



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### Support Funding for Businesses and Communities Impacted by Barge Cancellations

What is support funding for businesses and communities impacted by barge cancellations?

Support funding for businesses and communities impacted by the 2024 barge cancellations is one-time funding, made available by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, to support the Sahtu and Beaufort Delta regions that have been directly impacted by the cancellation of the 2024 summer resupply barges.

What is the funding for?

The funding is to help offset shipping costs to use alternative transport methods for resupply of essential goods after the barges were cancelled.

Which regions are impacted by the cancellation of the 2024 summer resupply barges?

The Sahtu and Beaufort-Delta regions.

I live in Fort Smith. Is my business eligible for this funding?

Businesses or other entities that are outside of the Beaufort Delta or the Sahtu region are not eligible for this funding, unless they can demonstrate that the barge cancellations negatively impacted the business they conduct in the Sahtu and/or Beaufort-Delta regions. Applications should be sent to the regional office where the business is conducted. Applications from businesses and organizations in the impacted regions may be prioritized.

What is the overall budget for this funding?

The total budget is \$1.8 million dollars.



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### How much funding can I apply for?

Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$30,000. See the following question for how this can be calculated.

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### How do I apply?

Application forms and guidelines are available on the ITI website and from the ITI regional offices in the Beaufort-Delta and Sahtu regions. Applicants are required to demonstrate the increase in shipping fees they had to pay for essential goods to be shipped after the barges were cancelled. For example, invoices for this year or from last year for shipping on the barge versus invoices or quotes for shipping the same goods via an alternative method.

It is recommended that you speak to your regional ITI representative before you apply, if you have questions about how to calculate the shipping difference or what supporting documents you may require.

You can submit your completed application to your ITI regional office in person or by email.

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### What is the deadline?

You can submit your application to your regional ITI office any time before March 7, 2025.

Important note: The funds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for as long as the funds last.

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### What are essential goods?

Fuel for heating, food, medical supplies and construction materials are considered essential goods.

Other goods you need to ship may be considered for funding if you can demonstrate that the goods are essential to the local economy or the financial viability of your business.

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If you have questions about what is an essential good, contact the Business Support unit at your regional ITI office:

Beaufort Delta Regional Office

867-678-8023

[Beaufort Delta ITI@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Beaufort_Delta_ITI@gov.nt.ca)

I'm not sure if my business has essential goods. Who can I talk to?

Sahtú Regional Office

867-587-7171 ext 1001

[Sahtu ITI@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Sahtu_ITI@gov.nt.ca)

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When will I be notified if my application is approved?

You will be notified about the status of your application within 15 business days of the regional ITI office receiving a completed application and any required supporting documents.

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If I receive funding, is it taxable?

Yes, this support funding is taxable.

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What happens if I don't report on how the funding helped my business?

Reporting is due no later than May 31, 2025, and sooner is preferred. Reporting is a requirement in the contribution agreement that you will sign if you are approved for support funding.

If you do not submit the required reporting, you will be required to repay the amount you receive.

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## How do I calculate the amount I can apply for?

The amount that you can apply for is the difference between the cost for shipping your goods on the barge and the new cost for shipping the same goods with an alternative transport method (e.g. air cargo, road).

Here are some examples to calculate those costs:

- **Example #1: Norman Wells**
  - Barge Cost: \$400.00
  - Alternative Transport Cost: \$1,322.77
  - Calculation:  $(1,322.77 - 400.00) * 50\% = \$461.39$  per metric tonne in support
- **Example #2: Tulita**
  - Barge Cost: \$400.00
  - Alternative Transport Cost: \$2,425.08
  - Calculation:  $(2,425.08 - 400.00) * 50\% = \$1,012.54$  per metric tonne in support
- **Example #3: Inuvik**
  - Barge Cost: \$572.00
  - Alternative Transport Cost: \$5,503.00
  - Calculation:  $(5,503.00 - 572.00) * 50\% = \$2,465.50$  per metric tonne in support (potential reduction with road access)

*The amount per ton can be claimed up to a maximum of \$30,000 per applicant.*