

EXCERPTS from the Terms of Reference

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Granting Committee

Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

Mandate:

The Granting Committee is responsible for identifying and discerning local priorities and projects of healing and reconciliation based on the principles and priorities of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) and the Discernment Circle and sending recommendations and requests to the IRF. Specifically, the Granting Committee will:

- i. Establish and maintain a transparent and accountable process to invite, discern and recommend healing and reconciliation projects.
- ii. Act in accordance with Discernment Circle and IRF mandate, values, principles and priorities.

Funding Principles:

The Granting Committee recognizes the sacred trust inherent in stewardship of Indigenous Reconciliation Fund resources and its role in fostering Indigenous community healing and development and adheres to the following principles:

- i. Authentic participation and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in all aspects of the initiative.
- ii. Projects and collaborations will advantage Indigenous theory, principles, practices, and cultures.
- iii. Wherever possible, projects and collaborations will align with and add value to community initiatives, participate in collaborative funding tables, and avoid replication of existing services.
- iv. Preference will be given to projects and collaborations that demonstrate capacity for sustainability.
- v. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will demonstrate accountability to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and the Board of Corporation of the Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement. Projects and collaborations will identify service delivery levels and demonstrate measurable impact through qualitative and quantitative measures.
- vi. Projects and collaborations will be guided by integrity and align with *miyo pimatisiwin* and Catholic Social Teachings.
- vii. Beliefs, actions and outcomes will be visible to stakeholders and the initiative will invite the scrutiny of funders, peers and the community.

Funding Priorities

The Granting Committee will prioritize projects that adhere to the following priority areas:

- i. ***ayisiyiniwin: Being Human***
 - Re-connect people with their history, language, cultural teachings, protocols, and traditional teachings.
 - Family and community-centered opportunities to learn traditional skills and land-based teachings in an intergenerational setting.
- ii. ***matinamatowin: Sharing With One Another***
 - Enhancing access to traditional and sustainable supports for people experiencing food insecurity, housing shortages, mental health crisis, addictions, and under-employment.
 - The provision of strategic supports to assist people transitioning from rural and remote communities to urban centres.
 - Strategies to break down isolation among Indigenous peoples.
 - Reconciliation and relationship-building among Indigenous & non-Indigenous peoples within the context of the Church.
- iii. ***nanatawihowin: Healing***
 - Opportunities to enhance Indigenous participation and influence in the Church.
 - Spiritual and emotional healing supports.
 - Ecumenical discourse and relationship-building among Indigenous peoples.
 - Fostering long-term working relations among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Accountability & Reporting

The Granting Committee is committed to transparency, communication and ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the proceedings of the Granting Committee. The Granting Committee is committed to being consistent and transparent about the criteria for projects, the recipients of funding, and assurance that funds assigned are being utilized as per terms of granting.