

CAPITAL INFORMATION SHEET
SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT ON
LONG-TERM REFORM OF THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
PROGRAM ON APRIL 1ST, 2025

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Under the reformed Program, and as committed to in the Final Agreement, Indigenous Services Canada would commit \$2.94 billion over a 10-year funding period beginning 2024-25 for capital needs that support the delivery of at least one of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program funding streams: Child Protection, Guardianship and Support; Prevention; Post-Majority Support Services; and First Nation Representative Services.

The reformed approach to capital funding supports greater stability and security to FNCFS Service Providers in planning for the delivery of FNCFS services in alignment with community goals. Capital funding will support service delivery for the reformed Program, including needs assessments and feasibility studies, the purchase and construction of capital assets, the repair and renovation of existing buildings, and the lifecycle costs of owned assets.

The funding takes into consideration a greater need to support capital assets in the first 5 years (\$1.92 billion) then the next 5 years (\$1.017 billion).

WHAT IS IT?

Capital asset funding aims to ensure that First Nations and FNCFS Service Providers have the capital assets they need to support the delivery of the FNCFS Program funding streams including Child Protection, Guardianship and Support; Prevention; Post-Majority Support Services; and First Nation Representative Services

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Eligible funding recipients for capital include:

- **First Nation(s)**, meaning a “band” as defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Indian Act*, RSC, 1985, c. I-5, as amended, and;
- **First Nation Service Provider**, meaning an entity authorized by the First Nation to deliver services (including non-delegated service providers, FNCFS agencies, not-for-profit First Nation organizations, and mandated organizations (i.e. *Indian Act* band councils and Tribal Councils).

HOW IS FUNDING DETERMINED?

This approach to capital funding will include an annual proposal-based intake process for capital assets. ISC regional offices will work with First Nations to establish five-year capital Plans (the First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan) that will identify the First Nation’s infrastructure needs.

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ISC is committed to working with the Parties to ensure that First Nations can prioritize and identify their capital needs. The process for administrating capital, which remains to be worked out with the Parties, is expected to be confirmed by September 2024.

Guidance material and documents will be updated to support FNCFS Service Providers.