

February 19, 2021

Dear TH Citizen:

## Re: Disbursement Policy and Grant Application

At the September 2019 General Assembly, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens gave direction to enact the attached Disbursement Policy, which will guide how disbursements from the TH Trust will be granted to Trust beneficiaries. Recently, the TH Trust made a second disbursement of \$1,395,412.89. As per the Disbursement Policy, that money will be divided amongst each eligible living TH citizen.

The following contains the information you need to apply for the grant, including an application form. Please note, if you received a payment from the first trust disbursement but did not submit your receipts to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in by December 31, 2020, as requested, you will not be eligible to receive the second disbursement. If you have any questions, please contact Karli Schram, Finance Services and Procurement Officer, at 867-993-7100 ext. 135 or toll-free 844-993- 7100, or disbursements@trondek.ca. She can guide you through the process.

Sincerely,

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#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Who is eligible for the grant?

Every individual, regardless of age, enrolled as a TH citizen on December 31, 2020. Citizens who received an amount from the first disbursement in 2020 but did not submit requested receipts by the December 31, 2020 deadline **are not eligible to receive this grant**. Status First Nations people who have not enrolled as a TH citizen are not eligible.

#### How do I know if I am eligible?

If you are the recipient of this letter, you are eligible to receive a payment. If you submitted receipts for the last disbursement payment before December 31, 2020, and did not receive a letter contact Karli Schram, Finance Services and Procurement Officer, at 867-993-7100 ext. 135 or toll-free 844-993- 7100, or disbursements@trondek.ca.

#### How much will be available to eligible citizens?

There is \$1,300 available for each eligible citizen.

#### What happens to my allocation if I am ineligible?

The amount disbursed from the TH Trust is divided by the number of eligible citizens and distributed. Ineligible citizens are not included in this calculation and do not receive a share of the disbursement.

# *I am considered eligible to receive a disbursement. What happens to my allocation if I don't apply for it?*

If you don't apply for the grant, your allotment will be set aside in your name so you can access it later.

# Why not issue a cheque instead of having an application process?

The General Assembly wanted conditions on how the money could be spent to ensure it was used in ways consistent with TH values. Also, the money is tax-free when issued as a grant.

# What if my activity or purchase does not appear on the list?

The list of allowable activities or purchases was not meant to be exhaustive as there is no way to predict how people might want to spend their allocation. If your activity does not appear on the list, get in touch anyway and we'll work with you on a solution.

# Do I have to prove I used the grant for what I said I would?

Yes, it is every recipient's responsibility to provide receipts or proof of purchase to the TH Government in order to be eligible for future grants.

# *My family and I would like to pool our money and use it help buy building materials for a cabin. Can we do that?* Yes.

# I have a minor in my home who could use the money for sports registration. How would she access it?

TH citizens under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian apply for the grant on his or her behalf.

#### PERMITTED USES

Arts, Culture, Heritage, and Language

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Travel costs to attend cultural festivals.
- Equipment and supplies for traditional pursuits.
- Grants to assist with fund film-making, written works, plays and exhibitions.
- Art, craft, and musical supplies and equipment.

#### Bereavement

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Funeral costs and travel not covered by other programs.

#### Economic Development

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Costs related to businesses licenses, business planning, and business insurance.
- Office equipment and business supplies.
- Business startup costs.

Education, Training, Bursaries, and Scholarships

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assistance with post-secondary education beyond what's available from other programs.
- Special equipment or learning tools for K-12 students, including computers.

Health, Home Care, Wellness, and Medical

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Specialist therapy or treatment not covered by other programs.
- Personal Travel.
- Travel and escort costs not covered by other programs.
- Palliative and other home care and honoraria support not covered by other programs.
- Specialist dental treatment not covered by other programs.
- Home upgrades.
- Doctor, eye, ear, dental and other specialist treatment and equipment not covered by other programs.
- Medication.
- Emergency financial assistance (e.g. loss of income from unforeseen health-related circumstances) not covered by other programs.
- Financial assistance for infant and pregnancy items and education resources not covered by other programs.
- Costs related to after-care treatment not covered by other programs.
- RESPs, RRSPs, TFSAs, or other investments.

#### Housing

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Repairs targeting health and safety deficiencies.
- Rent.
- House upgrades.

#### Miscellaneous

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Personal electronics, including TVs, computers, laptops, and cellphones.
- Winter tires.
- Specialty clothing, including winter gear and work clothing.
- Gifts to family members.
- Vehicle repairs.
- Fuel.
- Down payments for vehicles.
- Bill payments.
- Debts previously accrued for an allowable use.

#### Sport and Recreation

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Financial assistance to participate in sports tournaments.
- Registrations for sports leagues.
- Sports equipment.

Traditional Pursuits

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Trapping equipment.
- Hunting and fishing equipment.
- On the land activities.
- Materials for a cabin in the bush.

## **APPLICATION FORM**

Instructions and deadline:

Applications will be accepted by the TH Government at any time.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the TH Government has received your application.

Denied applications will be submitted to the Disbursement Committee for review. Decisions of the Disbursement Committee are final.

## SECTION A: INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Name of applicant:			For office us	e only. Do not w	rite in this space
Citizenship Number:			Batch #	Date Pd.	Cheque #
Mailing Address:		[			
Address:		City	:		_
Prov./State:	Postal/Zip Code:				
Phone:	Cell:		Email: _		

# SECTION A.1 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CO-APPLICANT(S)

(If you are applying for a minor child, enter their information in this section. If you are applying for multiple minor children, fill in the information for each additional child on the following page.)

	For office use only. Do not write in this space		
Name of Co-applicant:			
Citizenship Number:	Batch #	Date Pd.	Cheque #

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Approved?	Yes	No	Initial	Spreadsheet Yes	Initial

Name of Co-applicant (when applicant if under 18)	For office use only. Do not write in this space		
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# INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITY

Please attach an additional page if there is not enough room.

Proposed Activity or Use:

Briefly describe your activity or proposed purchases:

Amount of funding requested: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Consent & Declaration:

The statements herein and attachments hereto reflect an accurate description and estimated costs regarding the intended use of trust funds. By signing below, you consent to the following:

I (we) give consent to the representatives of the TH Government and Disbursement Committee to obtain and share with persons or organizations, public or private, any information necessary to complete the assessment of the project outlined. YES NO

I (we) give consent to the Disbursement Committee for my project information and any pictures for the purpose of publication through newsletter, website or social media platforms. YES NO

I (we) certify that I (we) am (are) Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens and have provided verification with application.

I (we) declare that all information provided is truthful to the best of my (our) knowledge and that I (we) have disclosed all other sources of funding procured at any time during the process up to date of completion should my (our) project be selected AND that all funds will be used for the sole purpose of this project as outlined in the budget. I (we) understand that we must provide receipts or proof or purchase in order to be eligible for future disbursements.

Signature of Applicant or Group

Date