



Urban Aboriginal Strategy

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Background to the Urban Aboriginal Strategy

- The federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) has been in existence in various forms since 1998, with the goal of improving collaboration and policy integration within the federal government and partnering with all levels of government and stakeholders to better address the socio-economic needs of urban Aboriginal people.
- The UAS was preceded by federal funding to Friendship Centres, starting in 1972 with the Migrating Native Peoples Program, evolving into the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Program in the 1980's.





Urban Aboriginal Strategy, 2014/15 & 2016/17

- In spring 2014, four federal funding programs (Aboriginal Friendship Centre Program, Urban Aboriginal Strategy, Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth, Young Canada Works) were consolidated into a renewed Urban Aboriginal Strategy with two program funding streams:
 - **Community Capacity Support** – primarily **core-like funding for Indigenous organizations** that deliver programs and services to urban Indigenous individuals; and
 - **Urban Partnerships** – funding for **projects** and initiatives **supporting increased urban Indigenous participation in the economy.**
- Of the \$53 million/year nationally of UAS funding,
 - \$43 million is delivered by the National Association of Friendship Centres (all of the \$23 million in Community Capacity Support funding and \$20 million of the Urban Partnerships funding); and
 - \$10 million is delivered by INAC (\$10 million in Urban Partnerships funding, focused on supporting community and regional planning).





Urban Aboriginal Strategy program renewal

- Over the past few months, the Government of Canada has been seeking public input on how the UAS can better meet the needs of urban Indigenous peoples.
- INAC hosted engagement sessions in 21 cities across the country; over 600 online surveys were completed; some national Indigenous organizations held engagement sessions and are providing input.
- Information gathered through this engagement will inform the development of policy options for program renewal.





Community and Regional Strategic Planning

- Over the past two years, INAC, Alberta Aboriginal Relations and the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) have partnered in supporting engagement of a broad range of stakeholders in 21 urban centres in the development of urban Aboriginal community strategic plans.
- Urban Aboriginal Community Strategic Plans :
 - South: Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Pincher Creek
 - Central: Edmonton, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Hinton, Edson
 - East: Bonnyville, Lloydminster, Cold Lake, St. Paul, Lac La Biche, Athabasca
 - North: Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Grande Prairie, Peace River, High Level, High Prairie, Slave Lake
- Four zone dialogue reports and a consolidated Alberta-wide Urban Aboriginal Regional Strategic Plan drafted (to be updated) and provided to the National Association of Friendship Centres to guide UAS investments.
- **Community and regional strategic plans and zone dialogue reports identify priority issues and actions – valuable resources for all stakeholders going forward.**





Additional Information and Contacts

Additional information can be found at the following website locations:

- INAC UAS web page, including links to information about current funding programs and 2016 engagement for program :

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1471368138533/1471368161152>

- National Association of Friendship Centres website (including information on the UAS and projects funded):

<http://nafc.ca/en/our-story/how-we-are-funded/>

- Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association website (including the calls for proposals for UAS funding in Alberta and projects funded):

<http://www.anfca.com/>

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