

OUJE-BOUGOUMOU
CREE NATION

SOCIO -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Empowering Futures
Enriching Lives

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The Preliminary Business Development Program is intended to provide financial assistance to Ouje-Bougoumou entrepreneurs to undertake work aimed at determining the viability of a particular business concept. This work will assist the community entrepreneurs to decide whether the proposed business concept could valuably be pursued further.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Financial assistance will be provided for such undertakings as pre-feasibility studies, feasibility studies, business plan preparation, market studies, research and other similar preliminary activities which are directly related to the potential development of an enterprise.



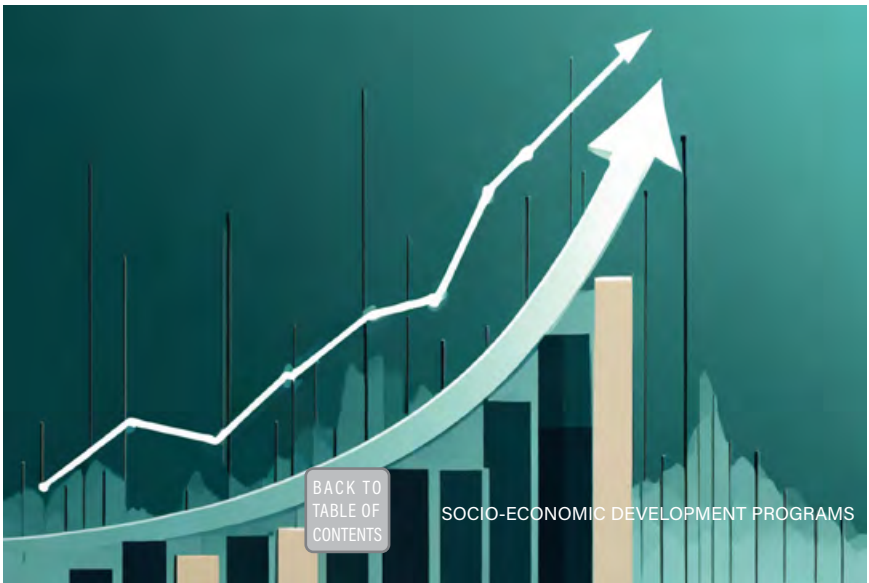
EQUITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The intent of the Equity Assistance Program is to provide, in those cases where it is necessary, financial assistance for the entrepreneur's share of the required equity in a business enterprise. Although government programs exist in order to provide equity assistance, there is nonetheless a continuing requirement for the proponent of a project to contribute a certain percentage of equity towards the development of an enterprise.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Assistance toward the entrepreneur's share of the equity requirement of a potential business will be provided for those projects which will result in the establishment of a viable community-based enterprise. To be eligible it must be demonstrated that the proposed project will result in beneficial spin-offs for the community (i.e. employment, profitability, skills development, integration with other community businesses, etc.)



MICRO-BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The intent of this program is to provide support to local business initiatives which are typically home based, and having low labor and low capital requirements.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

The Ouje-Bougoumou Socio Economic Development programs will provide financial assistance to local micro-businesses for the purchase of raw materials and equipment that is required for the start-up of their home-based businesses. Only one request per year per proposed business plan per member will be considered.



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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

RATIONALE

The Ouje-Bougoumou Cree Nation, through its Socio-Economic Development Programs, has set aside funds for supporting the educational endeavors of its members. Ouje-Bougoumou's priority as a nation is to ensure adequate education for its people, since it is the education of its people which will ensure the success of the community.

The members of Ouje-Bougoumou recognize the need for education and wish to encourage the members to take advantage of every opportunity available to increase their skills and capacities. In this way, as individuals become more self-sufficient, the community as a whole will benefit.

Ouje-Bougoumou would like to see monies allocated to financially support its students' education. In return, the student will be expected to return to the community to support their community towards more self-government and independence.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Youth Development Program are as follows:

a. Provide constant interest in education.

b. Create an incentive in the pursuit of career goals.

c. Increase the potential employability of highly qualified Cree's in fulfilling local needs.

