

2024-2026 Indigenous Stream Funding Cycle Priorities

Culture and Connection as Prevention

When an individual is connected to their culture, they are rooted in their own identity through who they are as a people, and to their families, communities, and nations.

Initiatives build these connections to culture and community to enhance social well-being, using approaches such as the ones below. This restores balance and helps people to heal from past trauma and to prevent future trauma.

Requirements

- Applicants must be Indigenous led organizations
- All initiatives must incorporate Indigenous cultures in a consistent way

Hands-on/Experiential: Using hands, mind and heart to build cultural knowledge and skills (making regalia, learning medicines, ceremony)

Life Skills: Prevention based programs that build good habits at home and outside

Role Modelling: Indigenous guides/mentors teaching values and building positive relationships

Training for Knowledge Keepers



Peer Groups: Community brokers/liasons who nurture organic relationships in small groups in safe, creative spaces

Trauma-Informed Healing: Using Indigenous cultural practices to

Staff trained in trauma-based practice