Language Nest Program
2020-2021
Funding Guide

Application Deadline:
<mark>Friday, June 19, 2020 at 4:00pm</mark>
Please apply on our grant portal - https://fpcc.smartsimple.ca

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1. Introduction

The goal of the First Peoples' Cultural Council's Language Nest Program is to create language and culture immersion environments for pre-school aged children so that they may become fluent speakers of their First Nations language. The program provides funding to support language immersion programming for children from birth to 5 years old.

What is a Language Nest?
A language nest is a language immersion program for very young children. A language nest may be modeled after a day care or pre-school program or it may also be a simple childcare program run out of your own home. The key difference between a language nest and a day care, pre-school or Head Start is that all activities and communication are carried out in the First Nations language.

What is Language Immersion?
Language immersion is an effective method of language teaching that creates a monolingual environment in the First Nations language. Staff, volunteers and Elders carry out daily activities with the children using only the First Nations language to communicate. All activities and communication are carried out in that language; no English is used at all!

People sometimes talk about a program being "50% immersion" or "80% immersion," but in fact, a program that includes English is a bilingual program, not an immersion program. Bilingual programs are good for supporting some language learning but ultimately, immersion is the most effective way of building language fluency. We use the term "100% immersion" to emphasize that no English should be used during the language nest program hours.

For more information about the Language Nest Program:
For useful information on the program, including the *Language Nest Handbook for B.C. First Nations Communities* and other resources, please visit the FPCC website at:
http://www.fpcc.ca/language/Programs/Language-nest.aspx

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2. Multi-Year Agreements

Multi-year funding is available for Language Nest Programs that span one or two fiscal years:

YEAR 1 : September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021
YEAR 2 : April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Language Nests may apply for funding from **$25,000 up to $50,000** per year for up to two years to support their programming. Major capital expenses are not eligible. A 10% cash contribution from your organization is required.

Should you choose to submit a multi-year application, you will need to complete up to two different project budgets, one for each fiscal year.
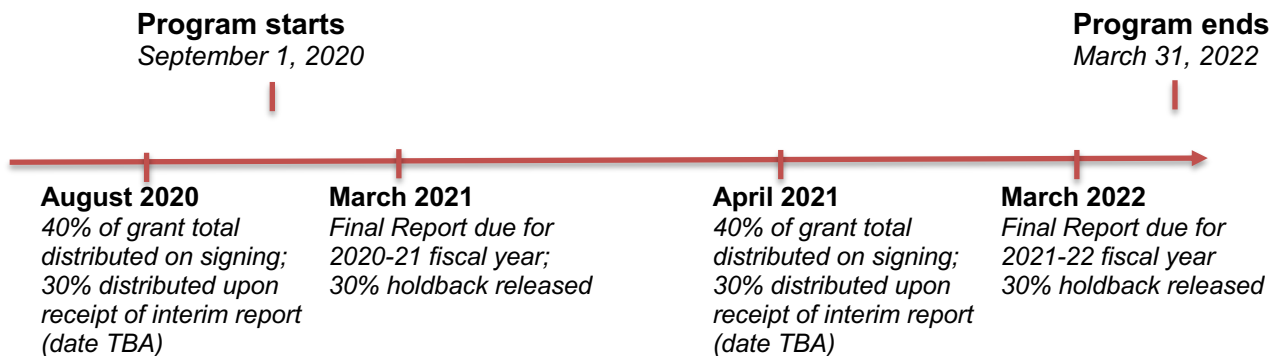
You can choose to submit for YEAR 1 only and reapply for funding next year. Applications for YEAR 2 only won't be accepted at this time.

Multi-year agreements are subject to the following terms:
- Funding will be issued per year. (YEAR 1 funding will be issued in 2020; YEAR 2 funding will be issued in 2021.)
- A Final Report is required in each program year including a narrative report and financial statements.
- If applicable, an updated project description, work plan, and budget for YEAR 2 will be required, indicating any changes from the previous year's activities and budget from the original proposal. These documents will not be subject to Peer Review.
- Projects are only eligible to receive funding in YEAR 2 if all of the previous year's activities are completed and the previous year's funding is expended by the project deadline.

Language Nest Program Timeline for Multi-Year Applications

Program Implementation

Program starts
September 1, 2020

Program ends
March 31, 2022

August 2020
40% of grant total distributed on signing; 30% distributed upon receipt of interim report (date TBA)

March 2021
Final Report due for 2020-21 fiscal year; 30% holdback released

April 2021
40% of grant total distributed on signing; 30% distributed upon receipt of interim report (date TBA)

March 2022
Final Report due for 2021-22 fiscal year 30% holdback released

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3. Eligibility

Anyone who is able and committed to providing care for children in their First Nations language for a minimum of 15 hours per week throughout the school year (September – March) is eligible to apply! Please note that FPCC is only able to provide funding to the 34 First Nations languages of British Columbia and this grant is for language nests operating in B.C. only.

Licensing
You do not need to have an existing program to be eligible for a Language Nest grant. In fact, B.C.'s Child Care Licensing Regulations allow for you to take care of up to 7 children within your own home without requiring special education or certifications.

4. Application & Program Timeline

Stage 1: Deadline for application submissions: **June 19, 2020**

Stage 2: Application review by FPCC, June-July, 2020

Stage 3: Training workshop will be held over the course of 2-3 days, **dates and location TBD**
- Attendance is mandatory for at least one member of each Language Nest Project.
- Additional information will be provided.

Stage 4: Language Nest Program implementation, September 2020 – March 2021*
- 40% of the total grant will be distributed upfront; a 30% hold-back will be kept until submission of the Interim Report (date TBA); the final 30% hold-back will be kept until submission of the Final Report in March 2021.

See page 4 for the multi-year application program and funding timeline

5. Application Requirements

Application Checklist:
- ✓ Cover letter that describes your program and its context within the community
- ✓ Letters of support from parent and community member (2 total)
- ✓ 10% cash contribution from your organization
- ✓ Signature of Band Administrator, if funding delivered to band; <u>OR</u> signature of director of organization, if funding delivered to organization.
- ✓ Completed online Language Status Assessment by September 30, 2020, if required

Language Status Assessment:
An up-to-date Language Status Assessment (LSA) is required for all approved applications. The LSA assists FPCC to monitor the status of B.C. languages and advocate for funding. It is also a vital part of a community's language planning.

- Language Status Assessments (LSAs) will be completed on the FPCC Grant Portal
  - ➢ Do not fill out the LSA now; you will be notified if an LSA is required for your community
  - ➢ If required, LSAs must be completed by September 30, 2020

Application Support:
If you wish to receive feedback on your application prior to submitting a final copy, please submit it <u>at least</u> **two weeks prior** to the closing deadline, with an attached request for feedback. FPCC Language Program staff will provide you with feedback on your application so that you may revise and resubmit before the final deadline.

Submit applications and requests for feedback to:
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