

Appendix A



Letters of Funding Approval

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
Saskatchewan Region
1783 Hamilton Street
Regina, SK S4P 2B6

February 11, 2022

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
100-103 Packham Avenue,
Saskatoon, SK S7K 4K4

RE: Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations - COVID-19 Proposal (received February 10, 2022)

Dear Chief Cameron:

The Government of Canada recognizes that First Nation, Inuit and Métis are among the most at risk and face unique challenges in addressing COVID-19. During the COVID-19 crisis, the health and wellbeing of First Nation, Inuit, and Métis has been and will remain Indigenous Services Canada's primary focus. I acknowledge the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations's proposal to access funds to support additional public health measures in your community was received February 10, 2022. This request is specific to COVID-19 response focused on vaccine hesitancy and an innovative approach to enhance vaccine coverage in Indigenous populations.

Having reviewed Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations's request, Indigenous Services Canada – Saskatchewan Region (ISC-SK) has approved \$1,430,000.00 to support the variable costs related to the development of the Talking Stick Application in partnership with First Nations University of Canada. If you have any questions or concerns related to this process or the review of this proposal, please contact me at (306) 807-6473 or cindy.roache@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Indigenous Social Advocates (200)	\$1,080,000.00
Training Framework, Translations	\$ 325,000.00
Travel, Accommodations & Expenses	\$ 25,000.00

ISC-SK is committed to ensuring that Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations has the tools, supports, and resources required to adequately respond to COVID-19. Thank you for your leadership and commitment during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



Cindy Roache, BRec, MHA, CHE
Regional Director, Primary Health Care and Population Health
ISC-FNIHB, Saskatchewan Region

cc: Vice-Chief David Pratt, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
Kyle Prettyshield, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
Kevin McLeod, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
Carey O'Soup, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
Dawn Walker, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada
Jocelyn Andrews, Regional Executive, ISC-FNIHB, Saskatchewan Region
Rob Harvey, Regional Director General, ISC-RO, Saskatchewan Region
Shawn Snell, A/North Service Centre Director, ISC-FNIHB, Saskatchewan Region



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April 20, 2020

Federation of Sovereign Nations
100 – 103A Packham Ave,
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Dear Carey O'soup,

RE: Federation of Sovereign Nations - COVID-19 Proposal

Thank you for your proposal which was received on April 8, 2020 through the generic inbox aadnc.skemergency.aandc@canada.ca.

Indigenous Services Canada is implementing a Nation-led, phased approach to support communities in accessing a number of COVID-19 response funding streams. Allocations received to date via the Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) and the Indigenous Community Support (ICSF) fund are intended to provide initial funds to support your pandemic response. These initial funding amounts are flexible and can be put towards several aspects of your community's COVID-19 response, including the retrofit and setup of facilities for isolation as well as reimbursement of costs incurred as a result of heightened security measures. Both of these sources of funds can be utilized towards immediate non-health needs related to COVID-19. In the event that EMAP and ICSF resources are not sufficient to support a prolonged COVID response plan, ISC will work with your community to address outstanding requirements.

Saskatchewan Region provided \$8M in resources under the Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) at the end of 2019-20 to ensure the immediate health and safety response of First Nations related to COVID-19. In April, all First Nations received funding through the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) to address immediate and distinct needs in your communities in relation to COVID-19 priorities and to implement your pandemic plans. The Regional ICSF allocation was \$30.2M. Both of these sources of funds can be utilized towards immediate needs related to Covid-19.

To meet the health needs of First Nations communities, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) continues to receive requests and respond to emerging needs. Additional health-specific funding is accessible on a needs-basis request, where eligible, and where expenditures to date that have not been covered by the initial funding allocations.

Funding may be utilized to:

- Respond to identified needs to update and/or activate pandemic plans;
- Support public health and primary health care capacity to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak;
- Align response efforts with evidence; and,
- Address immediate needs in the short term.

We respect each First Nations unique situation and their ability to prioritize and respond to their members needs.

We have reviewed your request to access Additional Health Supports. First Nations and Inuit Health Branch is able to provide \$380,000 through the Community Guide process to support the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment for non-medical workers including personal support workers in First Nation communities and family members who are caring for individuals and staff in contact with individuals.

