



# AAROM Renewal: AAROM Project Fund

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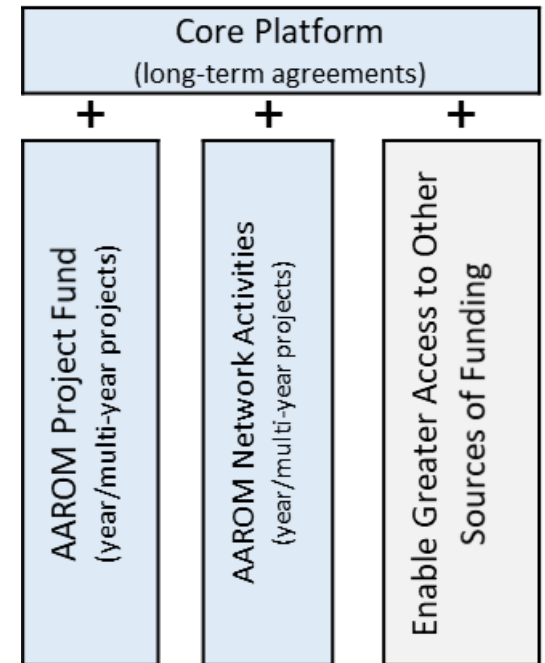




# A Renewed Approach

Moving forward, a more strategic approach to AAROM funding would focus on four main objectives:

1. Develop and maintain robust AAROM departments (core platform/capacity)
2. **Fund, improve and diversify project activities (funded by AAROM)**
3. Support a strong network of AAROM departments (including sharing and developing capacity as well as growing co-delivery capacity)
4. Promote access to other funding





## Possible Key Features

### Some basic features

- Application/proposal-based process
- Funding for single or multi-year projects
- Targeting \$2-3M a year (overall funding is dynamic)

### The process

- Establish national process, guidelines and criteria (i.e., transparent, predictable, justifiable)
- Joint application review board with Indigenous experts
- Annual call out each fall for next fiscal year (first call out fall 2019 for 2020-21)
- Maintain list of preapproved projects for when surpluses or new funding is available



# Eligible Activities

## Key considerations

- What project activities would be unique to AAROM and could support the AAROM platform (i.e., not using AAROM to backfill what other programs or initiatives should be funding)
- In particular, can the project fund be a catalyst to support further growth?

## Possible priorities

- Watershed projects that serve an immediate need/outcome and enables new capacity or data/knowledge/expertise that can unlock other funding and diversify services (stepping stone)
- Innovative tools/solutions
- Training and development of core capacity (e.g., skills/career advancement, succession planning and support)



## Possible Criteria

How should proposals be evaluated?

- Proposal strength and feasibility
- Addresses key community need/priority
- Alignment with AAROM program objectives
- Benefits and timeliness of the project
- Proponents ability to deliver proposed project outcomes
- Innovation
- Involves collaboration between AAROM departments (or may benefit more than the proponent) or other partners
- Supports capacity development and growth of expertise in the AAROM department
- Increase community capacity (e.g., training/employment opportunities, outreach and knowledge transfer)



## What's Next

Take on the input and guidance provided today to further develop the fund proposal (if you have further input please let us know)

Develop co-delivery function (e.g., application review board) and continue to check-in with NIFI on fund design

Prepare for the October 2019 call out

