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**Expression of Interest (EOI) Funding Application for targeted projects**

**that provide information that contributes to SARA listing and recovery planning**

**Species At Risk Act (SARA) Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Project**

**Purpose of Funding**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has heard from many Indigenous communities and organizations that they wish to undertake targeted short-term species at risk projects that will directly support Indigenous peoples’ and organizations’ meaningful participation in listing, recovery planning and/or recovery actions for terrestrial species at risk. This EOI process will help ECCC to provide federal funding, administered by CIER, to support as many projects of this type as possible.

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: Paulson Des Brisay at Paulson.DesBrisay@ec.gc.ca.

**Overview**

* The purpose is to fund targeted short-term projects that directly support Indigenous peoples’ and organizations’ meaningful participation in listing and/or recovery planning for terrestrial species at risk (see appendices A & B for details).
* Projects can include any SARA listed terrestrial species at risk however, priority will be given to proposals focusing on the species undergoing listing consultation and recovery planning within the next two years. See the link at appendix C for the list of species.
* Applicants may submit more than one expression of interest per intake.
* Should funds allow, there will be additional calls for expressions of interest.

**Requirements**

* Expressions of Interest must be received by February 7th, 2025.
* Please use the subject line “SARA Expression of Interest” when making your submission.
* Inquiries and submissions can be made to Kate Hewitt, Project Manager at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources at ***khewitt@yourcier.org*** who is working in partnership with ECCC to distribute these federal funds.
* Project amounts should be between $5,000 - $15,000. Requests over $15,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
* Projects are to be completed by February 15th, 2026.
* Please use federal funding rates where applicable (see example and federal rates below)
* All applicants will be notified of their application status within 4-6 weeks of the deadline.
* 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 February 15th, 2026. 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 |  |
| Alternate Contact Name |  |
| Alternate Contact Title |  |
| Alternate Contact Email |  |
| Alternate Contact Phone Number |  |
| Street Address, City, Province/Territory & Postal Code |  |

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

**Project Title**

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

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**Funding Request**

Please include a list of any partners and other financial contributions.

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| **ECCC Request/Revenue** | **Other Revenue** | **In-Kind Contribution** |
| $ | $ | $ |

**Note:** An in-kind contribution from applicant amounting to 20% of the 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.

**Past/Other Funding**:

Have you received ECCC (SARA-CCA or other) funding in the past? **Y/N**

If yes, please provide details (i.e. what species, what year, has a report been submitted?)

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Have you received funding from any source that is related to the same species in this application? **Y/N**

If yes, please provide details (i.e. who are the other funders, amounts, dates other funding was received, etc.)

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**Project Activities**

We need to understand how each activity will directly contribute to listing consultation and/or recovery planning (see appendices for details). While it is not required, 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&D for details). Categories and example activities for this funding include the following:

* Data collection to provide to ECCC for use in recovery documents: surveying, monitoring, mapping (Note, if those collecting and sharing appropriate 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).
* Community meetings so that community members can build understanding and share questions, concerns and knowledge.
* Building capacity (e.g., establish a species at risk leadership committee).
* Education and outreach to increase awareness and involvement in species at risk conservation and recovery.
* Training in and/or development of methods and tools (e.g., species at risk database, guidance) that support the activities listed above.
* Gathering of information to inform actions that reduce threats to species and their habitats.

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| **Project Activity** | **Activity Description****(what)** | **Activity Timeframe****(approximate start date & end date)** | **Description of Expected Results****(goal)** | **Amount of ECCC funding requested** |
| *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 is increased and data will be shared with ECCC to inform 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*  |
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**Information Sharing Details (If applicable for those collecting and sharing appropriate 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 |
| Request for formalized information sharing agreement and format if known | If yes, e.g., Community’s existing information sharing agreement template is attached, Community wishes to co-develop agreement with ECCC |

***Please note that requests and cheque processing take up to eight weeks. For further information or support, please contact Lynn Mallett******, Project Manager at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources at*** khewitt@yourcier.org.

**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, please contact khewitt@yourcier.org.

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.

**Appendix C – List of Species and associated information**

[Prairies Species List – November 2024](https://yourcier.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-11-28_Prairies_SARACCA_SpeciesList.pdf)

**Certification of Accuracy**

**Reviewed by CIER (To be filled out by CIER):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared and Certified Accurate by (To be filled out by applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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