



Request for Proposal

PURPOSE:

The Edkaagmik Nbiizh Neyaashiinigamiingninwag Edbendaagzijiig Trust (ENNET) is seeking quotes from individuals or organizations to conduct an evaluation of ENNET since its inception.

BACKGROUND:

The Trust was established as a result of the Coldwater Land Claim launched in 1991 by four First Nations (Mnjikaning, Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Chippewas of Nawash) which was settled through a negotiation with Canada in 2012.

Since the community disbursements in 2013, the Trust Funds have been invested into two separate portfolios – dividend and interest payments and capital gains – constitute the income produced by the Trust. A small percentage of this income is used to pay for investment administration expenses. What's left is termed Net Income and every year the Trustees distribute as much of this amount as possible to community members and programs, by way of proposal application process as directed by the Trust Agreement. The focus of this evaluation is on the processes implemented and the outcomes as a result of the proposal driven process against intentions of the trust agreement. Furthermore, based on community input, recommendations for moving forward.

As of the of 2019, Applications for education, infrastructure, culture & heritage, health governance, economic development and land grants that demonstrate the greatest long-term benefits are given priority. Community funded projects totaled \$3,063,029 while Band received \$1,868,316 in the same time period (2013-2018).

SCOPE OF WORK:

The evaluation will assess ENNET since its inception to the present. The activities that will be undertaken include:

1. A meeting with trustees (an or advisory) to define measurable evaluation outcomes
2. Development of a compressive strategy and workplan for the duration of the evaluation

3. Development of a methodology that will be mindful of carrying out a community-based evaluation during precautions for COVID – this will include the collection of data and innovative online survey tools
 - a. Development of a process of follow up on all projects that were funded since inception, organizing information as per trust agreement
 - b. Present findings midway to trustees
 - c. Initiate a process to obtain feedback from beneficiaries (including leadership, programs, past trustees, and off reserve community members) and a vision forward
4. Find similar First Nations trusts, and prepare a brief presentation of processes that are implemented to trust comparison
5. Incorporate community feedback in a revised report
6. Present Report to Advisory Committee

The following are an example of key questions to focus the evaluation (note these will be revised based on evaluators expertise and in consultation with the committee above)

1. Has ENNET met objectives outlined in the trust agreement?
2. What has been the impact of the investments through a proposal driven process?
 - a. Were intentions of projects funded carried through?
 - b. What are the strengths?
 - c. Where have investments not achieved outcomes, barriers?
3. How effective has the proposal driven process been in guiding the decisions?
4. What is the community perception of the trust being effective?
5. How does the trust measure against other similar trusts?

Based on this, what tools can be implemented or be considered in the future.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Application background and CV and two references
2. Detailed work plan to finish work by April 2021 including how work will be carried
3. Complete and detailed budget

PROPOSAL REVIEW:

1. Proposal will be reviewed by a committee including trustees
2. Proposals will be reviewed with marks for background, methodology, implementation plan and tools that will be used

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

ENNET will provide the consultant with background information. A trustee will oversee communication between the consultant and the advisory. The consultant will carry out the work from retrospective data collection to producing a final report.

Please visit www.nawashtrust.ca for more information.

BUDGET: \$25,0000.00

Our corporate trustee, Glen Del Bel or Angela Spano can be contacted for information at glen.delbel@scotiawealth.com or angela.spano@scotiawealth.com.

If you are interested in providing a quote to perform this task, please mail your quote inclusive of contact information, detailed list of services/items included, and preferred payment schedule included in your quote, to the following:

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Quotes will be received by email and mail, up to February 11, 2021