A breakdown of funding is explained as follows:

- Personal Protective Equipment to distribute to staff and communities - \$380,000.

Total \$380,000.

An amendment will be initiated to 1516-SK-000112 which will include an outline of the reporting requirements. These requirements are a Project Annual Report (DCI #HC-P005). This report would consist of a summary of activities carried out and results achieved along with an explanation of any deviations from the proposal and/or workplan. For Audit purposes, keep track of all COVID-19 expenditures. Please note, this funding has been added to your Primary Care funding and will be identified by the Internal Order Number (I/O) CD605.

This is a very challenging time for everyone, we commend you for the work that your organization is doing to keep everyone safe, and we remain committed to working with you.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact Jeremy Shaw at Jeremy.shaw@canada.ca or 306-537-4005.

Yours sincerely,



Bonnie Rushowick, **BSN, RN, MA(Ed)**
Regional Director, FNIHB-ISC, SK

Cc Bobby Cameron, Chief FSIN
Jocelyn Andrews, RE ISC FNIHB SK
Rob Harvey, RDG ISC Regional Operations SK



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April 30, 2020

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
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Dear Chief Cameron,

RE: Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations- COVID-19 Proposal

We are pleased to provide the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations with reimbursement for \$413,486 to support Personal Protective Equipment for essential community workers.

Thank you once again for your leadership during this unique time, and the difference you and your organization continue to make. If you have any additional questions, please contact Jeremy Shaw at 306-537-4005 or Jeremy.shaw@canada.ca

This is a very challenging time for everyone, we commend you for the work that FSIN is doing to keep everyone safe, and we remain committed to working with you.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact Jeremy Shaw at Jeremy.shaw@canada.ca or 306-537-4005.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Director, FNIHB-ISC, SK

cc: Dawn Walker, FSIN
Jocelyn Andrews RE ISC FNIHB SK
Rob Harvey RDG ISC Regional Operations SK
Ron Crowe, Director, South Service Centre



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May 21, 2020

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
100 – 103A Packham Ave,
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Dear Chief Cameron,

RE: Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations- COVID-19 Proposal

Thank you for your organisations recently submitted COVID 19 Pandemic proposal which is dated May 14, 2020.

We have reviewed your request and we are pleased to provide the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations with \$2,912,982 to support the ongoing coordination of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for non-medical staff employed within First Nations Communities. The following items have been approved:

• Coordinator	\$64,166
• Hand Sanitizer	\$246,000
• Gloves	\$312,500
• Face Masks	\$1,875,000
• Storage	\$10,500
• Distribution	\$140,000
• Admin Fee	\$264,816

Total \$2,912,982.

Please be advised that final shipping costs have not been included at this time, as it is our understanding that these costs will be determined at a later date. Please know that we are supportive of these costs as well. We appreciate the collaborative work that FSIN is engaged in with PPE suppliers to ensure products are received in a timely and efficient manner.

An amendment will be initiated to 1516-SK-000112 which will include an outline of the reporting requirements. These requirements are a Project Annual Report (DCI #HC-P005). This report would consist of a summary of activities carried out and results achieved along with an explanation of any deviations from the proposal and/or workplan. For Audit purposes, keep track of all COVID-19 expenditures. Please note, this funding is being added to your Primary Care funding and will be identified by the Internal Order Number (I/O) CD605.

This is a very challenging time for everyone, we commend you for the work that FSIN is doing to keep everyone safe, and we remain committed to working with you.

Thank you once again for your leadership during this unique time, and the positive difference your organization continues to make. If you have any additional questions, please contact Jeremy Shaw at 306-537-4005 or Jeremy.shaw@canada.ca, or Brenda Pacholka at brenda.pacholka@canada.ca or Tel: 306 564 9204 / Mobile: 306 501 5581.

