

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATIONS CARIBOU RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION FUND (FNCRIF)

The BC First Nations Caribou Recovery Implementation Fund (FNCRIF) has been developed to provide an additional means for First Nations communities and organizations to advance recovery efforts for threatened caribou herds in British Columbia. The fund is envisioned to generate new collaborative First Nations-led caribou recovery actions rooted in traditional knowledge and scientific understanding.

Two streams of funding – seed funding for developing a project proposal, and multi-year funding (1 to 2 years) for implementation of a recovery initiative – are designed to offer flexibility, support in development, and consistency for longer term initiatives.

FNCRIF is focused on projects that support and promote the recovery of caribou listed as “threatened” under the federal Species and Risk Act (SARA) and includes the following herds: Boreal, Southern Mountain-Northern Group, Southern Mountain – Central Group, and Southern Mountain – Southern Group.

Potential project activities might include:

- Documentation and Use of Traditional Knowledge
- Surveys, Inventories and Monitoring
- Species and Habitat Threat Abatement
- Project Evaluation
- Stewardship Training, Outreach and Education

For specific details on eligible herds and activities see the FNCRIF webpage.



FNCRIF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the cap on funding? I.e., how much can we apply for?

A: Seed funding is up to \$10,000; yearlong or multi-year funding is up to \$75,000 per year for up to 2 years (\$150,000 max). Consideration for projects of higher value may be given in special circumstances.

Q: If we're successful in applying for seed funding does that mean we will also be approved for implementation funding for our project?

A: No, receipt of seed funding does not automatically qualify an applicant for implementation funding. All seed funding recipients must provide a subsequent application to be considered for yearlong or multi-year implementation funding.

Q: We are a non-Indigenous organization; can we apply?

A: No, this fund is to support First Nations-led caribou recovery initiatives. Please look to other available caribou recovery funding or contact your local nations to see how you might assist recovery efforts.

Q: How onerous is the reporting for this funding?

A: Receipt of funding does require a commitment to provide project status reports, annual reports for each active year of the project, and a final report at project completion. Final reports may be submitted in a variety of formats, including written report, presentation, story (in-person) or video.

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If you are a First Nations organization in BC whose territory overlaps with eligible caribou herds and are interested in exploring implementation of caribou recovery initiatives, please reach out to discuss your project idea:

FBC contact info – caribou@fraserbasin.ca
Learn more at fraserbasin.bc.ca/caribou.html

