

Cultural Planning Q & A

If you have a question concerning the cultural planning funding, please email elainez@ipsociety.ca

Your questions may be added to this resource list to help others with similar questions they may have while applying for these funds.

Question: Would the culture planning funds cover the costs of creating life books, a book that the children in care take with them as they move to different placements?

Answer: Yes, the intent of this funding is to support the identification of what must be considered in cultural planning for children and youth in care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies. These books record memories and key life events as children and youth in care move to different placements. These life books may include sections for photos of families, siblings, communities, information on culture, language, the band/nation.

Question: Does the cultural planning fund cover welcome home feasts and celebrations for children in care?

Answer: Yes, the intent of this funding is to support the identification of how cultural planning should occur for children and youth that is specific to the child or youth's band and nation. This could include hosting gatherings and feasts to identify what must be considered in cultural planning.

Question: Would we be able to have a cultural event and teachings, including a camp with the funding?

Answer: Yes, having a cultural camp to identify what must be included in cultural planning is a possible use of this funding. This could provide teachings and information on traditional and cultural practices that results in the recommendations of what cultural planning must include that is specific to the band/nation.

Question: What if we have no children in care living in our community?

Answer: If a band has no children in care in their local area they are still eligible for funding. The information gathered through these funds are still useful to have as it can be used if a child from your community does require care at some point and for other types of planning when access to cultural information is required.

Question: What if we have no children in care at all?

Answer: This funding is an opportunity for your community to share what is essential in cultural planning. This includes not only what must be considered in cultural planning but also how this planning needs to occur. Being proactive in your cultural planning will allow you to build strong processes and in the future.

Question: What will the final reporting template entail?

Answer: It will be a simple final reporting template with 3 deliverables.

- 1) Who, or what position, roles, etc. must be involved in cultural planning for any children from your community?
- 2) What must be considered (the content) when developing or enhancing a cultural plan for any children in care from your community?
- 3) How should the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agency social worker undertake cultural planning for any children in care from your community?