

Funding Opportunities Related to Aboriginal Education

Name	Description	Contact	Closing Date
Aboriginal Artists in Schools Ontario Arts Council	This program supports Aboriginal artists and Elders to work in Ontario schools individually or with a partner to provide arts learning experiences.	http://www.arts.on.ca/page2774.aspx	Jan 16, 2012 (for the 2012-13 school year)
Computers for Schools Program Industry Canada	Refurbished computers and related equipment donated by governments and businesses. Computers are distributed across Canada to schools, libraries, etc. Minimal costs apply for some computers, e.g. \$150-250 for a wireless laptop. Some basic computers are free.	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cfs-ope.nsf/eng/home	No closing date
Ontario Trillium Fund	<p><u>Community Program</u>: OTF makes grants of up to \$375,000 over 5 years. Can include up to \$75,000/year for operating or project expenses and up to \$150,000 over one or more years for capital initiatives e.g. building renovations and/or equipment purchases. The decision to fund depends on how well an application fits with OTF's priorities and assessment criteria as well as the overall demand and granting budget in the catchment area.</p> <p><u>Community Capital Fund</u>: supports infrastructure projects that help not-for-profit organizations deliver public services to diverse cultural communities. \$50 million fund</p> <p><u>Future Fund</u>: allocates \$4 million each year to innovative projects that are focused on Ontario's futures – different focus each year.</p>	www.otf.ca 1-800-263-2887	Community Grant Program: March 1, July 1 & Nov 1, 2012 Community Capital Fund: Oct 13, 2011
Dreamcatcher Foundation	Provides support through grants to individuals and communities with a goal of developing youth in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education, Health, Sports and Recreation. Education grants include, amongst others, school trips, student exchanges, individual students for unique courses, tutoring, computers for high needs students, etc.	http://www.dcfund.ca/index.php	Oct 31, Nov 30, Dec 16, 2011 + Jan 31, Feb 29, Mar 30, 2012
Canada Council for the Arts	This program is for Aboriginal artists (working individually or together), to undertake activities that contribute to the	http://www.canadacouncil.ca/grants/visualarts/cr127323	Oct 15, 2011

	knowledge, sharing, understanding and development of Aboriginal traditional art forms. Can include research, as well as preservation, creation, production and <u>teaching</u> (sharing the knowledge) of Aboriginal peoples' traditional visual arts forms. Teaching grants of \$4-8,000. Creation or production grants of up to \$20,000.	013497656250.htm	
Community Engagement Partnership Fund, Veterans Affairs Canada	Provides funding to non-profit organizations to deliver remembrance activities and events at both national and regional levels. Funding for community-based events or activities that occur at a local or regional level does not usually exceed \$5,000 per project.	http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/sub.cfm?source=partner	3 months before project start date
Funding Opportunities for Students			
Bank of Montreal	Scholarships and bursaries for Aboriginal Youth, e.g. paid summer internships	http://www4.bmo.com/aboriginalbanking/0,4442,35649_975748,00.html?pChannelId=244704	No closing date
Aboriginal Bursaries - National	The purpose of the Aboriginal Bursaries Web site is to provide Aboriginal students with a valuable funding research tool to facilitate their pursuit of post-secondary studies.	http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/ab/site.nsf/index-eng?openview 1-888-399-0111	No closing date
Other or Future Funding Options to Monitor			
Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)	This is mainly focused on business and economic development, but the bank also has a Community and Social Development Fund which donated to after school programs in 2011.	http://www.rbcroyalbank.com/commercial/aboriginal/	Open
Aboriginal Peoples' Program Cdn Heritage	Supports the full participation and cultural revitalization of Aboriginal People in Canadian society. Enables Aboriginal people to address social, cultural, economic and political issues affecting their lives. Programs address youth, women, language, National Aboriginal Day, broadcasting, etc.	http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1288012444767 (819) 994-3835	Open
Elder/Youth Legacy Program: Support for Aboriginal Artistic Practices,	Schools are not eligible for this program, but arts groups can apply for up to \$20,000. Through this program, Aboriginal arts organizations help Elders pass on art forms being practiced, to the next generation. The	http://www.canadacouncil.ca/grants/aboriginal/vv127913248337770380.htm	Nov 15, 2011

Canada Council for the Arts	program will give Aboriginal Elders opportunities to work with youth and pass on their legacy of artistic practice.		
Breakfast for Learning Ontario	Grants are available to school affiliated child nutrition programs that serve breakfast, lunch and/or snack programs in the school setting, during regular school hours. Grants can be used for food, supplies and equipment, and staff/volunteer support.	Melissa Korn at 1.800.627.7922 http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca/en/ontario/apply-for-a-grant	Was June 1, 2011
New Paths for Education Program, First Nations Education Steering Comm.	Supports initiatives directed at strengthening First Nation and Inuit management and governance capacity; improving the effectiveness of classroom instruction; supporting parental and community involvement in education; and aiding the school-to-work transition.	http://www.fnesc.ca/programs/program_newpaths.php 1-877-422-3672	Was Sept 24, 2011
Play Program, Right to Play	The objective of the PLAY Program is to build on the strengths of Aboriginal youth and their communities, while supporting culture and identity. Program expands by 2 communities each year. It is a multi-faceted program that is tailored to the specific needs of each community, is designed in partnership with the community and aims to support children and youth to develop and strengthen essential life-skills. Keep watch on NAN website for calls for applications.	1 416-203-0190 http://www.righttoplay.com/canada/our-impact/Pages/PLAYProgram.aspx	