



Northwest Territories Teachers' Association

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INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE ACQUISITION FUND

These funds are specifically for the purpose of professional improvement of language proficiency in one or more of the official Indigenous languages of the Northwest Territories. NWTTA, GNWT teachers are eligible to receive funds for:

1) Language Acquisition and Instruction Courses:

Purpose: For NWTTA, GNWT teachers to take courses aimed at improving Indigenous language instruction.

Eligible Expenses (to a maximum of \$6000/yr):

- tuition
- accommodation and per diem
- travel costs travel costs from the place of employment to and from the site of the course as per Article B4, Duty Travel of the NWTTA Collective Agreement
- substitute costs where applicable or warranted

2) Individual Language Learning Activity:

Purpose: Available to NWTTA, GNWT Indigenous Language teachers to improve their Indigenous language skills. Activities with Elders or other Indigenous language speakers where there is the opportunity to hear and speak language and learn more about language, traditional ways and beliefs are eligible. This funding could also be used to connect Indigenous Language teachers with a language expert in the classroom.

Eligible Expenses (to a maximum of \$6000/yr):

- honoraria to Elder/language experts
- substitute costs where applicable and/or warranted
- materials
- travel costs

3) Workshop, Seminar or Conference Participation:

Purpose: to enable groups of NWTTA, GNWT teachers to get together for a workshop, seminar or small conference and to bring in language experts or instructional experts as resource persons.

Eligible Expenses:

- honoraria, travel and per diem costs for experts
- travel costs for teachers
- accommodation and per diem costs for teachers
- material costs in some situations (no hard capital items)
- substitute costs where applicable and warranted