First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative

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First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative Up to now...

- ☐ *Initiative* started in 2016-17
 - Announcement by Treasury Board of a \$ 409 M budget over 5 years for waste management in FNs across Canada.
- Québec Region First phase
 - ❖ 2016-17:\$ 2.6 M
 - ❖ 2017-18: \$ 13.7 M
 - ❖ 2018-19: \$ 15 M
 - ❖ 2019-20: \$ 11.6 M
 - ❖ 2020-21: \$ 9,5 M
- Renewal for an additional 7 years (until 2027-28).
 - ❖ 2021-22: \$11 M
 - 2022-23: \$12 M
- ☐ The Department is presently working on Treasury Board submissions to transform the Initiative into a recurring program

Initiative Renewal



The Initiative has successfully secured funding to continue implementing waste projects over the next 7 years. Ongoing operations and maintenance funding was also secured to support the ongoing costs associated with new infrastructure and additional waste services. This will address the historic deficiency in O&M costs for solid waste assets.



FNSWMI

- The Initiative has secured \$566M over the next 7 years (until 2027-28) to continue implementing solid waste projects in communities
- Projects include: new/updated infrastructure, training, capacity building, service transfer & education.



0&M

- Budget 2021 allocated \$195M over the next five years (until 2025-2026) with \$51.6M ongoing, thereafter
- This commitment represents half of the original request
- Treasury Board acknowledged this funding discrepancy and anticipates FNSWMI will return to request an increase.

Initiative Funding



FUNDING PROFILE FOR THE INITIATIVE



First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative About O&M...

☐ Presently for Waste Management...

- New asset categories which do not exist in our systems (ex.: eco centre, sorting platform, HHW collection site, composting installations, etc.)
- ❖ No O&M formula associated to these new asset categories.
- ❖ For the moment, O&M funding requests must be presented as a project, i.e. with described activities, costs and schedule.
- ❖ We are currently working with headquarters to harmonize O&M in SWM with what is in place for other asset categories (e.g. schools, drinking water, etc.).
 - Note: For Treaty Communities, O&M is provided through other funding mechanisms and sources.

First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative Eligible activities

SWMP (Development, updates, improvements, modifications, implementation, etc.)
Studies related to waste diversion (Ecocenters, recycling, composting, etc.)
Other types of studies (planning, organisational or technology option studies, needs assessments, etc.)
Municipal type services agreement (negotiation, updates, etc.)
Waste sites (construction, optimization, upgrades, decommissioning, etc.)
Infrastructure (eco centres, transfer stations, sorting platforms, HHW collection sites, composting installations)
Public awareness and education
Training for waste managers and operators
Equipment purchase (vehicles heavy machinery and other small equipment)
Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative A few words on buildings

- Currently, the Initiative does not allow us to fund reuse buildings (thrift shops), or other technical services buildings that are not linked to waste management infrastructure.
- We can, however, fund domes, repurposing of existing spaces, or small garages/sheds.





First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative Administration fees

2023-24 Waste Management Projects **Applicable Administration Fees Activity Type** Variations depending on project size **Applicable** percentage if activities < 100 000 \$ All types of studies (exploratory, 10% feasibility, options, planning) All types of awareness, training, 8% if activities between 100 000 et 250 000 \$ community support, SWMP development and implementation and 6% if activities > 250 000 \$ other such projects. 3% if activities > 500 000\$ All "infrastructure" type activities -3% If works < 100 000 \$ construction/ repairs / improvements and upgrades / shelter installation / 2% if works > 100 000 \$ fencing / etc. Infrastructure operation and 0% maintenance activities. All types of vehicle and equipment Note: If very minor material/equipment expenses are included in a wider project purchases - trucks, heavy machinery, 0% activity to which adm fees are applicable, containers, bins, composting there is no need to separate these small equipment, other small equipment. purchases from the bigger activity.

First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative Funding application

- Several points are important in a funding application:
 - Background (how the activity fits into your waste management plan, the nature of the need, etc.)
 - A good breakdown of costs
 - The estimated benefits
 - Expected deliverables
 - The project timeline
- Different funding conditions can be added to your project, depending on its scope and nature:
 - Tendering policy on federally funded capital projects for First Nations on reserve (sac-isc.gc.ca)
 - Project Brief (+1.5M\$)
 - Impact Assessment
 - Various permits and authorizations (ISC Lands sector, DFO, MELCCFP, etc.)

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Workshop



Preparing a funding application

Group feedback on workshop

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Thank you for your participation!





