**Application for Funding to Support Indigenous Participation on**

**Species at Risk Act Consultation and Recovery Planning**

**SARA Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Project (SARA-CCA)**

**Intent of Funding**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has heard from many Indigenous communities and organizations that they wish to participate in Species at Risk Act (SARA) consultations - Species at Risk (SAR) conservation but challenges with capacity, uncertainties with information sharing and how to be involved have often prevented meaningful participation. ECCC has partnered with the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) on a multi-year SARA Consultation, Cooperation and Accommodation Project to help address some of this feedback. This application process will help ECCC to provide modest federal funding, administered by CIER, to support Indigenous peoples’ and organizations’ participation.

* Funded projects and activities can include any terrestrial species at risk. However, priority will be given to proposals focusing on the species undergoing current listing consultations and recovery planning within the next three years. See appendix C for the list of species.
* Applicants may submit more than one funding application per year.

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 ([www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding.html)) or contact: Mady MacDonald, Sr. Program Delivery Officer, Pacific Region, CWS, ECCC at [mady.macdonald@ec.gc.ca](mailto:mady.macdonald@ec.gc.ca) or make a general inquiry on Species at Risk funding at [sar@ec.gc.ca](mailto:sar@ec.gc.ca).

**Requirements**

* Please use the subject line “SARA Application for Funding” when making your submission.
* Inquiries and submissions can be made to Kate Hewitt, Program Manager at CIER khewitt@yourcier.org.
* Funding requests are generally up to $15,000 per request. If the need is larger than $15,000, these requests can be considered on a case-by-case basis (e.g., for remote travel in the North or if multiple communities are meeting together). Applications should use federal Treasury Board rates where applicable (see example and Treasury Board rates below).
* Applications will be reviewed monthly. Applications received by the first business day of the month will be reviewed and applicants notified by mid-month. Urgent requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
* A holdback of 20% will apply on all applications.
* A brief final report that includes a table of expenses and description of project outcomes will be due by March 15, 2024. Upon approval, the holdback will be released.

**Primary Contact Details for Indigenous Community or Organization**

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| Name of Community or Organization |  |
| Contact Name |  |
| Contact Title |  |
| Contact Email |  |
| Contact Phone Number |  |
| Street Address, City, Province/Territory & Postal Code |  |

\*Contact identified will be the primary contact for all correspondence

**Project/Activity Title**

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**Project/Activity Timeframe** (approximate start date & end date):

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**What species at risk is/are the focus of project activities? If other species are focused on in this work, please list:**

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**Project/Activity Purpose** (approx. 4 – 5 sentences):

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**Funding Request**

Please include a list of any partners and other financial contributions. An in-kind contribution from applicant amounting to 20% of budget is required if the request is over $5,000. Examples of in-kind contribution can include staff time, administration, use of office or venue space, use of supplies, food, equipment, software applications use, etc. The applicant does not need to secure funding from other sources in order to meet the in-kind requirement.

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| **CIER Cash** | **Other Cash** | **In-Kind (if request is over $5000)** |
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**Past ECCC Funding**: Have you received ECCC funding in the past? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Examples of Project/Activities**

We need to understand how each project/activity will directly contribute to increasing communities’ capacity to participate in SARA consultations and/or SAR recovery (see appendices for details). We encourage recipients to explain how they anticipate their project activities and timeframes would align with ECCC’s recovery planning goals for the specific species (see appendix C for details). Categories and example project/activities for this funding includes but is not limited to the following:

* Data collection to share with ECCC for use in recovery documents: surveying, monitoring, mapping
* Community meetings so that community members can build understanding and share questions, concerns and knowledge.
* Gathering of information to inform actions that reduce threats to species and their habitats.
* Building capacity (e.g., establish SAR leadership committee, applicable training).
* Education and outreach to increase awareness and involvement in SAR conservation and recovery (e.g., renting meeting space).
* Hire species expert to train community members to collect and compile data.

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| **Project / Activity** | **Description**  **(what)** | **Timeframe**  **(Approximate start date & end date)** | **Description of Expected Results**  **(goal)** | **Amount of ECCC funding requested** |
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| *Example 1:*  *Community engagement* | *Example 2:*  *Online workshop/community meeting, newsletter, and social media posts to enhance community support and understanding of x and y species recovery in the territory.* | *Example 2:*  *April 1st – June 15th* | *Example 2:*  *Community will be well informed and supportive of recovery planning for x and y species. Community members will be identified to participate in recovery planning for these species in future.* | *Example 2:*  ***Total request: $x***  *Staff time at $x/hour*  *Prizes for workshop participants - $x* |
| *Example 2:*  *Monitoring* | *Example 3:*  *Purchase and installation of monitors for x species and associated training* | *Example 3:*  *May 1st – July 15th* | *Example 3:*  *Information and understanding of x species are increased and data will be shared with ECCC to help inform listing recommendations, recovery planning. Increased knowledge and skills within community to conduct monitoring* | *Example 3:*  ***Total request: $x***  *X cameras at $x/per camera*  *Technician at $x/hour for x hours for camera installation, training, and data analysis* |

**Information Sharing Details - If applicable (for instance, those collecting and sharing data)**

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| Anticipated month that information will be shared | e.g., June |
| Anticipated format for sharing information | e.g., email summary, written report, spatial data |
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**Federal Funding Rates**

Funding to support a person’s time to participate:

We understand that communities’ policies and protocols pertaining to honoraria may differ and they may be higher or lower than the maximum amounts identified by the federal treasury board as listed below or they may take other forms (e.g., appreciation gifts). Please include in your budget request what is appropriate for your community. If you would like to discuss it, please contact Kate Hewitt (khewitt@yourcier.org)s.

Elders and Knowledge Holders - $500/day, $250/half day   
All other participants - $350/day, $175/half day

Travel and hospitality for in person meetings:

For complete travel directive (e.g., includes hotel rates) visit: <https://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/d10/en>

**Appendix A – Examples of information considered in the Minister’s decision to list a species under SARA**

* Do the species support livelihoods, for example, through harvesting, subsistence, or medicine?
* Would listing the species have an impact on people’s activities with the species?
* Would listing the species result in cultural, social, or economic costs or benefits to individuals, communities, or organizations?
* Do current or planned activities overlap with any of the species’ ranges or occurrences (i.e., where individuals of the species have been seen)?
* Are there any current or planned activities that may harm the species and/or destroy any part of its habitat?

**Appendix B – Examples of information included in a recovery document**

* Where the species and its habitat have been found.
* What the species needs to survive and/or recover.
* Threats (current and historical) to the species and which activities might destroy their habitat.
* What could be done to recover/manage the species and what actions are already underway.
* Population and distribution objectives for recovery/management.
* Indigenous Knowledge that knowledge holders would like to see included in a recovery document.
* Anything else that may aid in the survival and recovery of the species.