

Arts Development Branch

BOOK AND PUBLISHING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ABORIGINAL BOOKS FUNDING

2011-2012 Guidelines

Description

The Aboriginal Books Funding initiative provides funding to encourage the publication of books that highlight, promote, or help preserve Aboriginal culture. Specifically, it aims to provide funding to publishers to cover some of the cost of publications featuring Aboriginal art, language, themes of interest, history or stories.

Objective

There are three areas that the initiative is intended to serve:

- To support Aboriginal authors/scholars by providing publishers with financial incentives to publish works that feature Aboriginal themes, culture, art, language, history or stories
- To improve / increase the number of Aboriginal books in the province;
- To further Aboriginal cultural and literary development.

Funding

- Financial assistance under the initiative will be provided in the form of a grant at the beginning of the project;
- Financial assistance will be provided as per the terms and conditions outlined in the Letter of Offer.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are limited to publishers who qualify / have qualified for an operational grant under the Book and Publishing Development Program of the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport. The Department is also willing to consider applications from other organizations provided the candidate can demonstrate the project's strategic value and ability to meet the funding component's objectives.

All applicants submitting a proposal must:

- be submitted using the format outlined the "application process";
- Be consistent with the initiative's objectives;

Application Process

Proposals must contain the following information:

- Name and contact information of Applicant (including phone, fax, email, contact person)
- Project Name
- Project Goal/Objectives
- Project Description
- Expected Outcomes
- Partners

- Budget (funding from all partners must be included)
- Timeline (i.e. expected publication date)

All Applicants who receive funding must provide a copy of the final product (i.e. book once it is published).

Deadline

Publishers must submit their proposals before February 15th of the current fiscal year.

Evaluation Criteria

All proposals being considered for funding under the initiative will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Financial investment by the Applicant and its partners;
- Number of partners involved in the project;
- Scope of the publication – local, provincial, national, international;
- Participation of various Aboriginal groups or individuals;
- Support of government/departmental priorities;
- Evidence of public support;
- Level of innovation
- Potential cultural impact

Note

In the case of disagreement concerning the interpretation of its policies and guidelines, the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport reserves the right to final interpretation of the intent and implementation of a program.

The Department reserves the right to revise the guidelines at any time without notice.

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