



2nd Annual National AAROM Meeting

Session Description

Session Title: AAROM Fund Design

Date/Time: Day 3, November 21st, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:15pm

Objectives:

- Continue discussion on the AAROM Fund design and delivery
- Overview of AAROM Fund and next steps
- Seek input on the design of:
 - o Annual funding priorities for 2020-21 (e.g., activity “streams”)
 - o Criteria for assessing proposals
 - o Development and configuration of the Application Review Committee
- Promote discussion among AAROM departments about opportunities for collaboration

Session Design:

- AAROM Fund PowerPoint presentations
- Breakout sessions:
 - o Q1: What are the types of projects that you would be interested in doing in your AAROM?
 - Quick table discussion
 - o Q2: Does your project fit under the listed examples of possible activity streams/funding priorities? If it doesn't, what is another category? :
 - Examples:
 - Supporting mentorship/internships programs and exchanges
 - Development of innovative tools/solutions that have potential broader application
 - Asset acquisitions (e.g. software for Indigenous Knowledge data management)
 - Development of core capacity (e.g., training, skills/career advancement, succession planning and implementation, mentoring, access to technology, etc.)
 - Develop new partnerships and procurement opportunities
 - Watershed projects that:
 - o Serve an immediate need/outcome

- Enables development of new capacity or data/knowledge/expertise
 - Can unlock other funding and diversify services (stepping stone)
- Share back
- Q3: Based on feedback from AAROM departments, they do not want a cumbersome proposal or reporting process. We have created a draft list of potential evaluations criteria to be used by a joint Application Review Committee to assess proposals, which are:
 - Fits within one of the priority areas
 - Addresses community needs or priorities
 - The proposal is feasible: reasonable budget, relevant activities, clear timelines, capacity to deliver
 - Deliverables/outcomes are clearly explained and benefits identified
 - Supports innovation and/or partnerships
 - Involves collaboration between AAROM departments and/or benefits more than one proponent
 - Supports capacity development in the AAROM department(s)

At your tables, answer the following questions while considering the potential list of criteria:

 - Are these the right criteria? Any other criteria?
 - What are the most important criteria?
- Q4: To manage and oversee the fund, a joint Application Review Committee will be created. What considerations and expertise should guide the appointment of members and configurations of the Application Review Committee?
 - Mentimeter

Specific Outcomes Sought:

- Concrete feedback that can support the finalization of:
 - Annual funding priorities (e.g., activity “streams”)
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Appendix

- AAROM Fund PowerPoint presentation.