

GROUP INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (IAP) INITIATIVE

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WHAT IS GROUP IAP

Group IAP is an opportunity for individual claimants who have been admitted to the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) to support each other in their healing journey.

Group IAP is an initiative that encourages community and individual healing.

Funding for eligible group members is available to support program delivery of healing activities.

Funding is provided by the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat (IRSAS).

OBJECTIVES OF GROUP IAP

- Support IAP claimants on their healing journey
- Empower IAP claimants to make choices about their healing
- Provide financial support to groups of individuals to implement their resolution healing plan
- Assist group members to be well prepared for all steps of the IAP

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who wish to apply for funding under Group IAP must have been admitted to the IAP.

Group members must provide a complete IRSAS consent form indicating that they want to be part of the group.

FUNDING

Funding is provided through a contribution agreement to a non-profit incorporated organization designated by the group.

Funding cannot be renewed, and is completely separate from any compensation, future care money or any other support services that group members may receive through their individual IAP claims and/or other programs.

Examples of eligible group expenses include:

- Fees or costs for workshops to support group members and their families through the healing process
- Accommodations, meals and transportation costs for group members to participate in functions related to their healing
- Engaging and training community members or relatives of group members so they can support group members at home
- Wages for a coordinator and administrative costs

HOW TO APPLY FOR GROUP IAP FUNDING

Visit our website at www.iap-pei.ca for complete information on how to apply and to obtain a copy of the application form.

The Group IAP proposal must be complete, and include:

- A list of the names and birthdates of the group members
- A description of the group's decision-making process
- An indication of how members are currently supporting each other or how they intend to do so through the group initiative
- The specific proposed group activities
- Details of the group's willingness to incorporate or work through an existing incorporated organization
- An itemized budget for the proposed Group IAP activities

The Group IAP Unit is available to answer questions that groups might have during the Call for Proposal period. Contact information is provided below.

The Group must apply for funding by completing and submitting a detailed written proposal. Applications for funding must be received during the Call for Proposal period.

Funding may be provided if the group meets all requirements in the Group IAP Terms and Conditions, and if the application and budget are completed and approved. Information on the selection criteria is available on the IRSAS website.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHAT ROLE DOES A GROUP COORDINATOR PLAY?

The group coordinator is a person the group members trust and someone who respects the decisions and needs of the group. Some of the tasks of the group coordinator may include:

- Supporting group members to identify the types of activities that would support their healing journey
- Establishing and managing a budget
- Arranging group health supports
- Organizing and conducting group meetings and workshops

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A GROUP TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GROUP IAP FUNDING?

- The group members must share a common bond, such as having attended the same residential school or belonging to the same community
- Members of the group must be willing to work and make decisions together
- Members must have a clear resolution healing plan and the capacity to support one other
- The group must provide a list of proposed activities to facilitate healing with its application

CAN A PERSON WHO IS NOT SUBMITTING AN IAP CLAIM BE A MEMBER OF A GROUP?

It is up to group members to decide whether to include individuals who have not been admitted to the IAP in the proposed activities. If they are included, funding for these individuals will not be available through the contribution agreement. Funding under Group IAP is only available to individuals whose claim for compensation has been admitted to the IAP.

CAN THE GROUP APPLY FOR FUNDING EVERY YEAR?

Each eligible group member is only entitled to receive funding once under the Group IAP program. This funding is not meant to be long-term. In order to be considered for additional funding, a group would have to add new members and submit a new proposal in a subsequent year.

DOES BEING A MEMBER OF A GROUP MEAN I NEED TO SHARE MY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCES WITH THE GROUP MEMBERS?

No, you do not. Each individual's IAP application is private and confidential. Members must only share their stories at their individual hearings, but do not have to share information about individual experiences with other group members.

WILL THE GROUP IAP FUNDING AFFECT MY IAP SETTLEMENT OR FUTURE CARE?

No. Group IAP funding is completely separate from any compensation you may receive under your IAP claim, or any future care money you may receive. Claimants are encouraged to apply for future care and use any other available health support programs as they pursue their healing journey.