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## Nishnawbe Aski Nation

### Kiitigaan Megwe-Nishnawbe

*Good Things Growing Among People*

### Community Application

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) has been approved for funding for three (3) years through the Indigenous Local Poverty Reduction Fund of the Ontario Government, starting January 2018 and ending January 2021.

The funding will provide direct community resources to create, support and coordinate grounded food systems change and planning at the community level. The project will support the work of the NAN Food Strategy for food self-determination, grounding strategic decision-making in the real lived experience of local and land-based food practitioners and knowledge keepers. Direct funding resources to communities will be provided for the following; a part-time Community Food Animator, travel for training and meetings, formation of local food circles and honoraria for Elders, food knowledge keepers and other participants involved in local food circles.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) is seeking proposals from its member remote First Nations who are already developing self-determined and effective food systems changes and are interested in further developing food self-determination strategies based on local community knowledge, data and evaluation of ongoing food system development.

NAN's Food Advisory Council will be selecting four (4) remote communities from among the applicants to participate in the project over the three (3) years. The NAN Food Advisory Council will provide ongoing guidance and direction as the project moves forward.

The selected communities will work with NAN project team and their own Community Food Animators to support the development of evaluation data and processes to guide their community food practices and innovations. This will be accomplished by community-based food security data collection and review, including primary research with community food system stakeholders (e.g. community elders and youth, frontline health, education, health service practitioners, community members and leaders).

The four (4) remote communities will lead the project in creating food systems that create sustainable livelihoods for their people.

By the end of the project, we hope to have co-created culturally relevant and holistic food security evaluation tools with the participating communities. These tools will help in implementing, understanding and telling the stories of self-determined food strategies across other NAN communities.

Please find enclosed an application form to be submitted by email or fax to NAN Food Advisory Council **C/O Wendy Trylinski Director of Public Health Education** [wtrylins@nan.on.ca](mailto:wtrylins@nan.on.ca) Fax: 1-807-623-7730 by **FRIDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00 P.M. EST**