Yours sincerely,



Bonnie Rushowick, **BSN, RN, MA(Ed)**
Regional Director, FNIHB-ISC, SK

cc: Carey O'Soup, FSIN
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October 26, 2020

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
100-103 Packham Avenue,
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Dear Chief Cameron,

RE: FSIN PPE / FOOD SECURITY PROPOSALS

Thank you for your updated and amended request (received on September 25th, 2020) for accessing additional public health support for First Nations and Inuit communities during COVID-19. This COVID-19 funding support is directed at First Nations communities and organisations to support the implementation of pandemic plans and support Saskatchewan First Nations to provide community-led public health responses to the pandemic including the safe reopening of community schools.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) continues to receive, review and respond to requests to the emerging public health needs of First Nations communities, Tribal Councils and Indigenous organisations specific to COVID - 19, as identified in the revised "Accessing additional public health support for First Nations and Inuit communities during COVID-19" Community Guide (REVISED VERSION POSTED JULY 14):

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1584819394157/1584819418553>

We have reviewed your request and Indigenous Services Canada can confirm \$1,608,057 to the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations support communities public health response and safe school reopening:

child mask - \$423,072

adult mask- \$555,300

hand sanitizer- \$9,116

face shields (bands)- \$137,069

face shields (visor) - \$111,244

thermometers- \$30,387

admin(includes shipping,storage and delivery)- \$341,869

Indigenous Services Canada would also like to advise that we have retained your proposal for additional consideration, should additional resources become available. At that time, your proposal could be reconsidered for additional support.

Indigenous Services Canada – Saskatchewan Region recognizes that First Nations face unique challenges in re-opening schools during COVID-19. On August 26, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$2 billion in



PROJECT OR WORK PLAN FUNDING APPLICATION

Note ► This template is for use by the following departments: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

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Identification

Recipient Name Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN)	Recipient Number 1114
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Contact

Given Name O'Soup	Family Name Carey	Title Project Coordinator
Telephone Number (306) 601-9204	Email Address carey.osoup@fsin.com	

Application Information

Title or Brief Description of the Proposed Project or Work Plan
FSIN Pandemic Transition to Re-Open Safely

Provide a proposal for a project or work plan which describes at a minimum the following:

- Objectives and activities to be undertaken (if training - describe and provide a detailed schedule);
- Timelines of the project or work plan;
- Outcome and success of the project or work plan (such as impact at community/organizational level); and
- Indicate any deliverables that will result from the project or work plan.

Objectives:

#1.) Re-Opening First Nation Communities & Administrations:

- First Nation communities shall re-open in a safe manner with the continued widespread use of PPE products utilized by community members and First Nation Band Workers.

* It should be noted that while FSIN possesses limited PPE supplies from previously approved projects for the provision of PPE to First Nation communities in general, our organization has received a tremendous influx of requests for PPE from First Nation administered schools. The FSIN has responded by providing upon request from First Nation schools adequate PPE supplies (masks and hand sanitizer). This will create a shortage of PPE products that the FSIN has earmarked for First Nation communities in general.

** It should be further noted that at the time of this application the province of Saskatchewan including First Nations have experienced consistently low infection rates. With the exception of communal living communities that have recently experienced significant outbreaks, the Saskatchewan Region has maintained these consistently low infection rates due to the use of effective contact tracing, self-quarantining and social distancing and sanitary practices.

Other efforts have included; Effective Communication and Networking, First Nation Border Closures or Restrictions (which has aided in tracing and tracking of infected cases), reinforced of course with the widespread distribution by FSIN of Basic PPE, for use as an essential measure in the fight against the pandemic.

- The FSIN will continue to distribute to all Saskatchewan First Nations a steady supply of PPE products to be used in the fight against the Covid-19 virus. Through this application the FSIN will continue in its current project of providing a steady supply of



to First Nation schools during the resumption of First Nation On-Reserve Schools.

- The PPE secured and purchased by previous ISC approved FSIN Pandemic efforts have been planned and projected to January 1, 2021. The projected Total Budget Application will ensure the continuity of successful distribution of much needed pandemic support for Saskatchewan First Nations.

