



# RC Funding Initiative & Future Direction of Solid Waste Management



# RC Support for Solid Waste Management



## Guidance

- Assist with starting work plans
- Support community engagement planning and meeting preparation
- Provide sample RFPs, work plans, templates, and other resources
- Support discussions with planners, consultants, and other First Nation departments
- Support implementation within the lands department

## Technical Support

- Review and provide feedback on policies, proposed laws, and plans
- Provide advice on policies, laws, and monitoring programs
- Support intergovernmental relationships
- Provide expertise related to GIS, land registry, land use planning, environment, solid waste management, enforcement, and training
- Workshops such as this one

# 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.



# Solid Waste Multi-Year Funding Initiative

Funding is not intended for Operations & Maintenance, Capital & Infrastructure Projects, or Contamination Remediation

## Overall Intent of the RC's SWM 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 assessment, studies and monitoring
- Develop partnerships and legal agreements for waste diversion to approved regional and municipal waste handling facilities
- Increase the internal capacity of Framework Agreement First Nations for effective solid waste management on reserve

# Funding for Participating First Nations

- The Resource Centre will provide selected First Nations \$15,000.00 to \$70,000 for each year of the expected project duration, for eligible project costs
- The exact amount of funding per project, per year, will vary depending on the estimated costs of approved projects and the number of proposals received/developed
- All milestones and reporting requirements must be fulfilled before March 31, 2028.
- To be eligible for this funding initiative First Nations must be:
  - An Operational or Developmental First Nation under the Framework Agreement
  - Not already receiving funding for the project from another source (i.e., Indigenous Services Canada)

**To date over \$2.5 million in funding has been released directly to Framework Agreement First Nations to support their Solid Waste Management needs**

# How First Nations are Responding

Activity	Projects
Land Code Laws	Solid Waste Law Developed
Plans & Policies	Solid Waste Management Plans, Illegal Dumping Strategies, Solid Waste Policies & Procedures
Waste Diversion Programs	Composting Programs, Recycling Initiatives & Household Hazardous Waste Programs
Waste Site Upgrades & Equipment Purchases	Fencing-in Landfill Sites, Purchase of Waste Bins, Improved Signage and Waste Collection Equipment
Clean-ups	Community or Unauthorized Dumpsite Clean-ups
Education & Technology	App Development, Outreach Programs, Conversion to Reusable vs. Disposable Waste in Community Kitchens
Training & Capacity Building	Training Initiatives, “Green Teams”
Assessments & Studies	Feasibility Studies (Eco-Centre, Transfer Station, Waste Audits, Landfill Assessments, Operations Manual & Closure Plans, Waste Options Assessments)

# Resource Centre Consolidated Funding Call-out – How to Apply

## Funding Initiatives open to Operational First Nations:

- Environmental Management Plan Development Funding Initiative 2026-27
- Land Use Planning Development Funding Initiative 2026-27
- Solid Waste Management Multi-Year Funding Initiative 2025-28

Funding Application link for OPERATIONAL First Nations:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RC\\_Funding\\_Initiatives\\_Operational\\_2026-27](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RC_Funding_Initiatives_Operational_2026-27)

## Funding Initiatives open to Developmental First Nations:

- Land Use Planning Development Funding Initiative 2026-27
- Solid Waste Management Multi-Year Funding Initiative 2025-28

Funding Application link for DEVELOPMENTAL First Nations:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RC\\_Funding\\_Initiatives\\_Developmental\\_2026-27](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RC_Funding_Initiatives_Developmental_2026-27)

# The Future of RC SWM Funding & Support

What are your ideas on how we can best support your First Nation?

Dedicated SWM Plan **Development** Funding?

Dedicated SWM Plan **Implementation** Funding?

Support for higher cost, multi-year projects?

Better linkages into ISC's Capital & Infrastructure Funding Programs or expanding RC support to include SW Capital & Infrastructure Funding?

More SWM workshops, tools and resources for First Nations (what tools and resources would be helpful)?

Other Ideas?

# Thank you

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