



FUNDING PROGRAMS REDESIGN

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The Yukon Lottery Commission distributes proceeds from the sale of lottery tickets in Yukon towards funding for arts, sport and recreation for the benefit of Yukon people and Yukon communities. Funding is distributed through three funding programs administered by Lotteries Yukon and through revenues shared with the Yukon government.

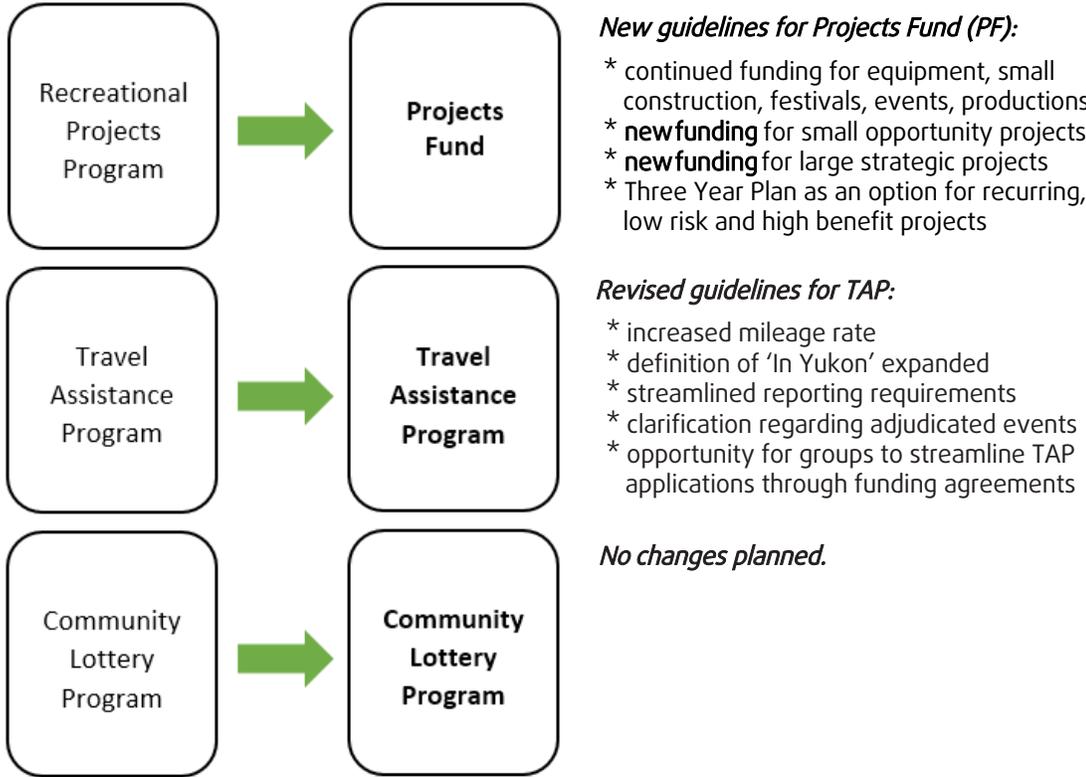
In 2018, Lotteries Yukon is testing a new approach to its funding programs in response to recommendations from a third party evaluation and feedback from partners and funding recipients.

The program redesign pilot will run for three years. In 2021, the success of the pilot will be reviewed by the Yukon Lottery Commission.

Questions and Answers

Q What are the major changes to Lotteries Yukon funding programs?

The pilot focuses on the Recreational Projects Program (RPP) and Travel Assistance Program (TAP). The RPP is being expanded and will now be known as the Projects Fund. There is no change to the Community Lottery Program, though non-profit organizations and participants in Yukon communities are likely to benefit from pilot changes to the RPP and TAP.



Q What is the purpose of the program redesign pilot?

The purpose of the program redesign pilot is to try new ways to reduce administrative burden for funding recipients and to enhance accessibility to arts, sport and recreation for all Yukoners.

Measures of success for the Yukon Lottery Commission funding programs are that they:

- ▶ reduce barriers to participation in arts, sport and recreation across Yukon, both for non-profits and for participants;
- ▶ sustain and/or increase participation in arts, sport and recreation activities in Yukon;
- ▶ enhance funding outcomes for arts, sport, and recreation in Yukon through partnerships; and
- ▶ help individuals develop their skills/abilities in arts, sport and/or recreation.

Some aspects of the pilot, such as funding for large strategic projects, are short-term opportunities supported by limited reserves to enable capacity and innovation.

Q Can I still apply for funding under the Recreational Projects Program?

