



April 23, 2021

Ms. Jody Woods
Research Director
Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs
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VANCOUVER BC V6A 2T2

Dear Ms. Woods:

This is to follow-up on the submission of the updated work plan and budget proposal for fiscal year 2021-2022 dated January 31, 2021, submitted on behalf of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs to support, as previously communicated, the determination of the level of funding for the subsequent fiscal year of your multi-year agreement for the Specific Claims Research Program.

We have carefully reviewed your updated proposal and are prepared to offer an amount of up to **\$1,154,384**, under the Specific Claims Research program for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. See 'Annex A' which provides you with more information on the determination of the amount being offered to support eligible activities for Specific Claim research, development and submission set out in your approved funding proposal. Please note that the total funding offered for subsequent years is subject to the renewal of the Specific Claims Research program budget.

It is important to note that, while the Research funding to support eligible costs is awarded under specific categories of costs, the funding can be reallocated in the fiscal year towards any category of eligible costs to advance the research, development and presentation of the claims identified in the approved funding proposal.

The amount offered for fiscal year 2021-2022 and for the subsequent fiscal years included in this letter may be adjusted based on an approved revised work plan (required at a minimum once a year by January 31st) reflecting changes to the anticipated activities/expenditures (e.g. when clear indication of the need for further research, meetings or legal work has been identified and are required following a request made by Specific Claims Branch), or based on the review of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs previous years' expenditures (e.g. reported unexpended funding from previous years and approved unexpended funding plan(s)). Furthermore, please inform the Negotiation Support Directorate if you are unable to complete the planned activities in light of COVID-19 response measures.



The actual transfer of the funding is subject to the terms and conditions of any existing funding agreement between the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs and the Government of Canada and will be formalized with the execution of an official funding agreement or amendment to existing funding agreement between the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs and the Department of Indigenous Services Canada or the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

To account for the use of the funding identified in this Letter of Offer for fiscal year 2021-2022, please ensure that the reporting requirements described below and as set out in the terms and conditions of the funding agreement or amendment are submitted by the established due dates to avoid any impact on future payments.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS For the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022	
May 15, 2022	FINAL Detailed Progress/Activity Report Provide a summary of the activities accomplished / results attained.
July 29, 2022 (or other due date set out in the funding agreement)	An Annual Financial Report required under the funding agreement prepared in accordance with the <i>Reporting Guide</i> . All reports are to be submitted to the Negotiation Support Directorate's generic e-mail address: aadnc.unitedufinancement-nego-fundingunit-nego.aandc@canada.ca

Please note that the funding will be provided using a **fixed** funding approach. This approach allows you to retain any unexpended funding at the end of the fiscal year to be spent in the next fiscal year on an activity eligible under the Specific Claims Research Program in accordance with a revised work plan approved in writing by the funding agreement signatory Department. The Government of Canada will not be responsible for deficits incurred by spending over the amount authorized.

For the funding offered in 2021-2022, the use of unexpended funding carried over in fiscal year 2022-2023 must be reported to the Department of Indigenous Services Canada or the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada in accordance with the [Reporting Guide](#). Any unexpended funding remaining at March 31, 2023 must be returned to the Department.

Reallocation of funds during the fiscal year to advance any other program objectives than those set out under the Specific Claims Research Program approved work plan(s) shall be approved in writing by the Negotiation Support Directorate.

You may want to inform the Department, in writing, if you are anticipating having unexpended funding prior to the end of the fiscal year to discuss the best approach for the management of these unexpended funds.

Should you require further information or clarification, you may reach Chantal Goulet by phone at **(819) 639-0863** or by e-mail at Chantal.Goulet@canada.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelie Laforest', written in a cursive style.

Shelie Laforest
Director
Negotiation Support Directorate
Fiscal Branch – Treaties and Aboriginal Government

Encl. Annex A