

Ontario



Nawiingnokiima Forest
Management Corporation

Strategic Initiatives Program

OVERVIEW

NFMC's Strategic Initiatives Program (SIP) is intended to assist local First Nations, municipalities and industry to bring forward eligible, forestry-related projects that develop capacity and promote, attract and support economic growth in the existing and emerging forestry sector. Projects should:

- Respond to local economic opportunities and challenges
- Address priorities and pursue regional collaboration to advance common goals and strengthen the forestry sector's competitive advantages
- Enable innovation and research to maintain the health and vigour of NFMC's forest landscape

WHAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PROGRAM?

NFMC proudly supports initiatives that contribute to the economic and social development of the communities in and around its management area. NFMC's SIP program continues to evolve and now allows for a wider acceptance of projects. Eligible projects include community capital projects. Additionally, construction projects demonstrating a connection and benefit to the local forest industry, can qualify under the program, even if the project is not directly related to forestry. During the construction phase, projects must demonstrate that materials were acquired through Direct or Indirect Sourcing from a local mill located within NFMC's management area. Direct sourcing means the materials are purchased directly from the local mill, while indirect sourcing could involve purchasing materials through a distributor that sources from the local mill. Only the value of this material will qualify as an eligible expense.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must be a First Nation, community organization or forestry company within or surrounding the NFMC management area. Eligibility is conditional on the project or initiative being implemented within the management area.

In order to qualify, applicants must be located in one of the following communities:

- Marathon
- Biigtigong Nishnaabeg First Nation
- Manitouwadge
- White River
- Pic Moberg First Nation
- Hornepayne
- Hornepayne First Nation
- Terrace Bay
- Hearst
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Ginoogaming First Nation
- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Michipicoten First Nation
- Wawa
- Longlac

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FUNDING

The amount of NFMFC assistance per project will generally not exceed the lesser of 50% or \$1 million of total eligible initiative costs, and is not intended to replace other sources of funding.

Not all proposed projects meeting SIP criteria outlined above will receive funding. All projects must fit within the annual budget allocation for the program.

In exceptional circumstances, the NFMFC Board may consider projects exceeding the normal levels of assistance on a case-by-case basis whereby a project demonstrates a significant benefit to NFMFC and its objectives.

Applications will be reviewed quarterly and a complete package must be received a minimum of 45 days prior to the next Board meeting.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications must include a description of the project or initiative and the extent of the commitment requested from NFMFC including full costs breakdown (multi-year format if applicable). If the application is from a public sector, a municipal/band council resolution in support must be provided.

Projects requesting more than \$250,000 in funding are required to include a business plan with their application. Projects requesting less than \$250,000 are not required to include a business plan, but one may be requested at a later date. All applicants must provide a list of funding received or expected by all partner organizations that are related to the proposed project. Applications will be assessed based on factors such as:

- Level of significance to NFMFC's business and long-term health of NFMFC's management area, economic impact to the local forestry sector including jobs created and/or retained
- Alignment with NFMFC's Strategic Plan and the objects listed in the OFTMA (visit NFMFC's website for more information)
- Project lead resides in one of the eligible communities
- Appropriate documentation to confirm project support
- The proposed project, at the sole opinion and discretion of the NFMFC Board, should not unreasonably impact existing businesses negatively within the NFMFC management area
- Adherence to the application guidelines

Projects intended to identify capacity building and investment opportunities are only considered for funding when the applicant demonstrates the ability to support next steps in project implementation (i.e. through a business plan).



Eligible projects must meet one of the objects as set out under the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act (OFTMA). Eligible projects must be located on the Pic or White River Forests and may include, but are not limited to:

- NFMC will only support Start-up of new businesses or Expansion of existing businesses(replacement of current equipment is NOT eligible).
- **Capacity-building** and investment opportunities consistent with the NFMC's Strategic Plan and the OFTMA. **Capacity-building** means opportunity to grow. Expanding on this definition: providing local residents an enhanced livelihood, careers, prosperous future and life, even outside of work.
- Sector-based research projects that align with the NFMC's Strategic Plan or initiatives.
- Capital investments in harvesting or silviculture equipment that help meet annual allowable harvest levels or support NFMC's silviculture program on NFMC forests.
- Training for new employees in the forestry sector regarding health and safety, road building and harvesting training.
- Other non-capital projects that promote or support economic growth and provide benefits to the local forestry sector.
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- Construction projects demonstrating a connection and benefit to the local forest industry, can qualify under the program, even if the project is not directly related to forestry. For more details see "WHAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PROGRAM" section.