The Recreational Projects Program (RPP) will be known as the Projects Fund (PF).

Applicants will continue to be able to access funding for equipment, minor construction and renovations and funding for festivals, events, productions and other projects under the Regular Intake of the Projects Fund. The Regular Intake will continue with two intakes per year: April 15 and October 15.

During the pilot, under the Regular Intake, applicants are also able to access new funding for larger projects (over \$50,000) that increase Yukon non-profits' capacity to deliver programming, improve accessibility for Yukoners, are innovative and/or support new and emerging arts, sport or recreation. Larger projects may require the applicant(s) to sign a funding agreement with the Commission.

New funding is also available for smaller projects valued up to \$2,500. Non-profits are able to access up to 100% of their eligible project costs for one Opportunity Project per fiscal year. The intake for Opportunity Projects is ongoing and streamlined, with funding decisions made by Lotteries Yukon within ten (10) business days. In earlier stages of developing the program redesign pilot, Opportunity Projects were called the Sport Arts Recreation Access Fund (SARAF).

New guidelines for the Projects Fund will come into effect April 1, 2018.

Q My project was approved for Recreational Projects Program funding in 2017. Does the redesign affect my approved funding?

No, the changes only affect new applicants/projects.

Q What is the Three Year Plan? Am I eligible to apply?

The idea behind the Three Year Plan is to reduce administrative burden for Yukon non-profits that submit an application to the Commission every year to request funding for a recurring project (e.g. an annual festival or event) that has proven to be low risk and of high benefit to Yukoners and Yukon communities.

Under the Three Year Plan, non-profits who meet all requirements (e.g. maintain low risk, complete annual reporting) are eligible to receive funding for their project each year for three years without needing to apply under the Regular Intake.

There is no application process for the Three Year Plan. Due to the pilot nature of the program redesign, the Commission has identified a limited number of non-profits with recurring, low-risk and high-benefit projects and will be reaching out to them directly.

For planning purposes, the Three Year Plan may also include large projects approved under the Regular Intake.

Q Can I still apply for funding under the Travel Assistance Program?

Yes, there will be no interruption in the Travel Assistance Program (TAP).

Revised guidelines for the TAP will come into effect in April 1, 2018. Changes include:

- ▶ 150% increase to mileage rate from 10 cents to 25 cents per km;
- ▶ definition of 'In Yukon' expanded to include 'Yukon, Alaska, NWT, and Nunavut';
- ▶ streamlined reporting requirements with no receipts required to claim funding;
- ▶ confirmation that non-adjudicated events for which participants are adjudicated in Yukon are eligible; and
- ▶ the opportunity for groups to streamline TAP applications through funding agreements.

The number of eligible trips remains the same – two trips per participant per discipline for 'In Yukon' travel and one trip per participant per discipline for 'Out of Yukon' travel.

To find out more about streamlining TAP applications through a funding agreement with the Commission, contact Lotteries Yukon directly.

Q Are there changes to the Community Lottery Program?

There are no changes to the Community Lottery Program (CLP) planned as part of the program redesign pilot. The CLP will continue to enable local decision making to meet community priorities and interests in arts, sport and recreation.

Non-profits and participants in Yukon communities may benefit from pilot changes to the RPP (now PF) and TAP, such as the renewed focus on rural accessibility under the Projects Fund, new funding for small Opportunity Projects, and the increased mileage rate.

Q Where can I find more information?

Information about the Yukon Lottery Commission and its funding programs, including guidelines and application documents, are available on the Lotteries Yukon website: www.lotteriesyukon.com

In March 2018, Lotteries Yukon will host a series of information sessions on the program redesign pilot in Whitehorse. The schedule for these information sessions is available on the Lotteries Yukon website.

At any time, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lotteries Yukon at 633-7890, toll free at 1-800-661-0555 or by e-mail at: LotteriesYukon@gov.yk.ca.

Q How can I be part of the process?

Lotteries Yukon is committed to keeping stakeholders and partners informed and engaged during the program redesign pilot. This includes an open door for feedback, continuous communication with our partners, and periodic updates to stakeholders.

If you have questions or comments about any part of the program redesign pilot, we encourage you to inform us so that we can include your comments in our review of the pilot and to enable us to improve our service to Yukoners and Yukon communities.

Next Steps

Guidelines for the new Projects Fund and revised Travel Assistance Program come into effect April 1, 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ksenia Gasper, acting General Manager, at 633-7899 in Whitehorse, from the communities toll free at 1-800-661-0555 or by e-mail at: LotteriesYukon@gov.yk.ca