



## **SARA CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND ACCOMMODATION PROJECT OVERVIEW OF AVAILABLE FUNDING TO SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT**

The following is an overview of the funding available through the SARA Consultation, Cooperation and Accommodation Project to support involvement in the different project components. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Murdock, Research Associate at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) ([amurdock@yourcier.org](mailto:amurdock@yourcier.org)).

Note: For those interested in learning about ECCC funding that supports larger species at risk projects (e.g., multi-species, multi-year), visit the ECCC website or contact: Marie-Hélène Dickey at [marie-helene.dickey@ec.gc.ca](mailto:marie-helene.dickey@ec.gc.ca).

### **1. Funding to support participation in species-specific workshops and/or meetings organized by CIER/ECCC**

- **Purpose:** to provide funding for community members, staff, elders, and knowledge holders to share their time and cover in-person meeting expenses. Funding amounts are based on Treasury Board of Canada rates. Details on available funding will be provided in individual session invitations.
- **Process:** a community contact will be asked to provide requested information to CIER by email. CIER will mail a cheque within 3 weeks of the session to the community contact who is responsible for distributing the funds to participants.

### **2. Capacity funding to support information sharing for federal terrestrial species at risk listing and recovery planning**

- **Purpose:** Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has heard from many Indigenous communities and organizations that they wish to collect and share appropriate information with ECCC so they can contribute meaningfully to SARA listing decisions, work together to develop recovery documents, and review and provide input to draft recovery documents before they are finalized and posted online. However, while some have sufficient capacity to do this, others do not. To help us to work better together where capacity may be a challenge, ECCC is partnering with CIER who will administer federal capacity funding for those wishing to share data, knowledge and other information with ECCC about terrestrial species at risk but need some support to do so. Also, if those sharing information wish to formalize how this is done, ECCC is open to exploring approaches that can work for everyone (e.g., MOUs, protocol agreements, data sharing agreements).
  - Funding can support honorariums, room rental, travel, hospitality, professional services, Indigenous Knowledge collection, document review and written comments. The Treasury Board of Canada rates will apply.



- **Process:** Community/organization will fill in the Capacity Funding Request form and submit to CIER prior to undertaking activities. Upon review and approval, CIER will mail a cheque within 3 weeks to the applicant who is responsible for distributing the funds to participants. Please contact Anita Murdock, Research Associate at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources ([amurdock@yourcier.org](mailto:amurdock@yourcier.org)) for the Capacity Funding Request form.

### 3. Expression of Interest (EOI) for targeted projects that support SARA listing and recovery planning

- **Purpose:** Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has heard from many Indigenous communities and organizations that they wish to undertake targeted short-term activities that will help with terrestrial species at risk (SAR) recovery actions, address immediate threats to SAR, and provide information that will fill knowledge gaps in listing considerations and recovery document development for specific species. This EOI process will help ECCC to provide federal funding, administered by CIER, to support as many projects of this type as possible.
  - To fund projects that directly support Indigenous peoples' and organizations' meaningful participation in listing consultations and recovery planning for terrestrial Species at Risk.
  - Projects can include any SARA listed terrestrial Species at Risk, priority will be given to proposals focusing on the species undergoing listing consultation and recovery planning within the next two years.
  - Applicants may submit more than one expression of interest per intake.
  - Should funds allow, additional calls for expressions of interest may be made later in the year.
- **Process:** Expression of Interests must be received by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Project amounts should be between \$5,000 - \$15,000. All applicants will be notified of their application status in March 2022.

#### Project Examples (\*see note below on sharing information and data)

##### A. *Monitoring for Species-at-Risk in your Territory:*

- Identifying which Species-at-Risk occur in your Territory, their approximate numbers, and/or areas in your Territory where suitable habitat for them may occur;
- Examples of monitoring activities that funding can be used for: Field surveys; The purchase of equipment like trail cameras; Creating maps of Species-at-Risk occurrences and critical habitat in your Territory using data that your community has collected, publicly available data, and/or data that may be available upon request from the provincial and federal government.



B. *Sharing Information with Community and Collecting Community Feedback:*

- Holding workshops or meetings with community members, or producing communication materials, to share information about the SARA process and Species-at-Risk that occur in your Territory.
- Examples of Community Communication activities that funding can be used for: Community meetings, newsletter creation, and social media development; Presentations in schools to create awareness of Species-at-Risk; Creation of Species-at-Risk guidebooks for community members and staff.

*\* **Note:** Data and information collected should be shared, in an appropriate and respectful way, with ECCC for use in species at risk recovery. If those sharing data and information wish to formalize how this is done, ECCC is open to exploring approaches that can work for everyone (e.g., MOUs, protocol agreements, data sharing agreements).*