Indigenous Services Canada | Services aux Autochtones Canada

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Dear FNCFS Agency Representative(s),

As of May 29, 2026, the *Final Agreement on Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program in Ontario* (the "Ontario Final Agreement") is in effect.

This communication serves as a reminder that required planning under the Ontario Final Agreement is due by **November 30, 2026**. First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Agencies are expected to complete a **Child and Community Wellbeing Plan (CCWP) by November 29, 2026** and an **Agency Infrastructure Investment Plan (AIIP) by November 30, 2026**. Agencies are also expected to work collaboratively with their affiliated First Nation(s) to support coordinated service delivery and ensure that First Nations' priorities, needs and cultural considerations are reflected in their plans.

Please see the information below for further details regarding each plan.

Service Delivery Planning and Child and Community Wellbeing Plan

The CCWP is to be completed by FNCFS Agencies in collaboration with their affiliated First Nation(s). Agencies will complete one CCWP that is inclusive of all the First Nations they serve. The CCWP should outline the Agency's planned service delivery, including the goals and plans of its affiliated First Nation(s), as well as the complementary roles and responsibilities of the Agency and its affiliated First Nation(s).

Costs associated with the co-development of the CCWP, including costs related to ensuring meaningful participation by affiliated First Nation(s), should be covered through the FNCFS Agency's operating budget.

To access the CCWP guidance outline, please visit the Government of Canada's *Proposals, Applications, and Workplans* (PAW) webpage and search for the CCWP PAW number 1296545 or use the links below to download directly:

- PDF Form
- PDF Instructions

Capital Planning and Agency Infrastructure Investment Plan

As a reminder, under the Ontario Final Agreement, **to be eligible for FNCFS capital funding, capital project proposals must have existing core infrastructure available to service the proposed assets, such as electrical distribution, water and wastewater mains/systems**. For capital projects that do not have existing core infrastructure, First Nations can apply separately though ISC's Ontario regional office. Applications will be considered under the Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program, subject to applicable approval processes and availability of funding. First Nations should collaborate with their Agency where necessary to complete the request and can work in partnership with ISC's Ontario regional office. ISC officials are available to provide technical support to requestors throughout the application process.

Planning for capital projects related to FNCFS service delivery by Agencies that have existing core infrastructure must be outlined using the AIIP. The plan must detail the capital needed for service delivery, as well as whether the necessary core infrastructure is in place for each proposed project.

The AIIP must be completed in collaboration with the Agency's affiliated First Nation(s) and submitted as an annex to the Agency's CCWP, and may be developed in partnership with the regional ISC office, where appropriate. To be eligible for capital funding, Agencies will need to certify that they have obtained support from their First Nation(s) within the **Attestation and Consent Form** tab of the AIIP. The AIIP is to be updated annually by September 30 to reflect any changes or updates to planning.

Once FNCFS capital needs are identified in the AIIP, these will be evaluated/assessed using the **FNCFS Priority Ranking Framework (PRF)**. The PRF is a planning tool developed by ISC in collaboration with Chiefs of Ontario ("COO") and Nishnawbe Aski Nation ("NAN") to help direct funding to the highest capital priorities using a consistent and transparent process. Projects that score higher will be considered for funding sooner, while those with lower scores may be scheduled for later years.

Please note that a separate call-out for FNCFS vehicle funding requests will follow and vehicle requests should not be included in the AIIP.

To access the AIIP and PRF, please refer to the resources attached to the email accompanying this letter, including:

- a guidance document outlining how to complete an AIIP;
- an AIIP template for your use; and
- The FNCFS PRF.

Resources

AIIP Enquiries:

AIIPs must be submitted to: FNIIPGeneralEnquiries.ON@sac-isc.gc.ca. For more information on the capital proposal process, capital project eligibility requirements, or for assistance in completing required capital planning, please email your enquiries to the same address.

FNCFS Program/CCWP Enquiries:

Indigenous Services Canada is committed to supporting First Nations and FNCFS throughout this transition to the Reformed FNCFS Program in Ontario. For any general questions related to the FNCFS Program, please reach out to the Ontario Region inbox at: ReformeSEFPNOntario-FNCFSReformOntario@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and we look forward to working with you in advancing this process.

Sincerely,



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