

What is the NWT On The Land Collaborative?

The NWT On The Land Collaborative (the Collaborative) was created in 2015 to promote and support on the land initiatives in the Northwest Territories. There is a lot of interest in on the land programming in the North because it contributes to the health of the land, the people, communities, and economies. However, running these programs can be a lot of work; communities and organizations often have to apply to many different places to access the funding and support they need.



The Collaborative brings together government, charitable, corporate, and other partners to combine efforts and make it easier for communities to access money and resources for on the land projects.

Who are the NWT On The Land Collaborative Partners?

- Tides Canada
- Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
- McConnell Foundation
- NWT Recreation and Parks Association
- Indigenous Leadership Initiative
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Dominion Diamond Corporation
- Health Canada
- TNC Canada
- The Gordon Foundation

Participating Indigenous governments include:

- Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Tłı̨chǫ Government
- Akaitcho Territory Government
- NWT Métis Nation
- Dehcho First Nations

Who is eligible to apply for a grant from the Collaborative?

The Collaborative accepts applications from individuals, organizations, and communities. We do NOT accept applications from:

- For-profit initiatives (or projects for personal gain)
- Communities or organizations from outside the NWT
- Political or partisan initiatives
- Federal or territorial governments

What kinds of projects receive support the Collaborative?

The Collaborative is committed to respecting local expertise and supporting projects that meet local priorities and goals. To this end, we have deliberately kept our criteria broad, placing few limitations on eligible projects or the application process. We want you to be able to create and implement projects that make sense for you.

When making funding decisions, the Collaborative prioritizes projects that:

1. Get people out on the land;
2. Connect community members to their territories, cultures, languages, and traditions;
3. Build or strengthen partnerships;
4. Enhance community capacity; and
5. Are sustainable.



Over the past two years, we have supported 70 projects across the NWT. These include a land-based community justice program in Fort Smith; a 5-week language and culture immersion program on the Horn Plateau; a traditional medicine project in Teet'it Zheh (Fort McPherson); a healing program for the homeless in the Tłjchq; a hide tanning camp in Łutsel K'e; a land-based training program for youth in the Sahtú; and a 10-day overland trip beginning in Tuktoyatuk.

How do I apply for funding?

One of the goals of the Collaborative is to have an application process that is simple and easy for you to complete. Community Advisors, Funding Partners, and the Collaborative Administrator are available to answer any of your questions, talk about your project ideas, and help you through the application process.

Applications are available from Community Advisors, the Collaborative Administrator, and on our website (www.nwtontheland.ca).

Here are some important things to know when applying for funding:

- Funding requests must be at least \$1,000. There is no maximum amount.
- You can submit multiple applications for different projects.
- If you have received funding from the Collaborative in the past, you can re-apply, as long as you fulfilled your earlier reporting requirements.
- Completed applications are to be submitted directly to the Community Advisor for your region.

Who is the Community Advisor for my region?

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How do we work together?

The Collaborative is committed to providing a friendly, accessible, and simple process so that you can spend less time on administration and more time out on the land. We believe in building mutually respectful, trusting relationships. If your funding application is approved, we want you to know what you can expect of us and what we will expect of you.

Your Responsibilities:

- **Financial Responsibility.** You are responsible for using the funds and resources as planned and providing documentation. We will provide you with a simple reporting template and ask you to keep receipts.
- **Stories, Pictures, and Evaluation.** Tell us what happened! We want to hear about your project and what was important to your family, organization, and community. We also want to know who was involved, what worked well, and what could have been improved. This information will help us to better support you and others in the future.
- **Sharing with Others.** You will be asked to share the benefits of your project (people, knowledge, skills, and resources) with other organizations and communities. The Collaborative would like to learn how you are planning to share your story with others.
- **Hosting Visitors.** You may be asked to help host us in your community at no cost to you, so that we can come together to share our stories and hear yours.

Our Responsibilities:

- **Respectful Engagement.** We commit to being respectful and mindful, and to communicating clearly when working with you, your organization, and community.
- **Information Sharing.** We commit to always trying our best to support your project including through the sharing of information about other grant opportunities or resources that could benefit your work. With your permission, we will share the stories of your project to the public and other potential supporters.
- **Listening.** We commit to listening to your ideas, questions, comments, concerns, and challenges.
- **Accessibility.** We commit to being available to discuss your project ideas, answering any questions you may have, and providing continued support through the application, project, and reporting phases.