Indigenous Services Canada | Services aux Autochtones Canada

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Dear Chief and Council,

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 are expected to complete a **First Nation Multi-Year Plan (MYP)** for service delivery **by November 29, 2026** and a **First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP)** for capital planning **by November 30, 2026**. Where applicable, First Nations are also expected to work collaboratively with their affiliated First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Agency to support coordinated service delivery and ensure that First Nations' priorities, needs and cultural considerations are reflected in planning.

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

Service Delivery Planning and First Nation Multi-Year Plan

The First Nation MYP is to be completed by First Nations by November 29, 2026 and should describe the First Nation's planned use of FNCFS Program funding, including planned service activities and implementation details. Capital expenditures are excluded from the MYP and should instead be addressed through the First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan outlined below.

To access the First Nation MYP guidance outline, please visit the Government of Canada's *Proposals, Applications, and Workplans* (PAW) webpage and search for the MYP PAW number 1296953 or use the links below to download directly:

- PDF Form
- PDF Instructions

Capital Planning and First Nation 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 First Nations that have existing core infrastructure must be outlined using the FNIIP. The plan must detail the capital needed for FNCFS service delivery, as well as whether the necessary core infrastructure is in place for each proposed project. To be eligible for capital funding, First Nations will need to certify that the FNIIP has been reviewed and deemed acceptable by the Band Council within the **Attestation and Consent Form** tab of the FNIIP. First Nations may collaborate with their Agency, where necessary, to ensure that service delivery is aligned. The FNIIP is to be updated annually to reflect any changes or updates to planning.

Once FNCFS capital needs are identified in the FNIIP, these will be evaluated/assessed using the **FNCFS Priority Ranking Framework (PRF)**, which 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.

To support the transition year of fiscal 2026–2027, First Nations will be asked to submit their priority FNCFS capital requests in a stand-alone FNCFS FNIIP by November 30, 2026, after the development of their Multi-Year Plans.

Beginning in fiscal year 2027–2028, the FNCFS portion of each community's FNIIP will be submitted by September 30th each year as a distinct tab in existing FNIIPs.

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

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

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

Resources

FNIIP Enquiries:

FNIIPs 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/MYP 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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