



Support Funding for Businesses and Communities Impacted by Barge Cancellations

Application Guidelines

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Funding Description

The Government of the Northwest Territories will provide one-time support funding to businesses and communities that have been directly impacted by the cancellation of the 2024 summer resupply barges.

Support funding for impacted businesses and communities in the Sahtu and Beaufort Delta regions is being provided to:

- Help ensure continued access to essential goods and services;
- Maintain economic stability; and
- Mitigate the unexpected economic impact of this sudden and severe interruption in the critical supply route.

Funding Available

The maximum funding available to any eligible entity is up to \$30,000. Total funding available is \$1,800,000. Funding will be provided on a first come, first served basis until the total funding is allocated.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible entities, listed below, that are located in the Sahtu and Beaufort Delta regions impacted by the 2024 barge cancellations, and have significant reliance on barge deliveries and/or can demonstrate historical reliance or cancelled shipping confirmations for 2024:

- Businesses that are in good financial standing with the GNWT and are registered and in good standing with the GNWT Corporate Registries;
- Non-profit organizations that make a significant contribution to the sustainability of the entire community by providing a basic or essential service in the interest of the community, including charitable organizations;
- Community governments that are established under or continued by the Charter Communities Act, Cities, Towns and Villages Act, Hamlets Act, or any Designated Authority recognized by the Government of the Northwest Territories; and
- The Gwich'in Tribal Council, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation or Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated.

Eligible Costs

The funding will cover 50% of an eligible entity's increase in shipping costs, where the increase is the difference between the shipping cost by barge and the shipping cost for the least expensive alternative (road or air).

The shipping costs must be for goods deemed essential, which includes fuel for heating, food, medical supplies or construction materials.

The shipping costs for other goods may also be eligible for funding if the goods are essential to the local economy or the financial viability of an eligible entity and the applicant can demonstrate that without the good, it would result in job loss(es) or significant service level impacts.

Application Requirements

Applicants must provide the following to be considered for support funding:

- Copies of original invoices or receipts to verify any declared increases;
- Explanation as to why the goods cannot wait to be shipped by winter road (Sahtu region) or explanation for the urgency to use air cargo instead of all season road options (where available in the Beaufort Delta region); and,
- For businesses or not for profits: explanation as to how the support is critical to the business' continued financial viability. This may include financial statements, cashflow projections, or other evidence showing that without the support, the business is at risk of closure or significant reduction in operations.
- For community governments or Indigenous governments: explanation as to how the support is critical to the local economy.

Application Process

Complete the [application form](#) found on the Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment (ITI) website and include any required supporting documentation.

Submit the application along with the required documents to your regional ITI office for review and consideration.

Applicants will be informed of the decision in writing within 15 business days of the regional office accepting the application as completed and the supporting documents are deemed sufficient to evaluate the application for funding support.

Deadline

Applications will be accepted until March 7, 2025, or until the funding budget has been allocated.

Appeal Process

An applicant may appeal a denial of funding decision if:

1. the applicant believes the provisions of the Directive were not fairly and adequately applied; or
2. where new information has become available after submission to the regional office.

Reasons outside the two listed above will not be considered grounds for an appeal.

Appeals must be in writing and received by the Deputy Minister of ITI no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the date that the applicant received notification of the decision.

The Deputy Minister, or their delegated authority, may vary or set aside the decision of the regional office if they agree with the applicant.

Contact

For full program details and more information about how to apply, go to

https://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/en/2024_barge_cancellation_funding

If you have any further questions about this one-time funding initiative, please contact your local ITI regional office:

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