

**Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI)
Nova Scotia & Newfoundland Region
Call for Proposals for 2006-2007**

Deadline: May 19, 2006

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To receive full particulars and an application form, please send a letter of interest by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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GUIDELINES

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Background

On June 19, 1998, the Minister of Canadian Heritage announced the creation of a four year Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI) for the preservation, protection and teaching of Aboriginal languages within Aboriginal communities.

On April 3, 2006, The Minister of Canadian Heritage announced the extension of ALI for 2006/2007.

During the Annual General Assembly of Chiefs in June 1998, resolution #35/98 provided the mandate for the NIB/AFN to pursue the work associated with First Nations languages under the direction of the Chiefs Committee on Languages. The National Indian Brotherhood (NIB) Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has been selected to coordinate and deliver the ALI for the First Nations Languages.

On December 14, 1998, the Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs designated Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey as the administrator for this program and appointed a representative Regional Review Committee to oversee the program.

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communities and individuals involved in First Nations languages activities; and support the development of long term strategies for the revitalization and maintenance of First Nations languages. Long term strategies include increasing the number of speakers of First Nations languages; expanding the domains in which First Nations languages are spoken; and increasing intergenerational transmission.

This call for project proposals will be for projects where more than 1,500 speakers of a Language Family exists. This is not to be confused with the number of speakers of a language spoken in a given community. In Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Mi'kmaq is the only Aboriginal language.

Project Criteria

Language projects should demonstrate strategies that promote the intergenerational transmission (to include grandmother, mother, child) of First Nations languages and the mobilization of speakers at the community level.

Projects may include community based activities such as the following:

- Record, document and preserve First Nations Languages.
- Conduct assessments of the status of First Nations Languages.
- Develop materials to increase First Nations languages use and proficiency.
- Build capacity through professional development and certification of fluent speakers, teachers and Elders.
- Develop systems for facilitating communications in First Nations languages.
- Organize gatherings to share ideas and develop strategies for language revitalization, retention and maintenance.
- Develop mechanisms for sharing information, materials and other resources among First Nations languages groups.
- Improve community and public understanding and appreciation of First Nations languages i.e. community radio, television, and print media.
- Develop promotional materials for the use of First Nations languages.
- Develop short and long term strategies and plans for the revitalizing and maintaining First Nations languages.

ALI Review Committee

All proposals will be reviewed and assessed by the Regional Review Committee. Simply submitting a proposal does not automatically guarantee any funding, nor funding to the amount requested. Final decisions for successful applications will be governed by the total number of successful applications and the amount of funding available for 2006-2007.

Eligibility

First Nations communities and organizations both on and off reserve in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Funding Allocation - 2006-2007 Nova Scotia & Newfoundland

The 2006-2007 fiscal year allocation for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland is \$ 232,470. Available funding for ALI projects is \$ 232,470.

Reporting Requirements

All proposals will be project based and will have a beginning date and an ending date during fiscal year 2006-2007.

- A **progress report** will be required **by December 16, 2006.**
- A **final report** will be required **by March 4, 2007.**

Please note:

The Proposal can and should include all Language revitalization activities undertaken in **fiscal year 2006/2007.**

All submitted proposals must use the attached proposal form to be considered for funding.

Time Lines:

Set up Criteria and Priorities: April 1, 2006

Call for Proposals: April 18, 2006

Deadline for submissions: May 19, 2006

Review of Proposals - The ALI Regional Committee will review the proposals on May 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at the Citadel Inn, Halifax, N.S.

Dates for Approvals: May 26, 2006

Proposal Requirements

Please complete attached Application Form for submission of Proposals. For your information, also attached are Proposal Considerations.

Proposal Submission Deadline

Please send 5 copies of your proposal by 4:00 p.m., May 19, 2006 to:

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