Projected Budget: Total Budget Application: \$1,950,000.00

1) Acquisition of Surgical Barrier Masks & Hand Sanitizer;

i) Surgical Barrier Masks: 2.5 Million Barrier Masks x 60 cents/Mask: **\$1,460,000.00**
ii) Hand Sanitizer (1 Liter Bottles) 30,000 x \$15.00/Liter (average): **\$450,000.00**
iii) Pandemic Response Coordination: **\$40,000.00**

II) Return to School Safely for Saskatchewan First Nations (Based Upon Classroom with 15 desk capacity) x 65 First Nation Schools: Total Budget Application-\$6,101,760.00

*Based on class size of 30 Students with half time School Attendance

*Pricing is Approximate Value Average - Based on Purchasing Volume of 65 Schools (FSIN)

(1) 1 Classroom - Based on 30 Students attending half time for Social Distancing (Sub-Total Calculation)

Description	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Teacher Desk Shield	\$549.00	x 1:	\$549.00
Student Desk - Desk Shield Cubes	\$325.00	x 15:	\$4,875.00
Hand Sanitizer Pump	\$189.00	x 1:	\$189.00
Hand Washing Station	\$3,600.00	x 1:	\$3,600.00
Hand Sanitizer (4L Bottles)	\$60.00	x 30:	\$1,800.00
Return to School - 1 Classroom:			Sub-Total = \$11,013.00

(2) Per School - Average 8 Classrooms per School and 240 Students (Sub-Total Calculation): \$88,104.00

Description	Price Each	Quantity/School	Total
Teacher Desk Shield	\$549.00	x 8:	\$4,392.00
Student Desk - Shield Cubes	\$325.00	x 120:	\$39,000.00
Hand Sanitizer Pump	\$189.00	x 8:	\$1,512.00
Hand Washing Station	\$3,600.00	x 8:	\$28,800.00
Hand Sanitizer (4L Bottles)	\$60.00	x 240:	\$14,400.00

Return to School - 1 School Sub-Total Calculation: \$88,104.00

(3) For 65 Schools - Average 8 Classrooms per School, 240 Students at 65 Schools - Total Students 15,600

Description	Price Each	Quantity For 65 Schools	Total (Sub-Total Calculation)
Teacher Desk Shield	\$549.00	x 520:	\$285,480.00
Student Desk - Shield Cubes	\$325.00	x 7,800:	\$2,535,000.00
Hand Sanitizer Pump	\$189.00	x 520:	\$98,280.00
Hand Washing Station	\$3,600.00	x 520:	\$1,872,000.00
Hand Sanitizer (4L Bottles)	\$60.00	x 15,600:	\$936,000.00

(4) Hand Held Infra-red Thermometers For 65 Schools

2500 Thermometers x \$150.00/Thermometer: \$375,000.00

Return to School - 65 Schools Total Amount; \$6,101,760.00

III) Food Security Provisions: Total Estimated Budget Application-\$2,500,000.00



Declaration

The information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Given Name

Carey

Family Name

O'Soup

Title

FSIN Emergency Management Coordinator

Date (YYYYMMDD)

2020-08-26



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December 16, 2020

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
100-103A Packham Ave
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Dear Chief Cameron;

Thank you for the **urban/off-reserve** proposal to the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) Wave 2 Needs-Based process to access additional support for First Nations during COVID-19. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) continues to work closely with Saskatchewan First Nations, Tribal Councils and Indigenous Organizations to support community-led responses to the pandemic.

On August 12, 2020, Indigenous Services Canada announced \$305 million in additional funding for the ICSF to support Indigenous Peoples during the COVID-19 pandemic. This second wave of the ICSF funding is available to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, as well as Indigenous communities and organizations serving Indigenous peoples, including First Nations living on-reserve, off-reserve as well as Indigenous Peoples living in urban centers.

In review of your request, ISC-Saskatchewan Region can confirm approval of \$1,654,775 to support the following activities included in your proposal:

- Food Security (including distribution costs): \$1,654,775

Many First Nations in Saskatchewan also requested ICSF support for food security and other supports on-reserve and were funded over \$29 million in ICSF wave 2 proposals directly to support their members on-reserve. Over \$7 million in ICSF wave 2 funding was approved to support members off-reserve in Saskatchewan, including proposals approved for independent First Nations (not members of Tribal Councils) and Tribal Councils (such as Prince Albert Grand Council, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Yorkton Tribal Council, and Battlefords Agency Tribal Council) to support their members off-reserve with food security. Meadow Lake Tribal Council and Metis Nation of Saskatchewan were also supported by the department outside of ICSF wave 2 for their continued partnership in providing supports to the northwest which includes food security for Indigenous people in that area.

