



Letter to the Prince George City Council for Consideration

Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society
1596 3rd Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2L 3G4
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Dear Mayor Simon Yu & Prince George City Council

Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society (NMFSS) is a grassroots, non-profit organization established in 2003 that recognized the need for culturally specific advocacy and support services for Métis children and families in the Prince George area. NMFSS respectfully acknowledges the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation as the traditional territory and people on whose unceded ancestral lands we are fortunate to live, work, play, and support children and families. NMFSS offers a wide range of community prevention and educational programs to preserve the dignity and integrity of family units, foster community spirit, and promote Métis cultural identity, with traditional values and beliefs at the core of its approach.

About the Project

NMFSS is seeking funding from *NDIT Healthy Communities Capacity Building Grant* to establish a full-time position for a "Michif Cultural Programs Facilitator" for a three-year term. The primary goal of this position is to develop and implement educational and cultural programming accessible to all students (ages 4-17) and staff members referred by School District 57. This programming will focus on Métis identity and incorporate traditional knowledge from local Indigenous Nations to foster engagement with families with multiple Indigenous backgrounds. The programming offered by NMFSS is culturally relevant and targets Métis and Indigenous youth, along with young adult women and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth from communities situated along the Highway of Tears. The goal is to tackle and lessen gender-based violence by fostering Métis community connections through culture and trauma informed program facilitation. The Michif Cultural Programs Facilitator will collaborate with existing Family Support and Family Connections services, the local MNBC chartered Métis community, and Carrier Sekani Family Services. This role will involve supporting families identified as "at risk," as indicated by School District 57's Indigenous Education Workers and school counselors, in delivering Métis cultural programming and connecting them to NMFSS's prevention-based family support services.



The Amount of funding we have applied for is \$100,000 annually over a 3-year term for a total of \$300,000.

Sample Resolution: THAT, the (insert name of supporter) supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society for the Healthy Communities Fund.

With Gratitude,

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Acting Executive Director

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