

Aboriginal Business Investment Fund

Successful recipients 2022-23

Recipient	Community	Project name	Description	Community benefits	Amount
Pimee Well Servicing LP	Beaver Lake Cree Nation Frog Lake First Nation Heart Lake First Nation Kehewin Cree Nation Saddle Lake Cree Nation Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128	Rig 14 Pump and Tank Project	Funding will go towards retrofitting existing equipment, including purchasing a pump and tank to help upgrade a rig.	Pimee Well Servicing has 148 employees of which 97% are Indigenous. In upturns in the energy sector, the company provides dividends to the 6 First Nations shareholders which fund community initiatives like youth and elder programs, supporting local recreation and sports organizations, daycare and other projects and programs for the public good. This equipment purchase and installation will allow Pimee to deliver additional services which are currently provided by third parties. Increases in revenue will either lead to company growth (higher employment) or returning dividends back to the communities.	\$500,000
O'Chiese Contracting LP	O'Chiese First Nation	Harvesting Heavy Equipment	Funding will go towards the purchase of two new pieces of heavy equipment: a dozer and an excavator.	This new equipment will help be a source of revenue for the company and reduce leakage. The purchase would also create an additional four full-time positions. The business will support an estimated 29 full-time employees and up to five part-time seasonal positions after expansion.	\$500,000
Kee Tas Kee Now Sawmills Ltd.	Loon River First Nation Woodland Cree First Nation Lubicon Lake Band Whitefish Lake First Nation	Forest Harvesting	Funding will support the purchase of four pieces of harvesting equipment used to harvest timber.	The equipment purchases will create 30 community member jobs. Kee Tas Kee Now Sawmills Ltd. already has harvesting allocations guaranteed until 2040, ensuring there will be work for community members for more than 15 years.	\$500,000

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Fort Chipewyan Métis	Fort Chipewyan Métis Local #125	Elder's Housing and Rental Suites	Funding will support the capital costs for the modular construction of the Fort Chip Metis Elders' Housing and Rental Suites complex: a two-storey building with Elders' housing on the main-floor and specialty rental suites on the upper floor.	The project will address housing and accommodation shortages in Fort Chipewyan and supports Elders housing. The project will be completed in Fall 2023. The build is anticipated to create 50 construction jobs.	\$500,000
Little Red River Group of Companies LP	Little Red River Cree Nation	Caribou Mountain Homes Expansion	Funding will help acquire magnesium oxide structural insulated panels and equipment to help fulfill the need for economical and sustainable housing.	The project will create in Red River Cree Nation area more than an estimated 100 homes over the next three years. Homes will improve the social conditions of the surrounding Indigenous communities and societies. The project is anticipated to create 48 jobs to be filled by Indigenous Peoples.	\$500,000
Mini Thni Casino Corp	Stoney Nakoda First Nation	Event Centre	Funding will support Stoney Nakoda Resort and Casino to develop an event centre.	The project is expected to grow the business of the resort and adjacent businesses, securing more revenue opportunities for the Nation. The project will support sustainable economic development, job creation and training, and is expected to contribute to First Nations charitable causes through the Mini Thni Foundation.	\$500,000
Kainai Forage LP	Kainai Nation Blood Tribe	Storage Shed Construction (Shed 9)	Funding will assist with the costs related to the construction of a storage facility for Timothy Hay product.	The business currently provides 49 employment opportunities to community members and this project will create 20 new jobs. Exports from Kainai Forage's exports will allow further investment in community programs and an internship program through Kainai Forage.	\$ 250,000
Acden Tech Sonic Limited Partnership	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	Growth and Expansion Project	Funding will support the purchase of capital equipment designed to enable high pressure water blasting.	It is expected this new capital equipment will help the company compete in its market and attract new customers. The project is expected to generate high skilled, high paying jobs for the community. The ABIF investment will create five to 10 jobs for community members.	\$ 250,000

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SmogBuster Inc.	Mikisew Cree First Nation	Cool Down the Work Environment	Funding will support the acquisition and modification of portable air conditioning units and dust collectors.	The expansion will allow Mikisew to diversify its service offerings in the region. In 2022, Mikisew Group of Companies provided \$18.6 million to Mikisew Cree First Nation through employment and apprenticeship opportunities to Nation members, and donations to the Nation. This is expected to continue and be supported by the expansion opportunity.	\$ 250,000
Samson Management 2009 Ltd	Samson Cree Nation	Meniak Highway Commercial Project	Funding will support the construction of a travel centre with gas station, truck stop, store and restaurant.	The project is expected to provide up to \$2.5 million in wages to Nation members over the next 5 years to support employment and community initiatives.	\$ 250,000
Bear Hills Casino LP	Louis Bull Tribe	Bear Hills Gas Station	Funding will assist Louis Bull Tribe with the construction of a gas bar and convenience store directly off the Queen Elizabeth 2 Highway.	The project is anticipated to create 12 permanent jobs for community members. The Alberta government is a partner alongside the federal government in this project.	\$ 250,000
Willow Lake Métis Association	Willow Lake Métis Nation	Willow Lake Eco Bison Ranch	Funding will go towards the construction of a production facility, fencing, corrals and road infrastructure	The Eco Bison ranch will help stimulate employment opportunities for the Nation and surrounding communities. It also seeks to promote awareness and cultural retention of Métis practices through traditional foods, medicines, materials and reclamation resources alongside tourism opportunities.	\$ 250,000
Alexander Business Centre Inc.	Alexander First Nation	HDD Shop and Head Quarters	Funding will support the construction of an 80' x 100' Alexander HDD shop to be located on the Alexander First Nation.	This project is expected to create 10 jobs during construction phase and up to four permanent jobs within community. The expansion will support up to three spin off business opportunities.	\$ 250,000
Comec Energy Services LP	Cold Lake First Nation	Tri Drive Pressure Truck Acquisition	Funding will help purchase a pressure truck.	This project will help support continued growth for an established majority owned Cold Lake First Nations (CFLN) business. Profit and equity from CLFN-owned businesses is used to support social programming, housing, infrastructure and other significant community needs.	\$ 250,000