



## PROJECTS FUND

### Questions and Answers

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### Q1 Why were changes made to the Projects Fund?

- ▶ The Yukon Lottery Commission has made a commitment to ongoing review and streamlining of program delivery.
- ▶ Lotteries Yukon is refining its guidelines to ensure they are clear for eligible recipients and program administrators.

### Q2 What changes were made?

The table below summarizes changes to the Projects Fund that take effect April 1, 2019. Changes are to the following areas in the Projects Fund guidelines: all four funding streams, ineligible expenses, deadlines and claims/reporting.

#### (1) Regular Intake

REGULAR INTAKE (2018)	REGULAR INTAKE (2019)	RATIONALE
<b>Small-Medium Projects</b> 2018/19 budget was \$300,000.	Increases fiscal year budget amount by \$200,000 for a new total budget of <b>\$500,000</b> .	Change responds to the demonstrated need from the 2018 spring and fall intakes.
No provision.	Identifies that organizations can apply for one project at each regular intake.	Under the former Recreational Projects Program organizations could only apply once in the fiscal year. Without making this change organizations might think this rule is still in place. The change clearly stipulates eligibility requirements and exceptions.

## (2) Opportunity Projects

OPPORTUNITY PROJECTS (2018)	OPPORTUNITY PROJECTS (2019)	RATIONALE
<b>Opportunity-driven projects</b> are projects that present a special (i.e. non-recurring) opportunity to provide access to arts, sport or recreation in Yukon.	Funding is available for projects that are low risk, non-complex and are small in dollar value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The “non-recurring” criteria created administrative and applicant confusion as it is an ambiguous term. The new criteria eliminates this confusion.</li><li>▶ The changes enhance program flexibility and accessibility as eligibility is broader in scope.</li></ul>

## (3) Three Year Plan

THREE YEAR PLAN (2018)	THREE YEAR PLAN (2019)	RATIONALE
2018/19 budget was \$300,000.	Decreases fiscal year budget by \$25,000 for a new total budget of <b>\$275,000</b> .	This amount is more consistent with the actual budget as the \$300,000 was an estimate while Lotteries Yukon worked through establishing three year agreements with recipients.

## (4) Strategic Partnerships

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (2018)	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (2019)	RATIONALE
2018/19 budget was \$200,000.	Increases fiscal year budget by \$200,000 for a new budget total of <b>\$400,000</b> .	This funding stream has (1) been an effective tool for advancing the Commission’s goals of expanding their program reach and realizing broader benefits to Yukoners, and (2) contributed to streamlining administration for non-profits and Lotteries Yukon.

## (5) Ineligible Expenses

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES (2018)	INELIGIBLE EXPENSES (2019)	RATIONALE
No provision.	Includes a specific ineligible expense provision identifying that “activities associated with the individual production of art where the product is not retained by the non-profit.”	Projects involving the production of art are problematic where it appears or it is evident that the art will be for sale. The sale of art moves into the professional/commercial side of the sector that is not part of the Yukon Lottery Commission’s mandate.

## (6) Deadlines

DEADLINES (2018)	DEADLINES (2019)	RATIONALE
If the 15 <sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, applications are due the Friday before.	Includes specific provisions identifying that applications will be received up to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Regular Intake deadline. If the Regular Intake deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline moves to 4:30 p.m. on the next business day.  For example, if the 15 <sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday, the deadline to receive applications moves to the following Monday – the 17 <sup>th</sup> .	This change reflects the practice of other Yukon government funders and is a fairer approach.

## (7) Claims/Reporting

CLAIMS/REPORTING (2018)	CLAIMS/REPORTING (2019)	RATIONALE
No provision.	Refers to the Transfer Payment Agreement and specifies that “Up to two payments are made for small to medium projects including an advance to the final claim.”	Streamlines administration process (no longer allowing multiple claims) and meets recipients cash flow needs.

### **Q3** Has the application process changed?

- ▶ Yes, but only for Opportunity Projects – the timeframe for Lotteries Yukon staff and the committee of the Yukon Lottery Commission to assess applications has been extended from 10 to fifteen (15) business days.
- ▶ Moving from 10 to fifteen (15) business days to assess project applications is more aligned with operational needs. We are also anticipating that as organizations become more aware of the program, Lotteries Yukon will be processing more applications and therefore will require more time.

### **Q4** When will these changes be implemented?

The changes come into effect April 1, 2019.

### **Q5** Where did the changes come from?

The Yukon Lottery Commission considered applicant and staff feedback.

### **Q6** Where can I get more information about the program changes?

- ▶ Information about the Yukon Lottery Commission and Lotteries Yukon funding programs, including guidelines and application forms, are available on the Lotteries Yukon website: [lotteriesyukon.com](http://lotteriesyukon.com)
- ▶ If you have any questions about the Projects Fund, please contact:

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