

OVERVIEW

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) actively participates in Gwich'in communities providing financial and in-kind donations towards activities that enrich the cultural and social well-being of the Gwich'in.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the GTC's Donation Policy (the 'Policy') is to support:

- i. Community-based cultural and social development;
- ii. Community-based health improvement; and,
- iii. Youth development.

SCOPE

The GTC shall consider written donation requests from community organizations or individuals who provide programming that support broad-based community development, cultural development, community health and youth initiatives.

GUIDELINES

The GTC recognizes the importance of financial and in-kind donations to community-based and not-for-profit organizations. The GTC receives many requests for financial assistance each year which far exceeds available budget. Defining and narrowing the criteria for consideration of contribution requests increases the likelihood of the GTC's limited resources having a sustainable longer term impact. Therefore, the GTC focuses its donations program on requests from organizations or individuals for initiatives that meet the following priorities:

Cultural Development – Support that broadens cultural and traditional experiences and promotes the Gwich'in lifestyle. Contributions are targeted to support cultural exchanges and language promotion.

Social Development – Support that brings the Gwich'in together with other residents of the Beaufort Delta region of the Northwest Territories to celebrate each other and the rich history and culture of the area. Contributions are targeted to support cultural and music festivals and other community activities.

Community Health Improvement – Support to not-for-profit community service organizations that promote healthy living. Contributions are targeted to support life promotion, drug and alcohol education, community and health promotion or other initiatives supported by the GTC's Health and Wellness Department.

Youth Development – Support to not-for-profit, community-based organizations and individuals that support youth activities. Contributions are targeted to support participation in sports events, leadership and social skills development.

POLICY Donations



CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

Maximum levels of contribution for not-for-profit and community-based organizations under this Policy is \$15,000.00.

EXCLUSIONS

The GTC will not contribute under this Policy to individuals, political campaigns/parties, religious organizations, for-profit corporations and activities that do not advance the GTC's [mandate](#), excluding youth development.

APPLICATIONS

The GTC accepts applications throughout the year. All applications must include:

- i. Background information on the organization requesting a donation;
- ii. A summary of the project for which funds are being requested;
- iii. Benefits and results anticipated;
- iv. Budget information for the program or project;
- v. Information on other sources of project support and financing; and,
- vi. Description of recognition the GTC will receive (advertising, announcements at event, banners, etc.).

PROCEDURE

Applications will be emailed to donations@gwichintribal.ca or submitted online. Applications will be reviewed by the GTC Leadership Team taking into account the following primary considerations:

- A complete application;
- Clear demonstration of need and linkage to the priorities of the Policy;
- Available budget to meet the application request;
- Other sources of project funding; and,
- Projects that offer some form of positive media exposure, promotion or recognition for the GTC.

Approvals or denials on applications for funding made under this Policy will be provided to all applicants in writing by the GTC Chief Executive Officer.

POLICY OWNER

For any questions or required clarifications, please contact the *Chief Executive Officer*.