

VOICES



2014 Funding Dates

| Strategic Area | Funding Initiative | Announced | Closes |
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| Education | Scholarships Bursaries—1st call Bursaries—2nd call K-12 Grant | April 22nd April 15th August 14th September 2nd | June 5th (noon) June 12th (noon) September 18th (noon) Until funds are exhausted |
| Elders & Youth | Elders Grants Youth Grants | April 15th April 15th | May 26th (noon) Until funds are exhausted |
| Governance Capacity | Direct Support—1st call Direct Support—2nd call Policy Development | April 15thAugust 5th April 15, 2014 | May 22nd (noon) September 30th (noon) Until funds are exhausted |

See inside for more details about funding initiatives, including 2014–15 allocations and eligibility.

NRT seeks investment partners

NRT is seeking partners to launch a BC First Nations investment group. The group will purchase viable businesses in order to maximize investment opportunities. The success of the investment group will reveal to corporations, financial institutions, and private investors that First Nations are viable business partners.

Through the group, First Nations will have new opportunities to gain corporate knowledge and experience, and new business leaders will immerge and enhance our community strength. NRT intends to partner with a minimum of nine First Nations partners at \$1 million each to create a \$10 million fund. Partnership units of \$250,000 will also be available. Join us in this exciting new venture! For information, contact NRT CEO, Cliff Fregin.



2014 Support

NRT continues to support initiatives in five areas: Governance Capacity, Economic Development, Language & Culture, Education, and Youth & Elders. For additional details about how to apply for funding, visit the NRT website at www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding.

Scholarships and Bursaries

NRT Scholarships and Bursaries support First Nations students as they work toward completing post-secondary degrees, diplomas and certificates. To date we have awarded more than \$5.05 million, \$114,000 of which supported the Chief Joe Mathias Scholarship Fund.

This year, we have allocated \$500,000 for Scholarships and Bursaries. Awards are available in four categories, as follows:

- 75 Bursaries for Certificate, Diploma and/or Trades @ \$2,000 each
- 30 Undergraduate Scholarships @ \$5,000 each
- 10 Masters Scholarships @ \$10,000 each
- 5 Doctorate Scholarships @ \$20,000 each

Eligibility: First Nations students who are attending a recognized post-secondary institution.

Scholarships

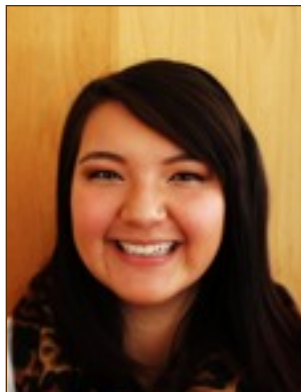
Funding Announced: April 22

Deadline: June 5th (noon)

Bursaries

Funding Announced: 1st Call: April 15th; 2nd Call: August 14th

Deadline: 1st Call: June 12th (noon); 2nd Call: September 18th



Scholarship recipients Steve Recalma and Nicole Watts.

K-12 Education

NRT provides funds that flow through NRT Foundation to First Nations in BC to deliver Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) projects at the community level. In 2014, we have allocated a total of \$500,000 to K-12 project funding. Grants of \$5,000 are available for projects in three specific categories: English and literacy; math; and science.

Eligibility: First Nations communities

Funding Announced: September 2nd

Youth & Elders Grants

Youth and Elders Grants provide funds at the community level so that these two important groups can build capacity from within.

Youth Grants

In 2014, we are making \$250,000 available to assist BC First Nations youth in their communities. A maximum of \$2,000 is available per project and priority is given to groups and projects that demonstrate capacity building, leadership or mentorship for BC First Nations youth.

Eligibility: First Nations youth groups and organizations in BC

Funding Announced: April 15th

Deadline: Until funds are exhausted

Elders Grants

A total of \$250,000 is available for Elders Grants this year. Projects will be funded to a maximum of \$2,000, and priority will be given to projects that benefit Elders and/or Elders groups at the First Nations or community level.

Eligibility: Elders groups and organizations; BC First Nations communities and organizations representing Elders

Funding Announced: April 15th

Deadline: May 26th (noon)



FirstVoices language revitalization initiative.

Direct Support

Direct Support funding helps First Nations communities build capacity in the areas that they need it most. A total of \$1.5 million has been allocated for Direct Support in 2014-15. Funding is available in two streams:

- A maximum of \$25,000 per project is available to individual First Nations
- A maximum of \$50,000 per project is available to groups of three First Nations who are collaborating on a capacity building initiative.

Eligibility: First Nations in BC

Funding Announced: First Call: April 15th;
Second Call: August 5th

Deadline: First Call: May 22nd; Second Call:
September 30



Alice Rosypskye, Bella Bella, Waglisla

Policy Development

This funding stream supports projects by provincially-mandated First Nations organizations that advance policy development for the benefit of all BC First Nations communities and citizens. This year, we have allocated \$250,000 in funding for Policy Development initiatives. NRT supports up to \$50,000 or 75% of eligible project costs. Proponents must be able to show they are prepared to contribute the other 25%.

Eligibility: First Nations organizations with a BC province-wide mandate

Funding Announced: April 15th

Deadline: Until funds exhausted

Partner Funding

NRT provides additional funding through our partners. Eligibility criteria and application guidelines can be found on partner websites.

Language & Culture

We support various initiatives for culture and language revitalization through the First Peoples' Cultural Council. **Visit:** www.fpcc.ca

First Nations Equity Fund

NRT supports First Nations communities with low-interest loans, so they can participate in viable alternative energy projects as equity partners. The fund is administered by the Nuuchah-nuulth Economic Development Corporation. **Visit:** www.nedc.info

Entrepreneur Equity Matching Initiative

This initiative supports new or expanding First Nations businesses in BC by providing matching equity through six BC Aboriginal Capital Corporations (ACCs). First Nations entrepreneurs and communities are eligible to apply to the ACCs, which manage this initiative. For a list of participating ACC's, **Visit:** <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/partner-funding/entrepreneur-equity-matching>.



Dennis Thomas takes a leap at last year's Golf Tournament

Save the Date! GOLF Tournament: July 29, 2014

The 4th annual NRT Foundation Golf Tournament will take place at the UBC Golf Course in Vancouver on Tuesday, July 29th this year. The two-person best-ball tournament is always a great time for all. It opens with a 1 pm tee off and ends with an awards dinner, complete with more than \$25,000 in prizes, at Westward Ho!, the UBC golf course restaurant.

To date we've raised \$52,640 in funds that support post-secondary bursaries for First Nations students in BC. With a goal of raising an additional \$50,000 in 2014, we hope this year's tournament will be our most successful to date. For details and to register, visit www.NRTFGOLF.ca.

YES Continues to Inspire

Each year, the Young Entrepreneurs Symposium (YES) engages and inspires Aboriginal youth who are interested in entrepreneurship in an exciting business-oriented forum. The 2013 YES, hosted by NRT and held last December in Richmond, brought almost 100 Aboriginal youth from across Canada together for three fun-filled days of business learning and team-based motivational challenges.

In addition to team competitions in the areas of planning, sales and marketing, YES delegates have access to business leaders and mentors through panel discussions, speakers and networking opportunities. YES is a life-changing experience for attendees, and the 2013 event was infused with positive energy and enthusiasm.

In 2014, NRT will host five regional YES events in different locations in BC as well as one larger, national YES. Dates and details are coming soon! Check www.yes2014.ca as details unfold.

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