



NACCA

National Aboriginal Capital
Corporations Association

ABFP APPLICATION FORM

Instructions

1. The ABFP Application Form allows us to determine eligibility for support available through Aboriginal Business Financing Program (ABFP). Therefore, it is important that you answer all questions completely; use attachments if space is insufficient. Include any additional information that supports your proposal, such as business studies, market studies, financial statements and relevant industry information.
2. Before making a commitment to provide assistance, NACCA may require an assessment of the potential impact of your project on the environment. To minimize delays, you should submit with your Business Proposal a copy of environmental studies or any other available information concerning possible environmental impacts.
3. Please ensure that your ABFP Application Form is signed and dated.
4. Please submit the completed ABFP Application Form, including attachments, to the NACCA delivery office nearest you (see below). Retain a copy for your files.
5. Before completing the assessment of your ABFP Application Form, a development officer will review the information in the document and contact you to discuss your proposal in more detail.
6. Following a review and discussion of the information provided, and depending on the nature of your application, you may be asked to supply a comprehensive business plan.

For more information

We provide a range of support, information products and services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs and business organizations. For more information, please contact the NACCA regional office nearest you.

Information to assist you when applying to the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) Aboriginal Business Financing Program

1. ABFP supports opportunities that help Aboriginal firms grow in regional, national or international economies. Before completing your ABFP Application Form, we strongly recommend that you refer to the literature available online or contact the delivery officer so that you can discuss your project in detail.
2. In order to determine eligibility, and to assess your request for financial assistance, NACCA is authorized to collect limited personal information, including the following:

- We require documented proof of Aboriginal ancestry of applicants to confirm eligibility for the program.
- We collect the gender of applicants for statistical purposes only, to allow us to report on the demographics of our client base.
- We collect the date of birth of applicants to establish their eligibility for youth entrepreneurial support and to facilitate the completion of a credit check that may be required as part of our assessment.
- We collect the education/experience of applicants to help us assess their collective business and management experience.
- We collect personal financial information of applicants to help us assess their ability to contribute capital and obtain commercial funding.

All information provided as part of this business proposal is subject to the provisions of the Access to Information Act and Privacy Act, and will be treated accordingly.

All personal information collected will be retained for six years from the project completion date and transferred to National Archives of Canada for selective retention. To access your information, please contact us.

3. If your project is approved for a financial contribution under Entrepreneurship and Business Development, it may be subject to the Government of Canada's proactive disclosure reporting requirements. This means that certain information about your authorized contribution (excluding any information for which disclosure would be prohibited under the Access to Information Act or the Privacy Act) could be posted on the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada's external Web site.

Please speak to a development officer for more information.

4. NACCA and its clients are required to adhere to the provisions of the federal Lobbying Act.

For example:

- No contribution may be offered to an applicant that, for the purposes of his/her/its application for financial assistance, has retained a lobbyist that is not in compliance with the Lobbying Act.
- No contribution may be offered to an applicant that has retained a lobbyist for a commission, contingency fee or any other consideration that is dependent upon the execution of the Agreement.
- For the purposes of these requirements, three categories of lobbyists are defined:
 - consultant lobbyists paid to lobby on behalf of a client, e.g., government relations consultants, lawyers, accountants or other professionals who provide lobbying services for their clients;
 - in-house lobbyists employed by persons (including corporations) and partnerships that carry on commercial activities for financial gain;
 - in-house lobbyists employed by non-commercial organizations such as advocacy groups, and industry, professional and charitable organizations.

Please note that all lobbyists must file a return with the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying. The examples cited above illustrate the kinds of issues involved, but do not cover all of the requirements. For additional information and to ensure compliance, please speak to a development officer, or visit the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying <http://www.infosource.gc.ca/inst/lob/fed01-eng.asp>

Questionnaire

To help us with our information and marketing efforts, please tell us where you learned about Aboriginal Business Financing Program? (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Business Service Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	Past/current CanNor Client
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal Business Financial Organization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	NACCA Website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Website (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference/Workshop/Trade Show (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend or Family Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	CanNor

A. Applicant Information

Applicant Legal Name	Business Operating name
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Mailing Address	Business Address (if different from Mailing Address)
Telephone Number (Residence)	Telephone Number (Business)
Email Address	Facsimile Number

Ownership Information

Owner(s) Name	Ancestry (Please attach documentation) (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis, Inuit, Non-Aboriginal)	Gender (information for statistical purposes only)	Percentage of Ownership	Date of Birth (if applicable)

Education/Experience

For each owner, please attach a statement of education, training, employment history and management experience (Resumé).

