

March 25, 2022

Dear TH Citizen:

#### Re: Disbursement Grant Application

At the September 2019 General Assembly, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens gave direction to enact a Disbursement Policy for guiding how disbursements from the TH Trust will be granted to Trust beneficiaries. Recently, the TH Trust made a third disbursement of \$1,453,702.

The following contains the information you need to apply for the latest disbursement grant, including an application form. Please note, you need to submit receipts to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in for previous disbursement grants to be eligible for this one. In accordance with direction from a previous General Assembly, we are deducting money from the third disbursement and allocating it to the 188 Citizens who did not submit proof of purchase after receiving the first disbursement grant. Once those Citizens send proof of purchase, they will be eligible for the second grant. The remainder of the third disbursement will be divided equally between each living citizen.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Somerville, Finance Services and Procurement Officer, at 867-993-7100 ext. 135 or toll-free 844-993-7100, or disbursements@trondek.ca. He can guide you through the process.

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Brenda Butterworth-Carr

Executive Director, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Who is eligible for the grant?

Every individual, regardless of age, enrolled as a TH citizen on December 31, 2021. Citizens who received an amount from previous disbursements must submit receipts or proof of purchase to be eligible for subsequent grants.

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

There is \$955 available for each TH citizen.

# I'm one of the 188 people who was deemed ineligible for the second disbursement. How much am I eligible for?

Citizens who were deemed ineligible for a grant from the second disbursement can apply for an additional \$1,300. This is on top of the \$955 available to them through the third disbursement. Receipts or proof of purchase for the first disbursement grant are still required to access the second grant.

## 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 a grant?

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.

## How long does it take to get my disbursement?

Because of the large volume of applications, it takes two to four weeks to process disbursements after the completed application is received.

## What is the deadline for providing proof of purchase or receipts?

Receipts or proof of purchase for previous grants must be submitted to be eligible for the grant. There is no deadline for submitting for receipts, but we encourage citizens to do so as soon as they can. If you have questions about what qualifies as proof of purchase, please contact the TH Finance Department. They will be happy to assist.

#### **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 FOR THIRD DISBURSEMENT

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**

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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 \bigsim NO \bigsim \left\text{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