



AAROM Innovation and Collaboration Fund (ICF) Status Update

National AAROM Meeting
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AAROM Innovation and Collaboration Fund (ICF) - Overview

Key Objective: To support AAROM departments in continuing to build and develop organizational and technical capacity and to increase collaboration amongst the AAROM network to tackle common challenges and unlock opportunities

Features:

- Annual Budget of \$2.5M (regular turnover of funding/projects)
- Notional allocation of up to \$75K for each AAROM department to support individual projects.
- Total available to support collaborative projects ~\$400K/annum
- Application/proposal-based process for single or multi-year projects/activities (2-3 years)
- National process, guidelines and criteria (i.e., transparent, predictable, equitable)
- Spectrum of activities supported (addressing different capacity levels – not just high capacity)
- Annual status update and review of eligible priorities during the National AAROM Meeting



AAROM ICF – Results to Date

- The AAROM ICF was launched in April 2020. The initial priority (established during discussions at the National AAROM Meeting in Charlottetown) focused on the development of capacity and collaboration around Indigenous Knowledge (IK).
 - 2020-21 -> \$1.185M in funding delivered to 14 AAROM departments
- Year 2 (2021-22) saw a wider scope of co-developed priorities based on AAROM ICF webinars held November 2020 and February 2021 as part of the Virtual National AAROM Meeting Series.
 - 2021-22 -> \$1.89M in funding delivered to 23 AAROM departments
- Year 3 (2022-23) call for proposals was issued in early-February 2022 using the same list of eligible priorities used in year 2.
 - Aiming to increase participation to include all AAROM departments eligible for the ICF
 - Eight (8) AAROM departments funded for individual projects (\$436,350) to-date
 - Continued focus on effective processes for developing and implementing collaborative projects
 - Two (2) multi-year collaborative projects funded (\$359,090) so far in 2022-23



AAROM ICF – Current Eligible Priorities

Based on what’s been heard through IPR, two National AAROM Meetings, regional workshops, webinars, and at the virtual series, the current eligible priorities are:

Human Resources I C

(Support a variety of HR related activities required to sustain and grow HR capacity -- e.g. succession planning; mentorships; training; leadership development; interchanges; proposal writing, HR toolkit, etc.)

Regional Research, Planning & Coordination C

(Collaborative activities to develop new tools and solutions that can help unlock regional issues or opportunities)

Operational Infrastructure I

(Investments to help maintain or grow assets and equipment essential to core operations)

Develop New Services & Partnerships I C

(Activities to support initial planning and development of new service areas and unlock new partnerships/funders)

Communications & Governance I C

(Development of strategies and tools to support community outreach; effective governance practices)

Indigenous Knowledge I C

(Continuation of 2020-21 priority focusing on capacity development and collaboration)

Engaging Youth I C

(Development of strategies and tools for outreach, training, employment, land/fish camps, Youth-Elder interactions, etc.)

I	Individual Projects
C	Collaborative Projects

I & C projects may cross fertilize (e.g, a collaborative project may lead to individual projects; individual projects may inform other projects, via networking, mentoring, etc.)



AAROM ICF – Discussion towards Co-development

- Reflecting upon this brief presentation and considering the diverse examples of how the ICF has contributed to the core capacity development objectives of your AAROM department:
- *Are these still the fund priorities? What's missing or needed?*
- *How can we work together to ensure other program or funding opportunities are coordinated and leveraged to successfully extend the capacity and impact of the AAROM network? What do we need to know?*
- *Who might want to collaborate, on what, with whom?*