

Ochapowace Nation

Grant/Loan Funding Policy

Economic Development Fund

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Executive Overview

The Ochapowace Nation Economic Development is dedicated to enriching the Ochapowace Nation by supporting Economic Development for Ochapowace citizens and to foster wealth creation and economic self-sufficiency. The Ochapowace Economic Development Fund will assist new and expanding businesses and the creation of new jobs that will contribute to the sustainability of the economy. Ochapowace citizens are required to submit sound business proposals/ventures for consideration.

1.0 General Provision

The Ochapowace Economic Development Fund is not intended to serve as a major funding vehicle for new businesses capitalization.

In general terms the fund will be used for the following purposes:

- To assist the cost of preparing business plans (may be non-monetary)
- To assist in business start-up costs
- The capitalization and/or enhancement of small businesses

2.0 Objectives

- To promote Ochapowace Nation citizens in business development
- To foster Ochapowace Nation entrepreneurs, cooperatives and corporate ventures
- To facilitate sound business planning and employment development
- To ensure effective financial management of Ochapowace Nation Economic Development funds
- To ensure accountability to the membership concerning Economic Development

3.0 Applicant Criteria

- The applicant must be registered with Ochapowace Nation #71
- The applicant must be over the age of 18 or have proven expertise in business
- The business must be owned 51% by the Ochapowace citizen applying, assistance may be prorated to reflect ownership
- The applicant must not be indebted to Ochapowace Nation
- The business must clearly show benefit to the applicant, community or Nation citizens
- Businesses case/plan must be included with application
- Businesses must meet the standard legal requirements and not present any legal or financial liabilities to Ochapowace Nation
- Have not previously applied for and received assistance from the Economic Development Fund Grant/Loan Program

4.0 Funding

Costs directly related to certain capital investment will be considered for funding, including but not limited to, investments in physical or intellectual property.

Funding must be used to either establish a new business or expand existing business.

5.0 Compliance Measures

Ochapowace Nation expects the funds granted will be used for the specific intended purposes as outlined by the applicant in the application. Applicants will be signing a legal contract (application form) with the Ochapowace Nation concerning the use of the grant/loan funds. Accordingly, the applicant bears 100% of the responsibility for the proper use of these funds. The Ochapowace Nation carries no responsibilities and carries no legal or financial liabilities related to the use or management of these funds.

The following compliance measure applies:

- Grants not used for its intended purpose shall be repaid by the applicant
- An applicant who has an outstanding debt to the nation and/or has a history of default or none payment will not be eligible
- An applicant who has received a grant/loan with the nation will not be eligible for any new grant for the same/existing business or venture

6.0 Financial Availability

Assistance is available for ONE of the following business venture requirements:

- small business start-up – Business plan, capital equity and/or operating costs
- Business Enhancement – for capital equity and/or operating costs

7.0 Grants

- Funding options can be performed in a grant
- Grants do not have to be repaid provided the applicant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Economic Development Fund guidelines
- Grant funding to any one project will not exceed \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)

8.0 Eligible expenditures

Will include, but are not limited the following:

- Development and distribution of marketing and promotional materials
- Legal accounting or other professional fees related to the project
- Specialized equipment necessary for the project
- Feasibility and business plan preparation
- Costs of obtaining technical expertise
- Consultants/subcontractors
- Small capital improvements of business

Eligible expenditures shall NOT include:

- Land, buildings and infrastructure
- Debt restructuring or fundraising
- Direct wage subsidies
- Criminal enterprise

Eligible expenditures must be directly related to the project – expenditures must be actual cash outlays that are documented through paid invoices and receipts. Proof of applicant ability to cash flow this project should be required.

