

# ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' PROGRAM at Canadian Heritage

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# Aboriginal Affairs Directorate (AAD)

- The Directorate works with Indigenous communities across Canada to celebrate and preserve their languages and cultures as an integral part of Canadian society.
- The program funds community language initiatives that benefit children, youth, adults and seniors.
- Objectives:
  - To strengthen Indigenous cultural identity and participation in Canadian society;
  - To promote, preserve and revitalize Indigenous languages and cultures.



# Aboriginal Affairs Directorate - Functions

## ADMINISTRATION of the APP (evolving business)

- Aboriginal Languages Initiative
- Territorial Language Accords
- Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting
- National Indigenous Peoples' Day (NCR support)
- Scholarship and Youth Initiatives and the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards(SYI-NAAA)

## PROGRAM POLICY / RESEARCH & RESULTS

- Supports change agenda; forward direction setting; ongoing decision-making
- Supports the Indigenous legislation team

## INDIGENOUS POLICY (emerging business)

- *Section 35* - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (legal obligations)
- PCH's Reconciliation Strategy

# Existing Program Components

## Aboriginal Languages Initiative

- 1998-2016: \$5M/year
- 2017-2020: \$69M/3 years

## Territorial Language Accords

- \$5.1M Nunavut
- \$5.9M NWT
- \$1.09M Yukon (non-self-governing First Nations)

## Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting

- 1983 ongoing: \$7.9M/year

## National Indigenous Peoples' Day

- ~ \$120K/year (National Capital Region)

## SYI-NAAA

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- ~ \$400K/year

# Logic Model



Indigenous languages and cultures are living elements of contemporary Canadian society.

# Aboriginal Languages Initiative(ALI): Policy Context

Funds community-based projects that contribute to the revitalization, preservation and promotion of Indigenous languages for the benefit of Indigenous peoples and other Canadians.

Budget 2017: \$69M contribution funding over 3 years to enhance ALI

1998 funding allocation: 75% FN, 15% Inuit, 10% Métis

Historical non-A-base and low funding level have impeded success

# Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI): Snapshot of 2018-19

