



Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association

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URBAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSAL RESULTS

For projects supported by the 2016-17 Urban Partnerships Program funding allocation;
projects occurring between August 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Edmonton, Alberta, August 25, 2016– The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) has announced the results of the Call for Proposals for the 2016-17 Urban Partnerships Program, established under the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

The ANFCA is proud to announce these 29 new Urban Partnerships projects in Alberta this year:

Recipient	Location	Activity Stream	Project Title	Amount
Athabasca Native Friendship Centre Society	Athabasca	Youth	Athabasca Aboriginal Youth Engagement	\$25,000
Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre Society	Bonnyville	Youth	Empowering our Youth	\$70,000
SCcyber E-Learning Community	Calgary	Youth	Literacy and Numeracy E-Learning	\$23,000
Pathways Community Services Association	Calgary	Youth	Iksokapi ("it's all good" in Blackfoot)	\$65,000
Be Fit For Life; University of Calgary	Calgary	Youth	Building Strong Foundations	\$125,000
Metis Calgary Family Services Society	Calgary	Youth	Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth	\$125,000
Calgary Alpha House Society	Calgary	Innovation	Cultural Reconnection, A Year of Reconciliation	\$125,000
John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights	Edmonton	Youth	Advancing Reconciliation in Education	\$125,000
Aboriginal Learning Services; Edmonton Catholic Schools Div. No.7	Edmonton	Youth	Bridging Futures	\$125,000
iHuman Youth Society	Edmonton	Youth	Authenticity Programming – Embedded Cultural and Mental Health Activities For Healing	\$125,000
West 6 Schools	Edmonton	Youth	West 6 Schools First Nations, Métis and Inuit Academic Achievement	\$125,000
Everactive Schools; Alberta Teachers Association	Edmonton	Youth	Miyomahchihowin; In Good Health	\$110,000
InMotion Network	Edmonton	Youth	Find Your Passion, Fuel Your Passion, Teach Your Passion	\$110,000
Inuit Edmontonmiut Society	Edmonton	Youth	Ilniaapa - To strive to learn it	\$40,000
Edson Friendship Centre	Edson	Innovation	Supportive Pathways, Housing Plus Second Phase	\$125,000
Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre	Fort McMurray	Youth	Fostering the Aboriginal Child and Youth Experience	\$125,000
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre	Grande Prairie	Youth	GPFC Youth Community Supports	\$100,000
High Level Native Friendship Centre Society	High Level	Youth	High Level Youth Reconciliation	\$125,000
High Prairie Native Friendship Centre Society	High Prairie	Innovation	Women's Healing Program (Victim to Survivor) – Paving the Road to Recovery	\$70,000
Hinton Friendship Centre	Hinton	Youth	Full Circle Transition	\$125,000
Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre	Lac La Biche	Social Economy/ Enterprise	Indigenous Spirit Creations	\$105,000
Lloydminster Native Friendship Centre	Lloydminster	Youth	Stepping Forward – Employment Transitions	\$125,000

Northwest Development Society	Peace River	Youth	True North Youth Environmental Opportunity	\$125,000
Napi Friendship Association	Pincher Creek	Youth	Napi Youth Empowerment Group	\$125,000
Urban Aboriginal Voices Society	Red Deer	Innovation	UAVS Implementation	\$65,000
Red Deer Native Friendship Society	Red Deer	Youth	Indigenous Youth Change Makers	\$110,000
Rocky Native Friendship Centre Society	Rocky Mountain House	Youth	The Lodge of Circles	\$125,000
Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre	Slave Lake	Innovation	Housing First for Slave Lake (Phase 3)	\$125,000
City of Wetaskiwin Family and Community Support Services	Wetaskiwin	Youth	Aboriginal Youth Leadership	\$53,052

Background

The Urban Partnership Program is one of the two available funding streams made possible by the Urban Aboriginal Strategy through the Federal Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. Funding for the Urban Partnerships Program is distributed by the National Association of Friendship Centres and administered by Regional Provincial/Territorial Associations to meet the needs of urban Indigenous peoples across the country. The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association fulfills the administration role for the Urban Partnerships Program in the Alberta region.

The Urban Partnerships Program is intended to fund projects with a main objective to increase the participation of urban Indigenous people in the economy. The overarching approach to achieve this outcome is through the development and/or enhancement of partnerships at the community, regional and national level. Funded Alberta projects are expected to support the transitions of Indigenous people from reserves, settlements and northern and remote communities to urban Alberta communities, and to attract additional investments towards the objective of increasing Indigenous peoples' participation in the economy.

ANFCA President, Merle White, congratulates the 29 new Urban Partnerships project recipients throughout Alberta and expects another year of successful outcomes and success stories. Mr. White adds that with the Indigenous youth population growing at up to 3 times the national average, he is pleased to see a strong prominence of 23 youth-focused Urban Partnership projects offering urban Indigenous youth enhanced opportunities and reduced barriers to their participation in the economy.

For more information on the Urban Partnerships Program and the Urban Aboriginal Strategy, visit the [ANFCA website](#), the [National Association of Friendship Centres website](#) and the [Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada](#).

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