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations was selected to primarily provide this food security support for other urban areas in Saskatchewan. We do encourage you to work closely with these Tribal Councils should you decide to both support members in the same urban area.

All activities related to the approved project listed above must be completed before March 31, 2021.

In accordance with the Program Guidelines, a Report must be completed using the appropriate template, Data Collection Instrument (DCI) number: 4548549. This report, due **July 29th, 2021**, must include a summary of activities, outcomes, and financial details of the approved projects undertaken.

Project expenditures are to be reported in a separate schedule in your organization's annual financial audit.

This funding is also in addition to the \$6.5M approved on November 25, 2020, for public health measures funding confirmed with you last week to support PPE.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, ISC – Saskatchewan Region is committed to ensuring that First Nations have the tools and supports they need to respond. Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and your commitment to the health and safety of your community and citizens. If you have any additional questions related to your proposal, or would like to submit another proposal, please contact us at aadnc.skemergency.aandc@canada.ca.

Yours truly,



Rob Harvey
Regional Director General
Saskatchewan Region

Cc:

Lori Worm, FSIN
Akash Chitolie, ISC
Melany Buffalo, ISC



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January 8, 2021

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
100-103 Packham Avenue
Saskatoon, SK

Dear Chief Cameron,

Thank you for your request to the **Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF)** Wave 3 Needs-Based process to access additional support for First Nations during COVID-19. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) continues to work closely with Saskatchewan First Nations, Tribal Councils and Indigenous organizations to support community-led responses to the pandemic.

On August 12, 2020, Indigenous Services Canada announced \$305 million in additional funding for the ICSF to support Indigenous Peoples during the COVID-19 pandemic. This third wave of the ICSF funding is available to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, as well as Indigenous communities and organizations serving Indigenous peoples, including First Nations living on-reserve, off-reserve as well as Indigenous Peoples living in urban centers. These funds will provide Indigenous communities and organizations with resources to implement their own solutions, informed by public health guidance, related to the COVID-19 pandemic to safely restart community programs and services. Potential applicants are encouraged to send their proposals in a timely manner, as applications will be assessed for eligibility (as per selection criteria listed on website) and prioritized on a case-by-case basis.

In review of your request, ISC- Saskatchewan Region can confirm approval of **\$4,500,000** to Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations to support the following activities included in your proposal:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

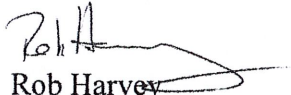
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The project expenditures are to be reported in a separate schedule in your organization's annual financial audit.

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October 19, 2021

Chief Bobby Cameron
Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
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Dear Chief Cameron,

RE: FSIN 4th Wave Needs Based Pandemic Funding

Thank you for submitting the COVID-19 Fourth Wave Needs Based Pandemic Funding Proposal received September 17, 2021 designed to support:

- Purchase, Warehousing, and Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Communications / Information sharing, Pandemic coordination, and Media relations.
- Covid-19 Vaccination-Strategic Coordination.
- Rapid Testing Kits-Purchase and Deployment.

The Government of Canada recognizes that First Nation, Inuit, and Métis remain among the most at risk and face unique challenges in addressing COVID-19. During the COVID-19 crisis, the health and wellbeing of First Nation, Inuit, and Métis has been and will remain Indigenous Services Canada's primary focus.

Indigenous Services Canada's Saskatchewan Region has reviewed the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) proposal and is supportive of **\$484,900** for the following items:

- Communications **\$250,000**
- Public Health Consultant (October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022) **\$55,500**
- Special Assistant Coordinator (October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022) **\$53,500**
- Administration costs **\$35,900**

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- Chief's Task Force **\$90,000**

A Notice of Budget Adjustment (NOBA) totalling **\$394,900** from Public Health Measures funding will be added to your existing Contribution Agreement **#1516-SK-000112** and a NOBA totalling **\$90,000** from the Indigenous Community Support Fund #4 will be added to your existing Contribution Agreement **#2021-SK-000068**.

As we continue our efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of Canadians remains the government's top priority. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in partnership with Public Services and Procurement Canada is working to ensure that front-line workers in Indigenous businesses, associations, and organizations have access to the information, resources, and PPE they need to stay safe and healthy.

