



# Indigenous Forestry Initiative (IFI) Renewal



## What's New?

### 2023 IFI Program Updates



The IFI will expand beyond economic development to emphasize building and sustaining strong relations with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit partners in the forest sector.



The program will fund Indigenous-led projects in the forest sector, including Indigenous knowledge and science; participation and leadership in forest stewardship; strategic economic opportunities planning; and local, community-based economic development.



Contribution funding will support knowledge, use and management of forest resources by Indigenous communities (e.g. capacity building, stewardship activities, and facility construction) and support the development and launch of business opportunities (including small and medium-sized start-ups, business expansions, and industry joint ventures) in the forest sector.



## New: IFI Grants



The IFI now offers grants to Indigenous communities to support their preparation for and participation in engagement and consultation activities such as sustainable forest management planning with industry and government.

## Have ideas?

Share them with the IFI team!



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## What's Coming?



The IFI will launch an open call for expressions of interest this fall.



In preparation for the next program renewal in 2026, the IFI will engage with Indigenous forest sector partners on a new delivery model from spring 2023 to fall 2024.



Engagement may take place as collaborative design exercises, workshops, conferences, round-table meetings, presentations, bilateral meetings, informal conversations and site visits.



This will inform the IFI's future delivery model and will be developed through collaboration with Indigenous partners from across the country and different parts of the forest sector.



Engagement topics may include distinctions-based funding, application structure, third-party delivery, decision-making, funding mechanisms, forest sector priorities, and reporting.