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Call for Community Initiatives Program proposals

Iqaluit, Nunavut - February 24, 2017 – The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is calling for proposals for the Nunalingni Aulajjagiatit/Community Initiatives Program (CIP).

The Community Initiatives Program provides financial support for projects related to community capacity building, promotion of Inuit culture, economic development, social development, health and wellbeing, and the protection of the environment.

“I’m proud of the diverse youth, cultural and recreational programs that communities across our region have been able to organize with funds from the Community Initiatives Program,” says QIA president P.J. Akeeeagok.

From on the land and hunting programs to school nutrition initiatives and arts festivals, QIA’s CIP-funded programs have helped to enrich the lives of Inuit in the Qikiqtani region.

“This past year’s Pang Fest was a hit because of the help we got from QIA’s Community Initiatives Program,” says Billy Etoangat, Pang Fest Chairperson.

“The money allowed us to bring in award-winning musicians like Twin Flames to perform in our community. Hundreds of kids took pictures with the bands, sang along and got signatures all over their T-shirts, backpacks and parkas. Bringing in such role-models makes a real difference in our community.”

Support from QIA’s Community Initiatives Program also made it possible to mount Qajaqtuaq – a huge project designed to pass-on traditional qajaq-making skills to younger generations of Inuit in Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, Iqaluit and Clyde River.

The CIP budget comes from dividends received from QIA’s subsidiary organizations: Qikiqtaaluk Corp. and Nunasi Corp.

The QIA Culture and Community Initiatives Committee (CCIC) assesses each application. Preference is given to projects that:

- are community based;
- will become self-sustaining over a period of time, or continue to provide benefits to the community after the project is completed and funding has ceased;
- will have a significant impact in addressing an issue faced by Inuit within the community or the Qikiqtani region.



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2016/2017 CIP recipients

Pangnirtung		
Inuit Piquisingi	\$6,950.00	Fall 2016
Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut's Get Happy Summer Day Camp - Staff Training & Program Implementation	\$13,000.00	Summer/Fall 2016
Pang Fest	\$20,000.00	Summer/Fall 2016
Pond Inlet		
Youth hunting project	\$8,957.21	Fall 2016/ Winter 2017
Pigiavik	\$29,794.00	Summer 2016/Winter 2017
Qarjuq Elders's Sivumut	\$11,536.00	Winter 2017
Qikiqtarjuaq		
Wellness Coordinator's: Kamik Making	\$14,025.00	Winter 2017
Youth Igloo Building	\$600.00	Winter 2017
Cabin Building	\$17,195.94	Winter 2017
Youth hunting project	\$7,403.85	Winter 2017
Sealskin parka project	\$9,209.80	Winter 2017
Resolute Bay		
Hamlet Youth Committee Innervation North Summer Youth Program 2016	\$29,029.47	Summer/Fall 2016
Sanikiluaq		
Youth hunting project	\$2,077.12	Winter 2017
Qamutik Making	\$1,565.79	Winter 2017
Naulak Making	\$3,080.00	Winter 2017
Recreation Department's camp	\$15,728.88	Winter 2017
Large Projects		
Iqaluit		
Inuit Heritage Trust's Thule Whale Bone House Replica	\$20,000.00	Winter 2017
Nunavut Youth LEAP's Qajaqtuaq	\$75,100.00	Winter 2017
Qikiqtani Truth Commission's work on book on Inuit Special Constables	\$31,903.00	Winter 2017

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