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National Commemorative Marker Project

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN), in partnership with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and in association with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Métis National Council, has been mandated to support communities to undertake commemoration activities related to their experiences with residential schools. As such, we are working with a group of Indigenous artists from across Canada to design and fabricate commemorative markers for each residential school recognized under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA).

We encourage organizations who have not already received commemoration funding to immediately contact us to apply for a marker and a one time $6500 grant to fund a commemoration event in your community. In order to receive the grant, you will need to hold a commemorative event before March 31, 2014. There is also a marker project website that includes details on previous Commemoration Fund activities, details on each residential school, and a place for you to create and manage your community's own virtual commemoration page.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOUR COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

Although you can organize whatever type of commemorative event that works for your community (a feast, an outing, or a community dialogue), we suggest that you use it to:

- inform your community of the marker project and to let them know a marker is coming;
- discuss where it will be placed/housed, and when it will be installed and unveiled; and
- discuss how you will use your online commemoration page.

The grant is to support Survivors, their families, and community members to participate in commemoration. Part of that involves thinking about how Survivors want their experiences remembered both in the community and among the larger public.

WHAT CAN THE GRANT COVER?

The grant can cover the costs of hosting a commemorative event, such as: travel, event space rental, honoraria, administrative costs, supplies, food, catering, equipment rental and promotional material costs.

ABOUT THE MARKER

The marker will be a small monument that is also a container where you can put stories, photographs, and anything else that is meaningful to you and reflects your experiences of residential school. The marker will belong to your community and you can choose to install it permanently in your community or to install it on the site of the residential school it corresponds to. If you intend to place it on the former school site, the AFN can assist you by providing a legal agreement template (easement) with which you can approach the current property owner.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO REPORT?

The AFN will need a financial expenditure report (template will be provided with the contract). Organizers are encouraged to provide an agenda and take photos of the commemorative event, and of the marker being received within the community.

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS ON:

- the markers and design process;
- info about installing markers on school sites;
- background info about the marker project;
- info about IRSSA schools and the Commemoration Fund;
- virtual commemoration; and
- how to do site surveys.

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National Commemorative Marker Project Grant Application

INFO ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Your organization must be a legal entity in order to receive grant funding from the AFN and cannot have already received Commemoration Fund monies.

Organization Name

Organization Address

Contact Person for the Organization

Name

Title

Phone Fax

E-mail

INFO ABOUT YOUR COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

How will your organization involve Survivors/ Intergenerational Survivors in your Event?

Please estimate the number of Survivors/ Intergenerational Survivors in your Event.

What other organizations/individuals are involved?

Is your working group First Nation, Inuit, Métis or inclusive of All Aboriginal Groups?

Name of residential school

Location of the residential school (Street address, land lot info, GPS coordinates)

Current property owner (if known)

SIGNATURE

I agree, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided is accurate and consent to being contacted by an AFN representative to complete the grant process.

Signed this _____day of _____ 2014.

Signature

Name and position (signing authority or senior officer)

TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION OR TO ASK QUESTIONS:

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