

2011-2012

NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST PROGRAM

Program Information Package

FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

General Introduction

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) in partnership with the New Relationship Trust Society (NRTS) is responsible for managing funding for the New Relationship Trust (NRT) Program for First Nations communities in British Columbia (BC).

1. PROGRAM SUMMARY

Overall NRT funding available for distribution:

New Relationship Trust:	\$600,000
Funding Accessed Through:	Work Plan Submission
Who Can Apply:	First Nations Communities
Deadline for Work Plans:	September 24, 2011
Deadline for Final Reports:	May 26, 2012

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The NRT program funding for distribution to First Nations communities is targeted to students through project activities that support their improvement in Language Arts and English, Mathematics and Science achievements.

Funding for the NRT program will be distributed directly to communities using a formula that provides a "base" plus a "per capita amount." The exact amount of funding available for each First Nation is outlined in the community-specific letter, which is included with this funding information package.

A suggested list of NRT activities are provided, but feel free to adapt or modify these suggestions to meet your student needs, or combine several ideas, depending upon the level of funding available. We also encourage you to form partnerships with schools or community agencies, if appropriate, to combine your funding and increase the amount of financial support available for your initiatives.

3. ACCESSING THE FUNDING

Since this funding allocation is based on a pre-determined formula, formal proposals are not required to access funds. However, the FNEESC/FNSA requires that requests for funding be submitted in the form of a "Work Plan." This work plan must include all of the elements outlined in the Work Plan template included in this package.

4. FUNDING PROCESS

For the 2011-2012 school year NRT program, the following funding process will be used for the allocation of the funding (100%):

- For the 2011-2012 fiscal year First Nations communities will be provided with 70% of their allocated funds for NRT(Sept-Mar) based upon the FNEESC/FNSA's receipt of an approved work plan. These funds must be spent prior to **March 31st 2012**.
- In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, First Nations communities will be provided with the final 30% of their allocated funds for their NRT projects (May 2012) based upon FNEESC/FNSA's receipt of an approved final report. **These funds must be spent prior to June 30, 2012.**

5. SUGGESTED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

This list is intended to provide some suggested activities that fall within the NRT program themes and areas of intervention. The ideas outlined below can be modified to reflect the specific needs and priorities of each community. The activity chosen for each community will reflect the level of funding provided, as well as the unique situation of each First Nation. We encourage all communities to explore possibilities for working in partnership to broaden the scope and effectiveness of your chosen activity. Suggested NRT projects activities could be as follows:

- Purchase of library books, teaching equipment and materials
- Establishing an after-school tutoring program or homework club
- Establishing a peer support group
- In-service training for teachers
- Incentives for parent involvement in their child's reading
- Participation in the Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences'
- Activities that support the students' improvement in Language Arts & English, Math and/or Science achievements
- Purchase of equipment that supports science learning
- Support for science fairs, workshops and seminars

6. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- Equipment and Materials
- Supplies (including catering)
- Salaries
- Professional Fees
- Professional Development/Training
- Transportation/Travel/Rental Fees

7. INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- Construction, operation and maintenance of federal and band operated school facilities, such as those covered by a Capital Program, and
- Salaries for teachers and educational paraprofessionals that are already covered under the Terms and Conditions of an Education Program.

8. PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING

The 2011-2012 NRT initiative has two options for submitting a NRT work plan and final report as follows:

1. FNEESC's On-line Program Database for NRT Program Application and Reporting; or
2. FNEESC's NRT Work Plan and Final Report Templates.

The 2011-2012 NRT work plan application and reporting guidelines are available at the FNEESC website: www.fnesc.ca, click on "Programs" and search for New Relationship Trust Program.

FNEESC's On-line NRT database for NRT on-line Work Plan application and Final Report reporting can be accessed by the completion and submission of a NRT authorization form to the FNEESC office.

If you have an existing NRT Login Name and Password, you don't have to re-apply unless you wish to change the designated school representative for your school.

The NRT Work Plan and Final Report template are also available to download from the FNEESC website, click on "Programs."

9. WORK PLAN DEADLINE

Please submit your Work Plan by September 24, 2011 to ensure a timely distribution of the program funding.

NRT form templates to assist with the writing of work plans and final reports are included in this package. All projects should take place from September 2011 to June 2012.

10. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Deadline for Final Reports: May 26, 2012

While the final report is due on May 26, 2012, the final report must describe any activities or initiatives that will not conclude until June 30th 2012.

Final reports must include a description of your activities, their outcomes, and benefits for the community and your students, and how you have measured success. This information is required by NRT to justify on-going funding in future years.

11. PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Further information about the 2011-2012 NRT program in general, or about the specific distribution of funding outlined in this package, feel free to contact:

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Visit the FNEESC website at www.fnesc.ca and click on "Programs"

