



# INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

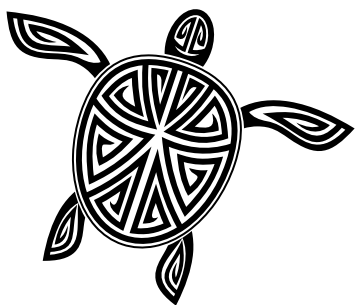
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In 2021, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops announced its intention to create the "Indigenous Reconciliation Fund." This fund further demonstrates the Catholic Church's commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island - and provides financial support for community-driven projects that promote healing, reconciliation, and lasting change for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples. The IRF is a national project, with input at the local diocesan level.

The Diocese of Hamilton is now welcoming applications for the next round of funding (up to \$50,000 per proposal) that fit one or more of the areas below.

### HEALING AND RECONCILIATION FOR COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES

Project outcomes are clearly tied to providing healing support for communities and families related to the legacy of residential schools and/or racism and systemic discrimination.

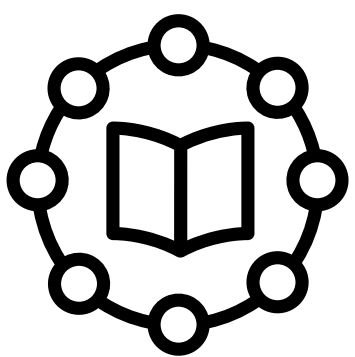


### CULTURE AND LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

Project outcomes are clearly tied to promoting knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures and languages.

### INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY AND CULTURE

Project outcomes are clearly tied to promoting dialogue and understanding of Indigenous spirituality and culture with elders, spiritual leaders, and youth.



### EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING

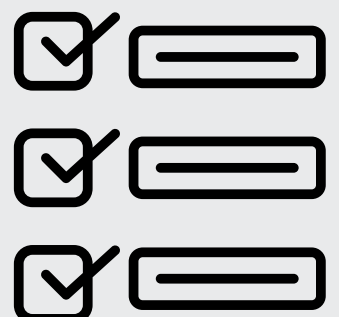
Project outcomes are clearly tied to education and community-building within Indigenous communities and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

### REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed by an advisory council that makes recommendations for approvals.

Evaluation criteria include:

- Adherence to one of the four target areas above;
- Diocesan geographic coverage;
- Demonstrated need documented within the application form;
- Sustainability of the project activities beyond end of funding. (This could be a "Phase 1" for a larger project);
- Collaboration involved in implementation.



Collaboration and innovation is encouraged through this fund. Applications must be submitted by a nonprofit, registered charitable organization. The second round of applications is now open.

The Diocese of Hamilton encompasses the regions of Hamilton, Halton, Waterloo, Wellington, Brant, and Bruce-Grey.