9.0 Assent and Approval

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, UNDERSTAND AND KNOW THAT WE POSSESS FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION

IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICATION OF TREATY PRINCIPLES OF FREE PRIOR, AND INFORMED CONSENT AND OUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION MAKING, DO HEREBY AFFIX OUR NAMES AND CONFIRM THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE OCHAPOWACE NATION GRANT/LOAN FUNDING POLICY FOR IMMEDIATE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION FROM THIS DAY FORWARD:

Signed and dated this 14 day of November 2023

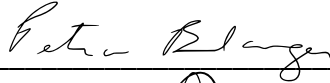
Okimaw Iskwew:

SHELLEY A BEAR



HEADMAN/HEADWOMAN/HEADPERSON:

PETRA BELANGER



AUDREY ISAAC



ALBERT GEORGE



MARION STILL



TYLER GEORGE



LYNN BEAR



Application

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In order to determine eligibility, and to assess your request for financial support, the Ochapowace Economic Development requires **basic business information** to screen your proposed project for eligibility and viability. The Statement of Intent is the first step in making application for financial assistance. If it is determined your project may be viable, than a full detailed business plan will be required to be present before any financial contributions can be released. **NOTE** Projects are subject to the availability of funds**

A. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant Legal Name	Business Operating Name
Mailing Address	Business Address (if different from mailing address)
Telephone Number (residence) Cell Number	Telephone Number (Business)
Email	Fax Number

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Owner(s) Name	Treaty Number	Date of Birth	Percentage of Ownership

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

For each owner, please attach a resume highlighting education and or experience related to business project

DEGREE/CERTIFICATES _____

TRAINING/EXPERIENCE _____

SUMMARY OF OWNER(S) NET WORTH

ASSETS	\$	LIABILITIES	\$
Cash In Bank (Confirmation required)		Loans Outstanding	
Real Estate		Vehicles	
Equipment		Mortgages	
Vehicles		Other (specify)	
Other (specify)			
Other Investments			
TOTAL ASSETS (A)		TOTAL LIABILITIES (B)	
TOTAL NET WORTH (A-B) =			

B. PROJECT INFORMATION

I am seeking assistance for: (you may qualify for youth entrepreneurship grant from government, less than 35 years of age)

- Support to start or acquire a business
- Support for an existing business (Ex. Expansion)
- Support for Equity only

Please explain how much support you require:

Financial \$ _____

WHERE WILL YOUR PROPOSED BUSINESS BE LOCATED?

- FIRST NATION COMMUNITY _____
- RURAL/CITY CENTER _____
- PROVINCE _____

LEASE, RENT, OWN, LAND/BUILDING: _____ TERMS: _____

(NOTE: If lease or rent, please submit a letter confirming terms of lease or rent must accompany application or letter indicating a lease or rent agreement can be arranged with Lessor or Renter)

WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS STRUCTURE? (CHECK ONLY ONE)

- INDIVIDUAL/SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP
- PARTNERSHIP
- CORPORATION
- JOINT VENTURE
- INCORPORATE COMPANY
- OTHER (Specify)_____

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

What products or services will you be providing?

Briefly discuss your production or operation methods
(what tasks will be required to get your product or service to your customers)

What is your value Proposition? (Ex. Why would your potential customers buy from you as opposed to your competition? Briefly Explain

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FINANCING

Please list all major projected expenses for start-up and proposed financing, note expenses must equal to financing. These financial figures will be estimates only to give the Economic Development Officer/EDO an opportunity to screen and assist you in determining if your application or project is viable.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS	\$	ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS	\$
		Minimum Applicant Cash Equity	
		Ochapowace Economic Development	
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		Total Estimated Project Financing	
Total Estimated Project Cost			

Please identify the contact person(s) and telephone number of financial institution, government agencies or others you have contacted for support of your project

Contact Person	Telephone	Organization	What type of Support

C. OTHER INFORMATION

Have you, your business partners or any business that you own or have previously owned, received financial assistance from Ochapowace, Provincial or Federal Government including Aboriginal Business Canada?

- YES
- NO

If yes, Please explain who received support, from which agency, include the business name:

Are you applying to any other government program for financial assistance for this project, if yes please describe to whom and the amount applying for.

Do you, your partners or business owe money to the Provincial or Federal Government?

- YES
- NO

If yes, Please explain

Have you already made any financial commitments for the project? If yes, please list amounts

- YES
- NO

If yes, please explain what commitments were made and amounts:

C. DECLARATION

Each Applicant must sign and date this Statement of Intent.

The statements herein and the attachments hereto reflect an accurate description and estimate of costs regarding the intended Project.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

RECEIVED

APPROVED
