**2023-2024 First Nations Education (K-12) Grant Application**

The New Relationship Trust (NRT) recognizes the importance of the education journey and the need to support the cultural, spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional well-being of First Nations students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12). K-12 grants provide funding to BC First Nations and First Nations schools to deliver innovative projects that enhance the education experience and promote the well-being of students achievement, access to cultural teachings, and other innovative projects to enhance students education journey and not covered by standard school curriculums.

**Who Can Apply?**

* BC First Nation communities and First Nation schools.
* BC Schools that can provide reasonable evidence of classes with majority First Nation students that can benefit from this program.
* One application per BC First Nation community.
* Prior funded Education K-12 projects from NRT to the Community or a School must be completed with final reports submitted before another grant will be approved.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this initiative is to enhance First Nations students education journey and to provide First Nation students with opportunities and access to connect with indigenous traditions, knowledge, and promote pride in their heritiage through education and other forms of learning not typically covered in mainstream learning environments.

**Maximum Funding Amount**

The program offers up to **$8,000** per BC First Nation or School.

**Funding Criteria**

* Intiatives that will enhance First Nation students experience in supporting their educational journey. (I.e., tutoring, technology support, educational assessments)
* Indigenous Culture initiatives that connect students to their culture, language, land, and history.
* Applications are required to have a letter of support attached from your First Nation e.g., Council, Chief, CAO, CEO, *Executive Director, Administrator, Education Director, Department Head, School principal* and must on a Nation or School letterhead.

**Eligible expenses**

* Educational projects & initiatives not covered in the standard school curriculum that will enhance, reading, literacy, education through technology, homework clubs with tutors & educational assessments.
* Purchasing of educational school supplies, science equipment, textbooks, educational computer games, or educational apps to enhance learning.
* Purchasing of electronic eduacational devices for classroom use.
  + BC first nations graduation ceremonies celebrations to enhance & promote culture & community. To support on and off reserve membership.
  + Initiatives that promote Cultural learning and connect students to First Nation elders, knowledge keepers, artists, dancers etc (cost would include honorariums etc)
  + Incremental costs to complete project (i.e. costs only incurred because of the project itself)
* Travel to local & culturally significant sites to learn about history of their communities.

**Examples of Ineligible expenses:**

* Administrative & overhead costs.
* Corporate or Business projects.
* First Nations staff salaries or teachers attending conference or workshops.
* Operating costs for new or previous programs.

**Approval / Evaluation Process**

NRT review committee will validate applications upon submission based on organization and project eligibility, application completeness and alignment of project with spirit and intent of program purpose. Please allow up to 2 weeks after submitting a fully complete application to receive a funding decision.

**Reporting Requirements**

If successful in your application, we will ask you to provide a brief final report on the outcome of the project in terms of successes, challenges, and impacts. The final report can include written parts, photos, and other innovative ways to summarize the outcome of the project. A Final Report template will be provided to each funding recipient or can be downloaded anytime on the NRT website.

**Application coaching/assistance and Submission information**

The New Relationship Trust is available to work with potential applicants. If you have questions, require assistance, or wish to request an application coaching session to validate your project concept or idea, please reach out to us.

**How to Apply & Submit:**

Completed applications, questions, final reports, and all coaching requests for BC First Nation K-12 Initiatives can be submitted to:

Applications can be emailed to:

[education@nrtf.ca](mailto:education@nrtf.ca)

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**Application Form**

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| **SECTION A** – Applicant Information | |
| Click which one applies to you: | BC First Nation / Community /Organization  BC Tribal Council  BC School |
| Name of First Nation/Community/Organization, Tribal Council/ BC school |  |
| \*Primary Project Contact Name and Position: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Secondary Project Contact Name, Email & Phone (if applicable) |  |
| Registered Mailing Address: |  |

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| **SECTION B** – Project Information | |
| **Project Title/Name:** |  |
| **Provide a brief project overview:**  \*You may attach a separate word or pdf document that provides the full description of your project. |  |
| **Proposed Start Date:** |  |
| **Proposed End Date:** |  |
| **Summarize:**  **Identify the primary objectives and expected outcomes of the project.**  \* You may attach a separate word or pdf document that provides the full description of your project. |  |

**Budget:** Provide a budget for the project using the space below (or attach to the application).Also Indicate other sources of funding, if any.

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| **SECTION C** – Project Budget | | | |
| **Provide draft budget** | Please refer to the eligible expenses in the guidelines when filling out this section | |
| **List Expenses Below**  Please list the major project cost categories and their associated costs  Also, if the proposed budget includes costs for a particular consultant /contractor/service provider, please list that consultant or contractor or servicer provider as part of the itemized costs. | **Total Proposed Budget**  Amount (including funding from all other sources) | $Amount  Requested just from **NRT** |
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| **SECTION E** – Supporting Documentation |
| \* you can attach in a separate email if you prefer or if the file is too large to attach in this form.  **To attach a document to this form:** Place cursor in the box to the right and follow the steps on the last page of this Form. |

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| **Letter of Support:** | |
| **Attach a letter of Support:**  \*We are looking for a basic authorization statement (on **appropriate letterhead**) from an individual that has the authority to confirm the project has been or is internally approved in the First Nation, or First Nation School, or BC School. This authorization can be a statement signed by the Chief, CAO/CEO, Department or Division head, Principal of the school,or other individual with that authority.  \*\* As a sample, **you can copy and paste onto your organization letterhead**, the text in the column at the right. | (For Copy and Paste)  To NRT,  Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  NRT Funding Request Amount: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Project Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The project application as presented is approved to be submitted to NRT.  NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *(I confirm that I am an authorized signatory of applicant)* |

**Application Checklist (Please submit all supporting documentation with the application):**

**□** Completed and signed application form.

**□** Letter of support for the project from an authorized signatory of the applicant First Nation or school on respective letterhead.

**□** Other supporting documentation or if not included in the application a separate word/pdf document that provides sufficient summary or workplan of the proposed project.

**First Nations K-12 Education Grant Initiative**

I understand that the information submitted with this application will be used to assess our First Nations K-12 Education Grant Initiative application. I hereby certify that the information provided with this application form and in any documents accompanying it is true, accurate and complete. I have read the criteria of this First Nations K-12 Education Grant Initiative, and by submitting this application, I agree to be bound by the policies and guidelines of this initiative.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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