



Special Pilot Project Funding

Support for First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law-Making Pursuant to the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*



The Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property (COEMRP) is pleased to announce a **Pilot Project** to provide financial support to First Nations related to the following areas:

Category # 1: Increasing Community Members Awareness of the Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act (*the Act*) as it relates to their community and Discussions on the Option to Enact a Community-specific Law

This funding will provide support to those communities who wish to engage their community members in building the awareness and understanding of the Act. This engagement process is needed to prompt initial community members' discussions which may increase the incentive in moving forward in addressing the First Nation's MRP needs. The eligible activities could include holding community meetings, development and distribution of various communiques specific to the First Nation, accessing professional expertise, hiring of community consultation worker for the community members' engagement process, development of survey questionnaires to be distributed to the community members, and media activities. First Nations are invited to submit a proposal for funding up to \$25,000 to increase awareness and understanding of the legal implications and opportunities under the Act.

Category # 2: Funding for Development of Laws - Legal Fees and Consultation with the Community

First Nations who are in the process of developing their community-specific Matrimonial Real Property law could submit a proposal for funds up to \$25,000 to assist with the costs for legal fees or for the consultation and development of their community-specific laws.

Category # 3: Funding for Ratification Vote

First Nations who have developed their community specific MRP law but have not yet held their community ratification vote would be invited to submit a proposal for funds up to \$25,000 for the purpose of conducting a ratification vote. First Nations who have held a failed MRP law ratification vote are eligible and encouraged to submit a proposal for funding to hold an **additional** ratification vote.

Category # 4: Operational Considerations - Internal Capacity and Procedural Development

Once the new MRP law is in effect, an implementation and enforcement strategy will be needed to be put in place. There will be administrative procedures, guidelines, and filing systems required to support the new law when applications are submitted. Procedures will be needed to define the handling of the applications dealing with such items as document flow & physical file management including security and confidentiality, case management and communication obligations. Policy and procedures for court cases will need to be developed to address the requirement when representation by the First Nation is necessary. Once these procedures are defined, staff should be trained to follow them with an emphasis on privacy of the applicant. First Nations are invited to submit a proposal for funding up to \$25,000 for operational considerations.

Category # 5: Increase Availability and Awareness of Community-Specific Laws

This project will provide support to communities who have enacted their own community specific MRP laws to increase availability and awareness of their MRP Law, as set out in the Act. Activities eligible under this proposal could include publishing their laws on their website, the development of flyers or pamphlets for community members, or any activities increasing awareness and understanding of the law within First Nation communities. First Nations would be invited to submit a proposal for funds up to \$25,000 to increase availability and awareness of their community-specific law.



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Category # 6. Operational Considerations under the Provisional Federal Rules (new for 2018/2019)

First Nations who choose to remain under the Provisional Federal Rules and decide not to enact a community-specific law under FHRMIRA will need to put in place administrative policies, procedures and systems to address applications filed in the courts. Policies and procedures will need to be developed to address the requirement when representation by the First Nation is necessary in the courts. Policies and procedures will be needed to address case management, communications and document flow/physical file management including security/confidentiality. An emphasis on ensuring confidentiality and impartial treatment is paramount. First Nations are invited to submit a proposal for funding up to \$25,000 for operational considerations under the Provisional Federal Rules.

Please contact:

Becky Wolfe

Special Projects Officer

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- To obtain information about project criteria and eligibility
- To obtain assistance in developing your proposal
- To obtain a copy of the proposal template in Word format and other relevant resources

First Nation governments enacting Matrimonial Real Property Laws pursuant to **the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act (FHRMIRA)*** are encouraged to apply by submitting a **Proposal AND** a supporting **BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION** to:

The Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property
c/o National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association
1024 Mississauga Street, Curve Lake, ON, K0L 1R0
Attention: Becky Wolfe, Special Projects Officer

OR

Via email to: mrpfund@coemrp.ca

PLEASE NOTE: There is no set deadline. Complete proposals will be considered in the order that they are received and projects must be complete by March 31.