Essential service businesses and organizations are eligible to receive free PPE, non-medical masks, and disinfection products from the government through Canada's National Emergency Strategic Stockpile (NESS) and Essential Services Contingency Reserve (ESCR). This stockpile of PPE was purchased, authenticated, and is warehoused to ensure adequate supplies are available, at no cost, for all Canadian non-profit organisations. At present, all stockpiles have inventory to meet National demands for adult medical grade masks, isolation gowns, gloves, face shields, procedure masks (adult / pediatric), N95 respirators, and alcohol-based hand sanitizer. ISC encourages the FSIN to access this National stockpile and acknowledges the FSIN's efforts and partnership in supporting the needs of Saskatchewan First Nations. ISC remains supportive of the FSIN's distribution and warehousing of PPE drawn down from the National Stockpile.

However, further to the FSIN's specific request for pediatric medical masks and considering possible National supply chain issues, Regional ISC representatives will continue to work with you to assess this request and determine an allocation based on community transmission in Saskatchewan and the impacted population. This request has been submitted for consideration to the Department under Contingency funding.

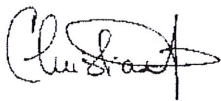
ISC acknowledges the FSIN request to purchase Rapid Response (COV-19C25) COVID-19 Antigen Test Devices. Unfortunately, funding cannot be provided for the procurement of these tests because they are available without cost from one of the provincial or federal test access portals, subject to availability and eligibility. ISC is committed to collaborating with the FSIN to determine testing needs and provide testing capacity from available public sources for public health outbreak management and response. The interim distribution plan for rapid antigen tests has been focused on school children ineligible for vaccination as well as congregate living situations including long-term care, personal care homes, shelters, and residential treatment facilities for the purpose of screening and surveillance. To date, 181,700 Rapid Antigen Tests have been distributed to First Nations communities in Saskatchewan with an additional 360,000 Rapid Antigen Tests to be distributed by the end of October. These tests are an important screening tool and ISC will facilitate quick distribution to First Nation

communities The National stockpile for Point of Care Rapid Antigen Tests is available to First Nation communities upon request; kits can be requested by emailing sac.testing-skfn.isc@canada.ca. As the testing landscape is complex and continues to evolve, ISC and NITHA look forward to ongoing discussions and engagement with the Chief's COVID Task Force regarding Public Health advice and to support First Nations decision-making in Saskatchewan.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, ISC is committed to ensuring that First Nations have the tools and supports they need to respond. Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and your commitment to the health and safety of your member communities and citizens.

Please continue to work with the Region on the COVID-19 reponse and engage Regional Executive Officer, Jocelyn Andrews, and Regional Director General, Rob Harvey.

Yours Sincerely,



Christiane Fox
Deputy Minister
Indigenous Services Canada

Cc:

Kyle Prettyshield, Executive Director of Health, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations

Carey O'Soup, Project Director, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations

Jocelyn Andrews, Regional Executive Officer, ISC-FNIHB, Saskatchewan Region

Rob Harvey, Regional Director General, ISC-RO, Saskatchewan Region



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January 21st, 2022

Chief Bobby Cameron
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Bobby.cameron@fsin.com

Dear Chief Cameron:

I understand that Indigenous Services Canada's Saskatchewan Region has approved \$1,992,000 to support the fixed costs related to the development of the Talking Stick Application in partnership with First Nations University of Canada. This is an innovative endeavor and I thank you for your leadership on this unique initiative.

I acknowledge that your recent COVID -19 Fifth Wave Needs Based Pandemic Funding Proposal, received January 14, 2021, is designed to support:

- adult and youth masks
- personal protective equipment, signage and equipment
- warehousing rental and insurance.
- warehouse staffing
- distribution of supplies
- vehicle and fuel expenses
- vaccine oversight
- HEPA filters
- communications, advertising and media

The Government of Canada recognizes that First Nations, Inuit and Métis people remain among the most at risk and face unique challenges in addressing COVID-19. During the COVID-19 crisis, the health and wellbeing of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis has been and will remain Indigenous Services Canada's primary focus.

