

Pathways to Language Vitality Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should I list as the Primary Contact?

The Primary Contact will be the main point of contact for FPCC. They should be the person who will be managing the program, completing the interim and final reports, and overseeing the budget. The contact information given will be used by program staff to send correspondence and to request any additional information, if needed.

Q: My community/organization uses more than one name interchangeably. Which name should be listed on my application?

The name listed should be the legal name of the community/organization that the funding agreement and cheque will be made out to. Please ensure that it is the full, legal name of the payee and that it is spelled correctly.

Q: My community/organization uses more than one office with different addresses. Which address should be listed on my application?

The address entered should be the mailing address where cheques, agreements, and correspondence can be sent.

Q: Can one application include multiple projects?

Yes, a single application can encompass multiple project types. In fact, we encourage applicants to be wide-reaching in their project planning and to consider the community's long-term language revitalization plan when applying.

Q: Can one community apply for multiple grants?

FPCC will be offering one funding opportunity per Band Office, Tribal Council, Society, and Organization through the Pathways to Language Vitality Program and strongly encourages collaboration.

If more than one application from the same Band Office, Tribal Council, Society or Organization is submitted, the Peer Review Committee will decide which proposal will receive funding, so it is strongly advised that applicants collaborate and submit one unified proposal. This demonstrates that there is support and consensus for the program, as well as being inclusive and designed with long-term goals in mind.

Please note that applications from First Nations schools that serve one community must be submitted through their respective Nations/band offices.

Q: Can I hire outside agencies or consultants as part of my project?

You can hire outside agencies or consultants, including contractors and service providers. A maximum of 30% of the approved budget can be spent on the cost of outside agencies, contractors, consultants, or service providers. This includes all wages, travel expenses, equipment, technology expenses, etc. See Appendix A of the Funding Guide for more information, or request to see our Policy on Funding Third Parties.

If you are considering third party involvement, please review our <u>Check Before You Tech</u> resource – a guide to choosing language apps and software as a part of your language revitalization plan.

Q: Can I use grant funds to hire people to help deliver this project?

Yes! FPCC recognizes that successful delivery of your project requires significant administrative effort, including managing project timelines, budgets, and reporting requirements. Grant funds may be used to hire necessary staff to administrate the project. This may be a part-time buy-out of an existing employee of your organization — ensuring that they are given dedicated hours to focus on the project — or you may hire a new part- or full-time employee exclusively for this project.

Q: How is my application evaluated?

An impartial adjudication committee (Peer Review Committee) will convene to review all proposals. This panel of experts is made up of language champions from First Nations communities and organizations throughout the province and may include language specialists, administrators, and knowledge keepers. Please see our Guide to a Great Application for more information.

Q: What is a Language Status Assessment?

The Language Status Assessment (LSA) is a survey on the status of First Nations languages. The LSA helps communities document and track information such as the number of fluent speakers, semi-speakers, learners and more. *It is required for communities applying for language funding from FPCC.*

When listing the communities that will be served by your project, please note that all communities listed will require a Language Status Assessment (LSA). If you are not able to complete an LSA on behalf of one of the communities listed, a designated representative of the community will need to complete it.

If you are not sure if an updated LSA has been submitted for your community(ies), please contact LSA@fpcc.ca.