STRATEGIC WORK INTEGRATION PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this program is to offer post-secondary students an opportunity to work with professionals or relevant organizations in which their studies or interests are directed. The workplace can be anywhere in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Workplaces in the community can include the senior offices of the Headquarters, OBCN, Waapihtiiwewan School, the Healing Center and the businesses operated by Ouje-Bougoumou members.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this program is to make available community oriented and special courses to Ouje-Bougoumou members in pursuing a broad range of activities or to make financial assistance available to ensure that courses/training are provided as needed. The program will provide assistance in a number of activities including classroom sessions, field visits, audio-visual presentations and lectures, conferences, workshops and job-related training.

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EDUCATION ACHIEVMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES

The Ouje-Bougoumou Cree Nation wishes to acknowledge the successful accomplishments of its students at all levels of educational activity. This acknowledgement will be expressed through the Ouje-Bougoumou OBCN's Socio-Economic Development Programs. This acknowledgement is intended both as a recognition of achievement and also as an incentive to strive for further excellence in academic and academic pursuits, by June 30th.



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SPORT & ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Sports & Artistic Development Program will serve to recognize a high level of achievement and exceptional skills in organized sports, activities and will be provided financial assistance for further development.

OBJECTIVE

Promote the development of well-rounded individuals pursuing artistic and athletic endeavors.

The major objectives are:

1. To promote a higher level of development to individual or teams to achieve excellence in their field;

2. To encourage all Ouje-Bougoumou participants in recognized Associations such as; Local, Regional, Provincial, National to achieve excellence;



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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PROJECTS PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the program is to take advantage of the economic potential within the Ouje-Bougoumou traditional territory by providing financial support for specific community economic projects, and may also include public services that benefit the economic health of the community.

To enhance the spin off potential for other community based projects. Projects submitted under program will have demonstrated community value and interest.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR FUNDING

Community owned businesses, economic oriented community entities



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROMOTION PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

This program will be available to support those events which result in increasing local public awareness of Oujé-Bougoumou economy or which, in general, attract visitors to the community which results in benefits to local enterprises.

Increase local awareness and sensitivity to the health of the community's economy.

To enhance the spin off potential for other community based enterprises

To promote Ouje-Bougoumou as a destination for conferences, events, gatherings, meetings.

Activities and Events eligible for financial support include:

- Production of promotional materials (brochures, videos, web site, etc.)
- Festivals, Tournaments, Golf Benefit, Conferences



COMMUNITY CRISIS & WELLNESS PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

As a temporary measure, the Community Crisis & Wellness Program will assist members in crisis and who have referral from a professional to attend workshops, seminars, and conferences in purpose of contributing to the healing, personal growth and addressing social issues.

Financial assistance will be provided temporarily for programs that are not funded by the Cree Health Board- Federal Programs.

It is not intended to cover costs of attendance by family members to any graduation, ceremonies or other events related to recommended treatment.



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CABIN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

To promote and encourage our Cree Cultural by providing access to funding to facilitate requests for a traditional dwelling(cabin) or renovation/improvements on family traplines within Cree territory.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Proponent can request funding to assist in the following areas:

- purchase of material
- camp improvement, i.e., renovations, shed, electricity (energy efficient & solar hook up)
- labor costs related to cabin improvements



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ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

To maintain and improve the natural environment of the Ouje-Bougoumou traditional territory through a combination of conservation measures and/or enhancement measures.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Financial assistance will be provided under this program to improve community habitats of wildlife, to remedy or mitigate the negative impacts on the environment resulting from either natural or man-made causes. Funding will also be provided to obtain expert environmental advice on appropriate measures for enhancing the environment of the traditional territory and for community enhancement.

ACTIVITIES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

- Man-made disturbances and activities and negligence construction/organization/individual.
- Clean up





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