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VIA FAX

All First Nations Bands and Organizations
Holders of the Social Development
Policy and Procedures Manual
British Columbia Region

To: All First Nations Bands and Organizations

Re: Active Measures 2010/2011

This letter is to advise all BC First Nations Bands and Organizations, that BC Region Income Assistance Unit has secured limited Active Measures funding to support Income Assistance (IA) recipients. We require receipt of your Active Measures Demonstration Project Proposal Application on or before **July 5, 2010**.

All project activities must be completed and all project funds must be expended by March 31, 2011.

The **maximum** amount available for funding is \$50,000 **for single applicants** and \$200,000 **for projects with two or more applicants**.

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have no outstanding Social Development reports in the First Nations and Inuit Transfer Payment (FNITP) System. Any applicants with outstanding Social Development reports will not be considered. Your Funding Services Officer will provide input into the selection process.

Specific guidelines and criteria will be used to review and assess all proposals. Only those that have clearly incorporated all of the following criteria will be considered:

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- Use of strategic partnerships that leverage human and fiscal resources e.g. Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) holders, provincial or federal governments, private or public post secondary, and other Aboriginal Organizations, and
- Incorporate effective data, client case management systems, and tracking that supports results/outcomes e.g. assessments, referrals, SDFSR's (Social Development Financial and Statistical Reports) and
- Create new or innovative policies to support their projects e.g., band WOP (Work Opportunity Program), ASARET (Aboriginal Social Assistance Recipient Employment Training Initiative) employment readiness), and
- Specifically address issues and opportunities such as persons with multiple barriers, community remoteness/isolation, limited access to services (e.g. assessments, resources, workshops), and
- Utilize holistic approaches that address the needs of individuals and families by working closely with education, health, economic and social development sectors (e.g. aggregation of services, programs).

Preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate the incorporation of other secured funding sources including in-kind services towards the Active Measures Project (i.e. own Band funds, NCBR - National Child Benefit Reinvestment, TESI - Training and Employment Support Initiative, ASETS - Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy, other organizations, etc).

Active Measures funding is available within the current 2010/2011 fiscal year and not secured for the following fiscal year. Projects that include the key criteria as listed above and put emphasis on data analysis of Active Measures projects will be given preference. The objective of this year's funding is to allow Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to gather information and data on successful Active Measures projects to justify Active Measures inclusion in the renewed five year Social Development funding authorities which will begin April 2011.

Note: Work Opportunity Program (WOP) paperwork must be attached if IA recipient(s) will receive a wage. There will be no funding for WOP positions if the required forms and paperwork are not attached to this application.

Please see the First Nations Social Development Society (FNSDS) website at www.fnsds.org to view and download the detailed Active Measures Project Guidelines, the application, and the sample proposal application. The application sections A, B, C, D, and E must be completed in a separate Microsoft Word document and attached to the application. The application features an Adobe fill-in sections including the Administering Authority name and contact information as well as sections F, G, and H. The FNSDS website also includes a variety of other Active Measures resources and links. If you would like a hard copy of the application please contact Kiren Thandi, Research Assistant, at 604-666-5062 or by e-mail at Kiren.Thandi@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

**Proposals may be submitted anytime, up until midnight, on July 5, 2010.
Late proposals will not be accepted.**

Please submit a completed/signed application (including supporting BCR and FSO letters) to the e-mail above or fax to: Kiren Thandi, Research Assistant
Fax #: 604 775-7149

Both the primary and secondary contact people listed on the proposal shall receive an email to confirm your Active Measures Demo Projects proposal and required supporting documentation has been received.

Sincerely,



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