



CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Saskatchewan Research Council's Licence Application for the Gunnar Remediation Project



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CNSC Decision on the Allocation of Participant Funding for Saskatchewan Research Council's Licence Application for the Gunnar Remediation Project

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on December 16, 2013 that it was offering up to \$25,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to assist members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other stakeholders to take part in the Commission hearing for the Saskatchewan Research Council's licence application for the Gunnar Remediation Project, and to review licensing documentation related to the licence application. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the CNSC's PFP, applications related to the Gunnar environmental assessment review phase were not eligible for funding, since the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency had already offered funding for this phase of the regulatory review process. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was January 31, 2014.

Background

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC:

- for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC through informed and topic-specific interventions
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in the Commission's public hearing process for the matter at hand, in August 2014, in Ottawa, ON

A Funding Review Committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding applications received by the CNSC's PFP Administrator, and to make recommendations to the CNSC on the allocation of up to \$25,000 for eligible applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; Ms. Heather Jarrett, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; and Mr. Bruce Young, retired Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency director.

On February 14, 2014, the FRC met to review the five (5) PFP applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$81,733.00.

Eligibility and funding criteria

Eligible applicants included individuals, Aboriginal groups or not-for-profit organizations who could demonstrate that they met at least one of the following criteria:

- a direct, local interest in the project, such as living or owning property near the project area
- Aboriginal traditional knowledge and/or local community insight, relevant to the proposed project
- interests in potential project impacts on treaty lands, settlement lands or traditional territories or related claims and rights
- plan to provide value-added information relevant to the mandate of the CNSC and the specific matter before the Commission

During its review, the FRC considered factors such as

The degree to which the applicant:

- could provide expertise from credible and reputable professional sources
- represented many directly affected parties with one voice for the matter at hand
- did not have access to other funding that could support input to the matter at hand

The degree to which the funding proposal and the nature of the proposed activities and related costs:

- were reasonable for the matter at hand
- fit within the scope of the matter at hand and maximum funding available
- did not duplicate or overlap with work undertaken by others
- were not already conducted in the normal course of the applicant's business

The FRC also took into consideration whether each of the funding applications was complete, received on time, reasonable and justifiable for the matter at hand.

CNSC participant funding decision

The CNSC has carefully considered the recommendations of the independent FRC for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of the Saskatchewan Research Council's licence application for the Gunnar Remediation Project.

With regard to the Funding Applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC accepts all of the recommendations of the FRC, except the recommendation to not fund the Prince Albert Grand Council as the CNSC concluded that the Prince Albert Grand Council's proposal and participation in the Commission hearing process for the Gunnar Remediation Project would bring value to the Commission, and approves the reimbursement of up to \$35,250.00 in participant funding to the Recipients listed below.

Applicant	Maximum Amount of PFP Available
Black Lake Denesuline First Nation	\$9,000.00
Fond-du-Lac Denesuline First Nation	\$11,000.00
Prince Albert Grand Council	\$8,000.00
Saskatchewan Environmental Society	\$5,100.00
Uranium City Métis Local #50	\$2,150.00
TOTAL	\$35,250.00

In order for funds to be released, the recipients must sign a Contribution Agreement that will specify the maximum amount of funding approved for their proposal, as well as the deliverables required for the Commission's public hearing.

For more information on the CNSC's PFP and how it works please read the [PFP Guide](#).

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