MRP Special Pilot Project Funding Proposal

APPLICANT FIRST NATION	DATE SUBMITTED <i>(DD MM YYYY)</i>
FIRST NATION CONTACT	
Name:	Mailing Address:
Title:	
Phone:	Email:
FUNDING CATEGORY: Choose One <i>(On completion of this project First Nations may be eligible to re-apply in other categories should funding and time permit)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Increasing Community Members Awareness of the Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act (FHRMIRA) as it relates to their community & discussions on the option to enact a community-specific law	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Development of Laws: Legal Fees and Consultation with the Community	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Ratification Vote	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Operational Considerations: Internal Capacity and Procedural Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Increase Availability and Awareness of Community-Specific Laws	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Operational Considerations under the Provisional Federal Rules	
Community Profile: Complete details below	
Total Population:	Total Number of Electors:
On-Reserve Population:	Off-Reserve Population:
When allotting land to members:	
What percentage is allotted by Certificate of Possession (CPs)? _____%	
What percentage is allotted by Band Custom? _____%	
Has your First Nation received funding from any other organization for the development of MRP Laws? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <i>If 'yes' provide details here.</i>	
Additional Information: <i>(Include any other information that you think may be pertinent to this application)</i>	
GENERAL NARRATIVE	

Please provide a summary of the First Nation's MRP implementation plan and how this funding can assist in meeting those goals.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please provide a brief description of the proposed project and the work that will be performed.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Activity: <i>List all key activities in the work plan for the project</i>	Responsibility: <i>Identify the person or contractor responsible for each activity</i>	Budget: <i>Note planned cost for each activity</i>	Start Date:	End Date:
Example. <i>eg. Engage with the community to provide general information regarding FHRMIRA and solicit input on the contents on our own MRP Law</i>	<i>MRP Coordinator</i>	<i>\$5,000.00 Room rental, refreshments, printing</i>	<i>28/06/18</i>	<i>28/10/18</i>

Deliverables: *List the deliverables that will demonstrate that this objective has been met.*
Eg. 2 Community meetings
1 meeting with Elders
5 meetings with family groups

Meeting Notes. Evaluation/feedback summary. # of attendees

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Activity 1.				

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Activity 2.				

Deliverables: *List the deliverables that will demonstrate that this objective has been met.*

Activity: <i>List all key activities in the work plan for the project</i>	Responsibility: <i>Identify the person or contractor responsible for each activity</i>	Budget: <i>Note planned cost for each activity</i>	Start Date:	End Date:
Activity 3.				

Deliverables: *List the deliverables that will demonstrate that this objective has been met.*

Activity: <i>List all key activities in the work plan for the project</i>	Responsibility: <i>Identify the person or contractor responsible for each activity</i>	Budget: <i>Note planned cost for each activity</i>	Start Date:	End Date:
Activity 4.				

Deliverables: *List the deliverables that will demonstrate that this objective has been met.*

Budget: <i>Please provide a detailed budget for all of the activities identified in the proposal. (honorarium not eligible)</i>	
Details of Proposed Expenditures:	Amount:
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Category # 1 Applications - Increasing Community Members' Awareness of FHRMIRA and Discussions on the option to enact a community-specific law

1. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

Category # 2 Applications – Development of Laws: Legal Fees and Consultation with the Community

1. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

2. Copy of Notice to Attorney General for the Province

Category # 3 Applications - Ratification Vote

1. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

2. Copy of draft First Nation MRP Law

Category # 4 Applications - Operational Considerations: Internal Capacity and Procedural Development

1. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

2. Copy of First Nation MRP Law enacted under FHRMIRA

Category # 5 Applications - Increase Availability and Awareness of Community-Specific Laws

1. Copy of First Nation MRP Law enacted under FHRMIRA

2. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

Category # 6 Applications - Operational Considerations under the Provisional Federal Rules

1. Band Council Resolution authorizing this application

I make this application on behalf of the _____ First Nation.
(Insert First Nation name here)

Applicant's name and Title

Signature

Date