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Scholarships and bursaries get boost from partners

In 2012, the New Relationship Trust Foundation awarded 177 scholarship and bursary awards to students pursuing a post-secondary degree, diploma, certificate or trade. Of those, 49 awards were supported by two new partners: the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) contributed a combined total of \$260,000 in support for students studying in health-related disciplines.

The Post-Secondary Education Scholarship initiative was launched by New Relationship Trust (NRT) in 2007 and has supported more than 800 students to date with over \$4.4 million in awards. Management of the initiative was transferred to the newly created NRT Foundation in 2012, and thanks to its charitable status, the Foundation will attract additional donor funding.

NRT Board member Judith Sayers has been appointed as Chair of the NRT Foundation, and operations are overseen by a Board of three Trustees. Fundraising and donor relationship development is managed by Amy Rose, Advancement Coordinator.

In 2013 and beyond, the Foundation will continue to seek partnerships in order to grow the fund and support additional post-secondary students. The long-term objective is to endow a minimum of \$30 million over the Foundation's first ten years of operation. Visit the Foundation website to learn more: www.nrtf.ca



GOLF Tournament: August 1, 2013

The 3rd annual NRTF Golf Tournament, which raises funds for the NRT Foundation, will take place at the UBC Golf Course in Vancouver on Thursday August 1st. The two-person best-ball tournament is always a great time for all. It begins with a 1pm tee off and ends with an awards dinner, complete with more than \$25,000 in prizes, at Westward Ho!, the golf course restaurant.

Come out for a day of fun and help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000 to support First Nations students. See the NRT Golf website for details: www.NRTFGOLF.ca.

2013 NRT Funding Support

This year, NRT will continue to support initiatives in five areas: Governance Capacity, Economic Development, Language & Culture, Education, and Youth & Elders. At our most recent round of Regional Engagement Sessions, and in ongoing feedback from First Nation communities, these five priority areas continue to be identified as needing capacity support. 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, certificates and trades. To date we have awarded more than \$4,441,000, \$104,000 of which supported the Chief Joe Mathias BC 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 from BC who are attending a recognized post-secondary institution.

Scholarships

Funding Announced: April 29

Deadline: June 14th (noon)

Bursaries

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

Deadline: 1st Call: May 23rd (noon); 2nd Call: when funds exhausted



Scholarship recipients Aaron Wilson and Darlene Kelly

K-12 Education

NRT provides funds that flow through the NRT Foundation to First Nations in BC to deliver Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) projects at the community level. In 2013, we have allocated a total of \$500,000 to K-12 project funding. Grants of \$2,500 are available for projects in three specific categories: English and literacy; math; and science.

Eligibility: BC First Nations communities

Funding Announced: September 3rd

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 2013, 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 2nd

Deadline: June 28th (noon)

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 2nd

Deadline: May 23rd (noon)



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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 2013-14. 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 or more that are collaborating on a capacity building initiative.

Eligibility: First Nations in BC

Funding Announced: First Call: April 2nd;
Second Call: September 3rd

Deadline: First Call: May 15th; Second Call:
October 15th

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 2nd

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 Nuu-chah-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.

Visit: <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/partner-funding/entrepreneur-equity-matching> for a full list of partner ACCs.



Qwahonn and Siyaamex of the Sto:lo First Nation



YES 2012 Winning Team

YES 2012 a Giant Success

Last November, more than 100 Aboriginal youth gathered in Ottawa for the annual Young Entrepreneurs Symposium (YES). The 2012 event was jointly hosted by NRT and the Cree Nation Youth Council. Spanning three fast-paced days, teams of eight faced a variety of business oriented challenges and received invaluable advice from experienced entrepreneurs.

The event concluded with a gala awards dinner at the Museum of Civilization, where Assembly of First Nations' National Chief Shawn A-in-Chut Atleo inspired delegates with a closing speech. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams, while all present cheered on the winners.

Watch the NRT website for news about the 2013 National YES event, which will take place in November.

NRT seeks investment partners

NRT is seeking partners to launch a BC First Nations investment group, which will purchase 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 9 First Nations partners at \$1 million each to create a \$10 million fund. Partnership units of \$250,000 will also be available. Our goal is to earn 15% - 20% on our investment. Join us in this exciting new venture!

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