



October 5, 2023

JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear JoAnne Deneron:

I am writing to inform you that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) intends to provide participant funding through its Northern Participant Funding Program (NPF) to facilitate meaningful participation in the Technical Review of the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) for the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)'s review of the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Infrastructure's proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway project. The intent of this funding program is to help Indigenous peoples and other Northerners access the resources and expertise needed to participate effectively in impact assessments of major resource or infrastructure development projects in Canada's North.

CIRNAC is inviting applications from those seeking participant funding to take part in MVEIRB's Technical Review of the DAR for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Should analysis of the DAR extend beyond the 2023-2024 fiscal year, approved funds may be carried over with departmental approval. Applications will be accepted up until **11:59pm (EST) on November 2, 2023** (see attached Public Notice).

A Participant Funding Guide and Application Form can be accessed from the MVEIRB registry or by contacting program staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca. Program staff are happy to assist with questions relating to the application process, eligibility, timing, or expense details. Additional information can be found at the Northern Participant Funding Program webpage (<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408>).

An independent funding review committee will consider all applications, determine successful applicants and recommend funding levels to CIRNAC. When this process is complete, the Department will forward correspondence which will announce the successful applicants and funding levels.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Northern Participant Funding Program or the availability of funding to support participation in the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway, please contact Brandon Roebuck at Brandon.Roebuck@rcaanc-



cirmac.gc.ca or 613-324-8679, or email aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirmac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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