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Indigenous Services Canada has reviewed the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations' proposal and is supportive of \$946,778 for the following items:

Youth Masks	\$714,285
Warehouse Staff	\$36,500
Warehouse Insurance	\$3,500
Vehicle Rental and Fuel	\$30,000
Warehouse Rental	\$39,000
Administration Costs	\$123,493

A Notice of Budget Agreement totalling \$946,778 from Public Health Measures funding will be added to your existing Contribution Agreement #1516-SK-000112.

As we continue our efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of Canadians remains the government's top priority. Indigenous Services Canada in partnership with Public Services and Procurement Canada is working to ensure that Canadians, especially Indigenous youth and teaching staff in Indigenous communities have access to the information, resources and personal protective equipment supplies they need to stay safe and healthy.

Indigenous Services Canada continues to facilitate access to personal protective equipment and the Saskatchewan Region monitors these requests through an intake process through the following email address: aandc.skemergency.aandc@canada.ca. The National Emergency Strategic Stockpile and Essential Services Contingency Reserve, essential service businesses and organizations are eligible to receive free personal protective equipment, non-medical masks and disinfection products from the government. This stockpile of personal protective equipment was purchased, authenticated, and is in warehouse to ensure adequate supplies are available, at no cost, to all Canadian non-profit organisations. At present, all stockpiles have adequate inventory levels to meet national demands for adult medical grade masks, isolation gowns, gloves, face shields, procedure masks (adult / pediatric) N95 respirators and alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Indigenous Services Canada acknowledges your continued leadership and ability to distribute 1,000,000 additional Kn95 respirators from the Essential Services Contingency Reserve stockpile and the recent agreement signed between the parties on January 11, 2022. However we understand that there is some uncertainty with the supply chain specific to pediatric N95 masks. Given this, support for the continued distribution and warehousing of personal protective equipment and the direct procurement of five months supply through to the end of the 2021-2022 school year is approved. Regional Indigenous Services Canada representatives will continue to work with you to assess ongoing needs.

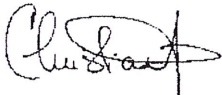
Indigenous Services Canada also appreciates the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations' willingness to procure and distribute HEPA filters to all of Saskatchewan's First Nation communities to support their schools. This is an eligible expense under the current needs based COVID 19 Public Health Measures funding, however Indigenous Services Canada will continue to work directly with regional education and health system partners to ensure that communities can access this support.

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations' continued communication and information sharing with all levels of government in pandemic coordination and a focus on media relations, has also been reviewed and was previously approved till the end of the fiscal year as part of the June 25, 2021, and September 17, 2021 COVID 19 proposals. We remain open to further discussion on this request as the Department awaits future funding authorities to be in place for the new fiscal year.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, Indigenous Services Canada is committed to working with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations' and all First Nations across the country to ensure they have the tools and supports they need to respond. We are pleased to confirm immediate funding for the items identified in this letter, and we remain committed to working with you on other needs going forward, including on the issue of ventilation in schools.

Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and your commitment to the health and safety of your community and citizens.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christiane Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christiane Fox

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February 11, 2022

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RE: Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations - COVID-19 Proposal (received February 10, 2022)

Dear Chief Cameron:

The Government of Canada recognizes that First Nation, Inuit and Métis are among the most at risk and face unique challenges in addressing COVID-19. During the COVID-19 crisis, the health and wellbeing of First Nation, Inuit, and Métis has been and will remain Indigenous Services Canada's primary focus. I acknowledge the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations's proposal to access funds to support additional public health measures in your community was received February 10, 2022. This request is specific to COVID-19 response focused on vaccine hesitancy and an innovative approach to enhance vaccine coverage in Indigenous populations.

Having reviewed Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations's request, Indigenous Services Canada – Saskatchewan Region (ISC-SK) has approved \$1,430,000.00 to support the variable costs related to the development of the Talking Stick Application in partnership with First Nations University of Canada. If you have any questions or concerns related to this process or the review of this proposal, please contact me at (306) 807-6473 or cindy.roache@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Indigenous Social Advocates (200)	\$1,080,000.00
Training Framework, Translations	\$ 325,000.00
Travel, Accommodations & Expenses	\$ 25,000.00

ISC-SK is committed to ensuring that Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations has the tools, supports, and resources required to adequately respond to COVID-19. Thank you for your leadership and commitment during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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