



Indigenous and
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Ministry of Children and
Youth Services

Ministère des Services
à l'enfance et à la jeunesse

October 21, 2016

Isadore Day
Ontario Regional Chief
Chiefs of Ontario
111 Peter Street, Suite 804
TORONTO ON M5H 2H1

Dear Chief Day:

Re: Immediate Relief Funding for Child Welfare Prevention in First Nations

Thank you for your letter dated October 13, 2016, regarding the disbursement of Canada's immediate relief funding for prevention activities to First Nation communities in Ontario.

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services are in agreement with the Chiefs of Ontario about the importance of flowing the \$5.83 million immediately, and agree that the Casino Rama funding model should be used to distribute funding for prevention activities.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services has agreed to receive the funding from INAC through the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement, and will use the partnerships of the Ontario Indigenous Children and Youth Strategy to flow the funds. Please find attached an updated spreadsheet with the funding breakdown (see Appendix A). The immediate relief funds are to be used for prevention services and activities as defined by the communities that will support the implementation of Ontario's Indigenous Children and Youth Strategy, including start-up costs for the Family Well-Being Program.

In terms of next steps, INAC will set up a meeting with the identified working group members from the Chiefs of Ontario's Social Services Coordination Unit and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services in the coming weeks as part of the Technical Tripartite Working Group to provide additional details regarding the release of funding, and begin work on funding and program reform options for 2017-2018, including transformation of funding currently provided through the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement.

Sincerely,

A/ Mauricette Howlett
Regional Director General
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Darryl Sturtevant
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Attachment: Application of OFNLP Formula for Distribution of Immediate Relief to Ontario First Nations, 2016-17

c.c.: Political Confederacy

Deputy Grand Chief Denise Stonefish, Chair, Chiefs Committee on Social Services, Chiefs of Ontario

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APPENDIX A:

Grant Recipient	Total Funding (2016/17)
Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians	\$445,376.77
Grand Council Treaty #3	\$715,787.08
Independent First Nations	\$430,609.61
Nishnawbe Aski Nation	\$1,841,281.82
Union of Ontario Indians	\$1,565,495.00
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	\$53,470.22
Six Nations of the Grand River	\$414,458.35
Stanjikoming	\$20,007.84
Moose Cree	\$85,963.33
Waabigoniw Saaga'iganiw Anishinaabeg	\$28,313.79
Bkejwanong Territory	\$89,229.04
Mississauga	\$36,992.53
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek	\$36,023.26
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen #258	\$21,170.97
Chippewas of Mnjikaning	\$45,820.40
TOTAL:	\$5,830,000.01