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Ontario Region: INAC Economic Development Program and Changes

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Regional Overview Economic Development Programs

Community Economic & Capacity Development Program (CECDP)

Community Economic Development Program (CEDP)
Community Support Services Program (CSSP)

Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)

- National economic development program changes (April 1, 2005)
- New requirement of annual operational plan
- Link between operational plan and CEDP report
- Strategy for the Enhancement of the Community Economic Development Program

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Economic Development

Community Economic Development Program (CEDP)

- annual core funding provided directly to First Nations
- budget administration in partnership with Funding Services units
- annual formula driven core funding to enable planning for economic development, proposal development and financial leveraging for more than 127 First Nation organizations
- annual operational planning and reporting required
- improved INAC-First Nation communication
- ongoing support

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Economic Development

Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)

- proposal driven program
- designed to support:
 - employment of community members
 - business development
 - development of land & resource (on-reserve)
 - access to land & resource opportunities (off-reserve)
 - promote FN communities as place for investment
 - research and advocacy
 - Community Ec Dev Programs provide front end support for planning, consensus & capacity development

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On-Going Regional Priorities for 2008-09 as established by RPNAC Ontario (CEATO)

- Economic infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on planning, which involve land development, roads, grids and renewable energy projects
- Projects which involve a partnership or a strong potential for partnerships and networking between First Nation communities, other communities and/or industry players
- Major development projects on-reserve or in close proximity to their community
- Projects which enhance community capacity, involve consensus building and early stage negotiations which better position communities to take advantage of economic opportunities
- Projects that identify one-time start up costs to establish a separate entity or authority to deliver market-based housing (housing for profit) for the First Nation community

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Economic Development Programs Unit

Community Economic Opportunities Program

- provide advice and guidance in development of proposals
- review, rate and recommend applications
- monitor conditions of approval
- facilitate meetings as required/requested
- project tracking and reporting

Community Economic Development Program

- provide support and advise in completing operational plans
- receive and review operational plans
- establish allocation methodologies and regimes

Program Administration

- work with HQ to establish regional budgets
- monitor expenditures and forecast pressures
- provide support and advice in preparing CEOP/CEDP reports
- prepare program performance reports
- support communications products

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Economic Development Programs Unit

- Program Officers structured geographically
- Relationship between INAC staff and community EDO is maintained
- One contact from INAC for all economic development information.
- Increased capacity of staff on First Nations issues as a result of ongoing relationship with specific communities
- Improved opportunities to travel to communities given that all assigned communities are geographically close where possible
- Administer CEDP and CEOP programs

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Changes to CEOP Program

- Project costs are incurred only from the date of the project approval – not from date of SOI
- Project costs incurred prior to approval date are not eligible for inclusion as equity. - Project cannot begin before approval date.
- Once a project is approved, the community will receive a letter of Approval, a copy of the ANNEX A to the agreement and information on the payment process.
- Payment is based on completed payment request form – including invoices and/or receipts.
- Regional officers will be contacting each of the EDOs that have approved projects for information to fulfill monitoring requirements.

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Strategic Initiatives Unit

- Staff structure is based on knowledge and expertise on current economic issues within Ontario
- Remote Transportation
- Remote Energy
- First Nation EDO Capacity Development
- Improved Communication - RPMAC Ontario (CEATO)

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2007-08 Achievements

In 2007/08, Ontario Region provided the following support to First Nations for economic development:

- Total CEDP funding of \$10,087,392 provided to 127 First Nations in Ontario
- Total CEOP funding of \$4,957,190 provided to support 74 proposals (60 recipients)
- Approximately 35 other proposals reviewed but not approved for various reasons
- Total of 125 operational plans for 2006/07 received (95%)
- Total of 125 CEDP reports for 2006/07 received (95%)
- Total of 62 of 68 CEOP project status reports received for projects funded in 2006-07 (92%).

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CEOP Project Approvals by Sector in 2007/08

• Forestry =	3	7 (06/07)
• Fisheries & Mining =	25	12 (06/07)
• Bridges & Roads =	1	3 (06/07)
• Community Planning =	17	24 (06/07)
• Training & Bus Planning =	17	14 (06/07)
• Energy =	11	8 (06/07)
• Total	(07/08) 74	68 (06/07)

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OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- INAC and ABC Amalgamation is still ongoing
- First Nations Diverse Capacities
- On-Reserve Investment Impediments
- Regional Relationships
- Communication and Coordination
- Total CEOP budget for 2008-09 - \$2,705,500
- Current commitments including new year - \$3,096,200
- Total Number of projects approved - 43
- Authorities End for the CEOP & CEDP on March 31, 2010.
- The Department will not be looking at projects that end past March 31, 2010.



Officers Responsible for communities

North and Northwest

- Abby McKenzie - Northwest and Treaty #3 (807) 624-4544
- Doris Odjick - Northwest and Treaty #3 (807) 624-1527
- Roy Smallian - Northwest (416) 973-8565

North Central/Northeast

- Gilles Brunet – Northeast (705) 522-2560
- Sharon Manitowabi – Central (807) 624-1534
- Darlene Maracle – North Central (416) 952-9598



Officers Responsible for communities

South

- Linda Ryan - (416) 952-8652
- Darlene Maracle – (416) 952-9598

Or contact

- Harold J.T. Demetzer Manager, Economic Development Programs (807) 624-1529
- Sandra Loo Support (416) 973-8175
- Janet Kendall, Manager, Strategic Initiatives Programs (807) 737-5607

