



FUNDING PROGRAMS REDESIGN

Questions and Answers

DECEMBER 21, 2017

101-205 Hawkins Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1X3

Phone: (867) 633-7890 | Toll free in Yukon: 1-800-661-0555

Email: LotteriesYukon@gov.yk.ca

lotteriesyukon.com

Funding Programs Redesign

Lotteries Yukon is redesigning our funding programs to better help Yukon people live healthy, active and full lives engaged in, and having access to arts, sport and recreation.

This October, we opened the door to introduce the Programs Redesign Framework to our internal partners and stakeholders to solicit their feedback in the early stages of this work.

We heard that, in general, we are heading in the right direction and that our stakeholders and internal partners would like to see more details on the program redesign.

We also heard concerns about the timelines. We have adjusted our approach to reflect these concerns.

Questions and Answers

In October, we heard similar questions from stakeholders. While details are still being finalized, below are some answers to these questions in advance of our next planned update to you in February 2018.

Q What is the relationship between Lotteries Yukon and the Yukon Lottery Commission?

The Yukon Lottery Commission (Commission) is an appointed board responsibility for the sale of lottery tickets and the allocation of profits from these sales to arts, sport, and recreation throughout Yukon.

Lotteries Yukon is the Commission's brand name and also includes the staff that deliver the funding programs, retail programs and secretariat support for the Commission.

Any changes to funding programs are directed and approved by the Commission. All changes discussed in this document are subject to the Commission's approval.

Q When will we know more detail on the programs redesign?

More detail on the programs redesign will be provided in February 2018 with the primary focus on the Projects Fund and the Travel Assistance Program.

The Program Redesign Framework presented in October 2017 identified several different elements to the Projects Fund (replaces the Recreational Projects program). Elements of the Project Fund include the 3 Year Plan for low risk, high impact projects, the Access Fund (SARAF) for smaller 'opportunity' driven projects, and funding for strategic projects. The way some of these changes will take place has shifted based on feedback from stakeholders. For example, Lotteries Yukon will more clearly identify the intake processes for the different elements of the Projects Fund.

Q How will the programs redesign affect funding for projects under the Recreational Projects Program?

The Recreational Projects Program (RPP) is being renamed the Projects Fund. Intake dates for parts of the Projects Fund will be the same as the RPP; in 2018 the spring intake will be on April 15 and the fall intake on October 15.

The Three Year Plan for low risk, high benefit projects will begin in 2018/19. For these recipients there will be certainty for project funding over the next three fiscal years. The process for accessing the Projects Fund for low risk, high benefits projects will be different than for the intakes in April and October.

New program guidelines for the Projects Fund will include details on the funding streams available including:

- ▶ new streams for strategic projects with broad benefits,
- ▶ quicker access to funds for smaller 'opportunity' projects, and,
- ▶ a regular intake process for projects not identified in the 3 Year Plan.

Q What is the Three Year Plan?

The Three Year Plan is a pilot project that will focus on (a) projects that are ongoing, low risk, and of high value to Yukon people, and (b) larger more strategic projects that have broad benefits.

Lotteries Yukon will, in the new year, begin identifying low risk, high value projects with current recipients of the Recreational Projects Program. The process for identifying strategic projects with broad benefits will begin in February 2018. Further details on the Three Year Plan will be available in February 2018.

Q What is the Sport Arts Recreation Access Fund?

The Sport Arts Recreation Access Fund (SARAF) will be a new funding stream under the Projects Fund. It will be reserved for smaller arts, sport and recreation projects (up to \$2,500) that are low risk and require streamlined access to funding in order to seize an opportunity. Receiving SARAF funding will not preclude the recipient from applying for other Lotteries Yukon funding.

The SARAF stream, also being referred to as the Access Fund, may be called a different name. Lotteries Yukon welcomes your suggestions.

Q What does 'low risk' mean and how does Lotteries Yukon assess risk for projects?

There are a number of factors that can decrease risk for a project. Low risk can include a demonstrated and well established ability to carry out a project, strong governance and financial management by the non-profit as a whole and for the project, a well-defined project that is consistent with the non-profit's mandate, and the non-profit has a demonstrated ability to meet reporting requirements.

The size of the non-profit, how active its board is and whether there is a strong volunteer base and/or paid staff can also impact a projects risk. Generally lower dollar value projects are also considered low risk.

More detail on how Lotteries Yukon defines and assesses risk will be provided in the February 2018 update.

Q Are reporting requirements going to change?

Lotteries Yukon is in the process of assessing reporting requirements for the Projects Fund and Travel Assistance Program to ensure that they are appropriate to the project being funded. Part of the work underway is to reduce, where possible, the administrative burden for funding recipients and shift to more clearly reporting on how the project contributes to Lotteries Yukon program outcomes and improved outcomes for the arts, sport and recreation sectors. We will need your help with reporting on these outcomes.

Q Will there be changes to the Travel Assistance Program?

The Travel Assistance Program will continue to focus on development for participants in amateur sport, and will be enhanced to remove barriers for non-professional arts participants.

Currently the Travel Assistance Program (TAP) allows two applications per participant for in Yukon travel (Yukon and Alaska) and one for Out of Yukon travel. The new guidelines will re-define 'in Yukon' as 'Yukon, Alaska, Northwest Territories, or Nunavut.'

Other changes to the TAP include an expanded definition of adjudication to remove barriers for participants of non-profit arts organizations and an increase in the mileage rate.

New Travel Assistance Program guidelines will be available in February 2018 that will clarify eligibility and streamlined reporting requirements for the program.

Q How can I be part of the process?

We are committed to keeping our stakeholders and partners informed and engaged in this process. Our next planned update to you in February 2018 will include details on different ways to provide feedback.

Next Steps

Moving forward, we expect the Yukon Lottery Commission to provide us with further direction in late January 2018. We expect to share details of the program redesign with you in early February 2018.

You will notice that the Lotteries Yukon website no longer hosts the Recreation Project Program guidelines – new guidelines are being developed for the re-named Projects Fund.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Colleen Parker, General Manager, at 633-7899 in Whitehorse, from the communities toll free at 1-800-661-0555 or by e-mail at: LotteriesYukon@gov.yk.ca.