

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS RESEARCH PROGRAM
CONTRIBUTION FUNDING BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021**

Summary of Expenditures 2017-2018

\$4,109,000 Total Budget (A-base)

\$7,335,119 Total Spent on Specific Claims Research for 36 requests (see detail Summary attached)

\$3,226,119 Deficit covered by other source of funds

Summary of Expenditures 2018-2019

\$4,109,000 Total Budget (A-base)

\$6,722,585 Total Spent on Specific Claims Research for 48 groups (see detail Summary attached)

\$2,613,585 Deficit covered by other source of funds

Summary of Expenditures 2019-2020

\$12,109,000 Total Budget (including \$4.1M A-base; \$8M budget 2018 increase for 5 years)

\$7,291,471 Total Spent on Specific Claims Research for 47 groups (see detail Summary attached)

\$1,500,000 used to support AFN Joint Working Group for Specific Claims Policy Engagement

\$300,000 used to support AFN Specific Claims Policy Work

\$348,000 used to cover for negotiation support funding requests pressures

\$1,068,620 used to support Specific Claims Tribunal funding requests pressures

\$10,508,091 Total Specific Claims Research Budget Spent

\$1,600,909 Surplus* returned to the Department to fund pressures (unable to provide details on what specifically it was used for)

* Surplus funds were returned after doing a second call for proposals, supporting policy work, and funding TAG Sector pressures as noted above.

NOTE: This was the first year receiving the \$8M and therefore the take-up was lower than forecasted since groups (particularly individual First Nations) were not aware that additional funding was available and that they could submit individual requests. The practice in past years was to mostly to fund Specific Claims Research through CRUs given budget deficit. You will note an increase of take up in the number of proposals and funding offered in 20-21 (despite COVID-19 measures).

Summary of expenditures 2020-2021

\$12,109,000 Total Budget (including \$4.1M A-base; \$8M budget 2018 increase for 5 years)

\$9,766,295 Spent on Specific Claims Research to 88 groups (see detail Summary attached)

\$443,000 used to support joint activities with First Nations: agricultural benefits mediation with First Nations (\$250K); Section 35 consultations for Alberta (\$93K) and BC First Nations (\$100K)

\$67,500 used to support AFN Specific Claims Policy work

\$15,000 used to support consultations for a Quebec First Nation

\$464,434 used to support Specific Claims Tribunal funding requests pressures

\$10,756,229 Total Specific Claims Research Budget Spent

\$1,352,771 Surplus returned to the Department to fund COVID-19 pressures

*Surplus funds were returned after doing a second call for proposals, supporting policy work and joint activities as noted above. Several research groups have indicated to NSD that they did not submit an additional funding request during the second call for proposals given that they experienced delays in their work due to limitations with COVID-19 measures, e.g. in accessing information.

NOTE: To ensure continued support, the Negotiation Support Directorate accepted the work plans submitted in January 2020 during the Call for Proposals despite anticipated challenges and potential delays in completing planned activities due to COVID-19 measures. As a result, you will note progress made to maximize the available funding with an increase of groups funded (from 44 to 88 groups) and increase in funding offered for Specific Claims Research (from \$7.3M to \$9.8M) compared to previous years. However, in doing so, there is a greater possibility that groups will now be seeking to carry-over funds to 2021-2022 to complete planned activities which will need to be considered when issuing funding in 2021-2022.