should only reflect the amount you are requesting. In-kind contribution will be reflected in the attestation form.*

For example, if you are requesting \$50,000, your budget should add up to \$50,000.

Please note although the maximum for the group projects stream is \$50,000, group project budgets can be submitted for any amount up to the maximum allocation. For example, a smaller group project with a smaller work plan may require a budget of \$35,000. In this situation, the PFN will request \$35,000 under the Group Projects Stream.



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Eligible Expenses	Expense Details	Cost (\$)
Wages and benefits for staff, including contract staff Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position title• Salary/wage and benefits• Duration of employment (start and end date of employee's term of employment).		\$
Training, including professional and leadership development e.g., participation in training workshops, conferences, seminars, and materials directly related to the project.		\$
Cultural workshops and activities		\$
Translation and interpretation		\$
Honoraria for Elders, knowledge keepers, and other cultural resource people		\$
Rental costs for facilities and equipment as directly related to proposed project		\$
Supplies and resource materials		\$



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Eligible Expenses	Expense Details	Cost (\$)
Travel expenses Include a breakdown of all expenses (e.g., mileage, accommodation, meals).		\$
Minor capital or renovations A <u>maximum 30% of the budget</u> may be allocated to minor capital and renovations. Please provide a detailed explanation.		\$
Administrative Fees and Costs Eligible costs include utilities, telephone/fax charges, network charges, postage/courier charges, photocopying charges, and office supplies. A <u>maximum of 10% of the budget</u> may be allocated for administration costs.		\$
Other Costs (please describe in detail)		\$
AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED		\$

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8. Reporting on In-Kind and Financial Contribution

2025 – 2026 Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund Attestation Form

Participating First Nation:	
Region:	
Project Name:	

By signing this form, I verify that the Participating First Nation and its partners, if any, has met, or will meet the 25% in-kind contribution requirements of the Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund. I confirm that the Participating First Nation will provide the details on the contributions if requested by the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. I have the authority to sign this form on behalf of the First Nation.

Signature

Date

Printed Name, Title