Summarize below how the education/experience relates to this proposal.

B. Project Information

I am seeking assistance for one of the following (Check only one):

- Support to start or acquire a business
 Support for an existing business
 Support for a youth entrepreneur
 Support for an Aboriginal business organization

Description of the Project

What product or service will you be providing, or are you currently providing? Identify your current and/or target market and any existing competitors. Attach any additional information that helps support your proposal, such as business studies, market studies and relevant industry information. For advocacy projects (i.e., projects designed to improve the climate for Aboriginal business), please outline the objectives, expected participants, timing, location, and any other significant information. The funding for advocacy projects is not intended for individual entrepreneurs or commercial ventures, but is available to business or sector organizations to support conferences, economic and sectoral research with widespread application, or other activities that promote Aboriginal economic opportunities.

Is the Project located in a First Nation Community? (Information for statistical purposes only.)

- Yes If Yes – Name of First Nation Community
 No _____

Structure of Business (check only one):

- Individual/Sole Proprietorship Corporation Partnership
 Incorporated Company, Band-Owned or Aboriginal community-Owned Joint Venture
 Other (Specify) _____

Estimated Project Costs and Financing

Please itemize major projected expenditures, and set out the proposed financing package. Total project costs must equal Total Project Financing. These are estimates only and are intended to provide NACCA with information on the expected size and scope of your project.

Estimated Project Costs	\$	Estimated project Financing	\$
Business Planning		Minimum Applicant Cash Equity • 10% Minimum	
Capital			
Land			
Building		Entrepreneurship and Business Development Assistance	
Equipment			
Inventory			
Other (Specify)			
		Other Government Assistance	
Operating			
Insurance			
Utilities		Commercial Financing	
Other (Specify)			
Marketing		Other Financing	
Business Support			
Other (Specify)			
Other (Please Specify)			
Total Estimated Project Costs		Total Estimated Project Financing	

Sources of Commercial Financing

Please identify the contact person and telephone number of financial institutions, government organizations or others you have approached to finance this project.

Contact Person	Telephone Number	Organization

C. Other Information

Have you, or any business that you own or have previously owned, received financial assistance from the Government of Canada (including NACCA)?

Yes If yes, please describe.

No _____

Are you applying to any other government programs for financial assistance for this project? If yes, please describe.

Yes If yes, please describe.

No _____

Do you, or your business, owe money to the Government of Canada?

- Yes If yes, please indicate to which department or agency and list amount(s).
 No _____
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Have you already made any financial commitments for the project?

- Yes If yes, please list amount(s).
 No _____
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Note: Any costs for which you have made a legal commitment prior to project approval will not be eligible under Aboriginal Business Financing Program.

Note: To be eligible for support, the applicant should be involved full-time with the proposed business in a management capacity.

When sending your completed ABFP Application, please ensure that you have included the following:

- Evidence of Aboriginal ancestry;
- Evidence of sufficient personal financial resources to undertake the project you are proposing;
- A resumé that highlights experience, training and/or education related to your business activity;
- For existing businesses, a copy of your most recent financial statements (up to three years, if available);
- Any additional information that supports your proposal, such as business studies, market studies or relevant industry information; and
- A copy of any partnership agreements or incorporation documents.

Note: Failure to provide these documents with your Business Proposal will cause delays in assessing your project.

D. Declaration

Note: Each applicant must sign and date this Business Proposal.

To the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association:

The statements herein and the attachments hereto reflect an accurate description and estimate of costs regarding the intended project.

I (We) authorize duly appointed representatives of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association to obtain from and share with persons or organizations, public or private, any information necessary to complete the assessment of the project outlined in this Business Proposal.

I (We) certify that I am (we are) of Aboriginal ancestry and/or represent a company that is majority-Aboriginal owned.

I (We) consent to NACCA sharing my (our) name(s), phone number, and e-mail address with third party service providers (who are required to safeguard the handling of this information under the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and/or the Privacy Act) for statistical, research and evaluation purposes for the Aboriginal Business Development Program.

I (We) declare that if I (We) have used or are using the services of a lobbyist for the purposes of my (our) application for financial assistance, the lobbyist(s) is (are) in compliance with the Lobbying Act.

Signature	Date
Signature	Date
Signature	Date