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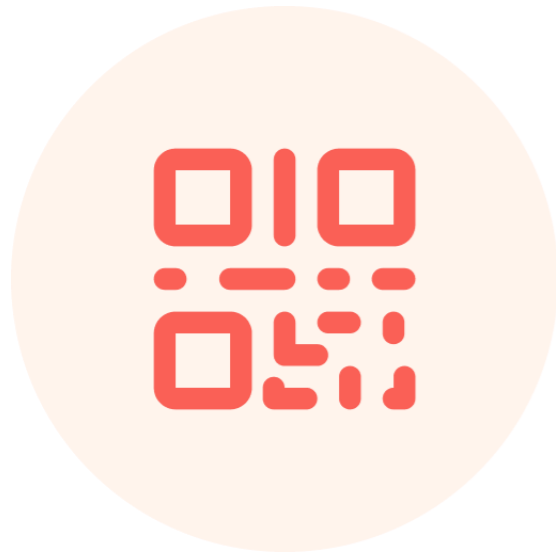
**Language & Education
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**Languages –
National Overview**

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Informing the Work

JISC

- Joint Implementation Steering Committee (JISC)
- AFN, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Metis National Council and Heritage Canada (DCH)

CCOL

- AFN Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL)
- Ontario Rep: Ogimaa Kwe Rachael Manitowabi

TCOL

- AFN Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL)
- Ontario Rep: Angel Maracle (COO)

LCOL

- COO Leadership Committee on Languages (LCOL)
- Ontario wide representation on language champions, speakers
- Directs COO on language issues



Milestones - National Languages

2019

Indigenous Languages Act receives Royal Assent

2021

Commissioner and Directors named to the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages

2022

AFN First Nation Languages Funding Model

2023

National First Nations Languages Action Plan (UNDIL)



Purpose of the Indigenous Languages Act

Support and
promote use
of
Indigenous
Languages

Support
Indigenous ppl
to reclaim,
revitalize,
maintain and
strengthen their
languages

Establish
framework to
facilitate the
exercise of the
rights of Indigenous
peoples that relate
to Indigenous
languages (Section
8&9)

Facilitate
cooperation
with provincial
and Indigenous
governments,
organizations

Establish measures
to facilitate the
provision of
adequate,
sustainable and
long-term funding
for Indigenous
languages

Contribute to
implementation
of the UN
Declaration on
the Rights of
Indigenous
Peoples

Respond to the
Truth and
Reconciliation
Commission of
Canada's Calls to
Action numbers
13 to 15



Ontario Perspective – Issues with the Indigenous Languages Act



No statutory
funding
attached to
Act, only
program
funding (ILCP)



The ILCP
funding is
limited in
scope,
excludes K-12
education



Does not
recognize First
Nation
language
rights



Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages

Commissioner Ronald Ignace

Joan Greyeyes

FN Director

Robert Watt

Inuit Director

Georgina Liberty

Metis Director

- Help promote Indigenous languages;
- Support the efforts of Indigenous peoples to reclaim, revitalize, maintain and strengthen their languages;
- Facilitate the resolution of disputes and review complaints to the extent provided by this Act;
- Promote public awareness of the richness and diversity of Indigenous languages;
- Support innovative projects and the use of new technologies in Indigenous language education and revitalization
- Report annually on the use and vitality of Indigenous languages in Canada, adequacy of funding provided for Indigenous language and the needs (and progress made) in the revitalization of Indigenous languages.



First Nations Languages Funding Model

- Required to unlock languages funding announced in the federal budget in 2019 for year 2023/24 and beyond
 - Adds approximately another \$115M annually to the national Indigenous Languages Cultures Program funding (ILCP – DCH)
- Informed by national engagement sessions (DCH and AFN) and previous languages engagement (AFN)
- Introduces new ILCP funding streams and the process for communities and organizations to access those streams



First Nation Languages Funding Model – Funding Streams

On-Going Programmatic Funding

- NEW
- Supports community-based language programs outside of schools on an ongoing basis and reduces the reporting burden (core funding)

Section 8 & 9 Agreements

- NEW
- Created through the Act to facilitate collaborative agreements between First Nation(s)/First Nations organizations and the federal government and possibly provinces/territories

Proposal Based Funding

- Single or Multi year
- Supports time-limited community-based language programs outside of schools through a proposal process



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First Nation Languages Funding Model – Next Steps

Improving DCH's Regional Funding Allocation Formula for ILCP for 2023-2024

Proposed Factors	Rationale
Population	Represents the total number of current and potential learners, of all ages. Funding would be provided equally on a per capita basis, given that costs are expected to increase as population increases
Language Vitality	Accounts for the fact that linguistic vitality can vary considerably between languages and regions. Those regions with the more precarious languages (i.e., those closer to being lost) are expected to require additional support to stimulate revitalization compared to regions with more stable languages.
Number of Languages	Regions with more languages will require greater funding than those with fewer languages to support language revitalization. Costs are expected to increase as the number of languages increases
Number of FN's and CMA's	Regions comprising of more FNs and Census metropolitan areas (CMAs) are expected to require greater funding than those with fewer, given the higher number of potential recipient areas and the associated added costs of serving multiple communities. Costs are expected to increase as the number of First Nations and CMAs increases.
Regional Remoteness	It accounts for the higher costs that are typical of remote communities versus those near to or within larger urban centres. Costs are expected to increase as remoteness increases.



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Are there other factors that should be considered for the national funding formula?

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National First Nations Languages Action Plan

- The United Nations declared 2022 to 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages
 - The aim is to raise awareness and draw global attention to the need to reclaim and revitalize Indigenous languages across the world
- The AFN created the National First Nations Languages Action Plan as a guide to support the reclamation and revitalization of our languages in communities
 - The Action Plan provides examples for actions for First Nations at the various stages of revitalization, based on Fishman's Graded Intergenerational Disruption Scale
 - AFN seeking ratification on the draft Action Plan at the April AFN SCA



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For more information on the work of the national language tables:

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