

Solid Waste Multi-Year Funding Initiative: 2025-2028 Program Overview

The purpose of this initiative is to provide funding and assistance to Operational or Developmental First Nations to support Solid Waste Management (SWM) projects and activities. Funding can be used to support projects of up to two years in duration, provided they are fully completed by March 31, 2028.

The overall intent of the Solid Waste Multi-Year Funding Initiative is to:

- Advance projects that reduce the solid waste burden on reserve;
 - Support law development and programs that will reduce the risk of illegal dumping, improper waste disposal, littering, and unsightly premises;
 - Promote proper waste handling and disposal techniques for various waste streams, particularly hazardous wastes;
 - Allow for proper planning to reduce potential risks associated with the location and operation of proposed waste handling and transfer facilities;
 - Resolve past solid waste disposal issues through testing and closure of old sites;
 - Develop partnerships and legal agreements for waste diversion to approved regional and municipal waste handling facilities; and
 - Increase the internal capacity of Framework Agreement First Nations for effective solid waste management on reserve.
- **Funding for Participating First Nations** - Contingent upon the receipt of funding from Canada, the Resource Centre will provide selected First Nations **\$15,000.00 to \$70,000 for each year** of the expected project duration, based on the completion of project milestones, for eligible project costs. The exact amount of funding per project, per year will vary, depending on the number of proposals received/developed and the total estimated costs of approved projects. **Funding is not intended for Operations and Maintenance or Capital and Infrastructure projects.**
- **Examples of Past Funded Projects** - Solid Waste Management Plans; Solid Waste Laws; Waste Diversion Programs (recycling, composting, reuse), including education and awareness; Operation and Maintenance Plans; Clean-up Programs (illegal dumpsites, vehicle salvage, etc.); Innovative Waste Reuse Programs, Solid Waste Management Equipment Purchases.
- **Scheduling** – All milestones and reporting requirements must be fulfilled before **March 31, 2028**.

Eligible First Nations

To be eligible for this funding initiative, First Nations must:

- Be an Operational or Developmental First Nation; and
 - Not already be receiving funding for the same SWM project from another source (i.e., Indigenous Services Canada)
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