Project expenses *cannot occur in advance of NFMC SIP Funding approval.*

NOTE: TRAILERS or "ROLLING STOCK" TYPE ASSETS DO NOT QUALIFY



DEFINITION

LOCAL MILLS

Mills located within NFMC's Management Area include:

Columbia Forest Products

Hornepayne Lumber

Lecours Lumber

White River Forest Products

COMMUNITY OWNED ASSETS

A building that is owned by a qualifying municipality or First Nation community.

Community owned assets are the only projects that qualify.

Privately Owned Residential or Commercial Dwellings DO NOT qualify.





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Please note that the purpose of this application form for the Strategic Initiatives Program (SIP) is to determine potential eligibility of the applicant and the proposed project. If your funding request is more than \$250,000, please include a business plan with this application form. Funding requests for less than \$250,000 are not required to include a business plan, but one may be requested at a later date. Additional information will be required if the applicant and the project meet initial requirements for eligibility. Please submit your completed form to info@nfmcforestry.ca with the subject line "SIP Application" or by mail to 14 Hemlo Drive, PO Box 1479, Marathon ON, P0T 2E0.

NFMC's Objects (as per the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act)

1. To hold forest resource licences and manage Crown forests in a manner necessary to provide for the sustainability of Crown forests in accordance with the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994 and to promote the sustainability of Crown forests.
2. To provide for economic development opportunities for aboriginal peoples.
3. To manage its affairs to become a self-sustaining business entity and to optimize the value from Crown forest resources while recognizing the importance of local economic development.
4. To market, sell and enable access to a predictable and competitively priced supply of Crown forest resources.
5. To carry out such other objects as may be prescribed by regulation.

LEGAL NAME OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL:

as printed on articles of incorporation, letters patent, or partnership registration or as printed on birth certificate or passport, respectively.

CLASSIFICATION: CRA/Business Registration Number

Other (please specify)

OPERATING NAME OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION & DATE OF INCORPORATION:

(yyyy/mm/dd)

LEGAL ENTITY TYPE: Municipality Limited liability partnership

First Nation Limited partnership

General partnership For-profit (business) corporation

Sole proprietorship Not-for-profit corporation

Other (please specify)



PROJECT CONTACT:

JOB TITLE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:
(of business/organization)

PROJECT NAME:

PROPOSED START: (yyyy/mm/dd)

PROPOSED END: (yyyy/mm/dd)

PROJECT LOCATION:

IS YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED WITHIN ONE OF THE ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES AS LISTED ON THE SIP INFORMATION PAGE? Yes No

- ECONOMIC SECTOR:
- Sector-based capacity building and investment
 - Sector-based road building and harvest training
 - Forestry and value-added forestry-related industries
 - Harvesting equipment
 - Silviculture equipment
 - Sector-based research projects
 - Other (please specify)

DESCRIBE THE BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION AND ITS ECONOMIC SECTOR:



DESCRIBE THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED FROM THIS PROJECT:

Full time jobs
(37.5 hour+ weeks;
52 weeks/year)

Part-time jobs
(< 37.5 hour weeks;
52 weeks/year)

Seasonal jobs
(37.5 hour+ weeks;
<32 weeks/year)

WHY IS THIS PROJECT BEING INITIATED?

WHAT ARE THE KEY ACTIVITIES THAT WILL PROVE THIS PROJECT SUCCESSFUL?

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS OF THIS PROJECT?

Projects that are not eligible under this program include working capital, loans and non-forestry related projects.



