

COVID 19 – EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

Program Summary: In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario (IAPO) through assistance provided by the Government of Canada is providing emergency loans to Indigenous business owners impacted by Covid-19. The Emergency Loan Program (ELP) is a component of the Indigenous Business Stabilization Program (IBSP).

The ELP is designed as an emergency measure to support small business owners in meeting their immediate operating cash flow needs. These funds are not intended to replace or duplicate government or other bank/lender emergency financing/funds that are available to businesses in Canada.

Maximum assistance is \$40,000 comprised of a 75% loan and 25% non-repayable contribution. Loan and contribution are issued together. Specifically, loans are:

- Up to 48 months term;
- Interest free;
- No payments in first 12 months;
- Loan payments begin in month 13 and are fully amortized over the remainder of the term.

Eligible Costs: Indigenous owned businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19 can apply for this funding to support their immediate working capital and operational needs. Eligible expenses could include:

- *Non-deferrable operating expenses including:* payroll ,rent, utilities ,insurance, property taxes and regularly scheduled debt service; and,
- *Emergency measures including:* health and safety improvements, workplace sanitizing, and procedures to secure the safety of employees and prepare for business opening.

Funds may not be used to for prepayment / refinancing of existing indebtedness, payments of dividends, distributions and increases in management compensation.

Eligible Businesses: Majority owned Indigenous for profit businesses impacted by COVID 19 which were established prior to March 15, 2020 that are existing, former or new clients of IAPO. Existing and former IAPO clients will be given priority.

Applications & Information: For questions, an application package and/or to submit an application please contact the ELP Lead Jeffrey Jacobs at Jeff@indianag.on.ca / 705-872-1337 or visit www.indianag.on.ca .

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