



SUCKER CREEK FIRST NATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Traditional Arts & Crafts
Hunting, Fishing & Trapping and
Agriculture
Programs**

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FORWARD

The Sucker Creek First Nation is committed to increasing the wellbeing of its members.

Recognizing the assistance needs of “at home” members to help enhance their self-reliance the Sucker Creek First Nation has established the Traditional Arts & Crafts, Hunting, Fishing & Trapping and Agriculture Programs.

The programs provide contributions as direct support to Nation members involved in traditional arts & crafts, hunting, fishing & trapping and agricultural activities.

The programs may be amended from time to time, by the Chief & Council. Notice of amendments will be provided to members before they take effect. The length of the notice will be at the discretion of Chief & Council and will depend on the nature and extent of the amendment(s).

Program applications must be submitted in writing to the Economic Development Director.

These programs apply solely to the Sucker Creek First Nation Members who are residents of the Nation’s reserve. Members must provide proof that s/he has been a resident for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months prior to the submission of their application.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Recognizing that members will be considering opportunities in many different areas and recognizing each applicant will have different experiences, skills, equipment, financial strength and support, the following assistance is offered in the following program areas:

- Traditional Arts & Crafts Program
- Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Program
- Agriculture Program

Each program area has specific criteria, but all will operate under the following shared eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be a Sucker Creek First Nation Band member.
- Members must provide proof that s/he has been a resident for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months prior to the submission of their application.
- **Members must not owe any money to the Sucker Creek First Nation.**
- A person is eligible to apply to only one (1) program per year.
- **All repeat** applications must include information of the outcome of the previous grant funding provided.
- Sucker Creek Nation employees are not eligible to receive any financial assistance under the program.
- The Chief and Councillors are not eligible to receive any program financial assistance during their term of office and 3 months after leaving their term of office.
- A maximum of \$10,000 in funding assistance can be provided to members over their lifetime.

NOTE. Employees, Councillors and the Chief are welcome to attend any business information/training classes, workshops or seminars.

Members receiving Social Services are eligible to apply for only Arts and Crafts or Hunting, Fishing and Trapping sub-programs. They should note that they might not qualify for full Social Assistance once their application has been approved. A subsidy may be paid if they qualify after completing the proper paper work within the Social services department and after exploring other options that may be available through other programs.

Any Member, who is not satisfied with the Grant request decision of the Economic Development Director, may appeal the decision in writing to the Nation Manager.

Traditional Arts & Crafts Program

The Sucker Creek desires to preserve the skill and knowledge of designing and making traditional arts & crafts, thus it encourages the creation of traditional Aboriginal and contemporary art & crafts.

Further, the Nation desires to stimulate and promote the development of a cottage industry which makes and sells traditional arts & crafts. To help accomplish this goal, the Nation has established an Arts & Crafts Program, which will contribute toward the purchase of supplies and materials required to make such arts and crafts.

Program Elements

- A grant to a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is available to assist with the purchase of arts & crafts supplies and materials.
- A grant to help defray the cost of purchasing a craft making sewing machine, is available every three (3) years. The grant is up to 30% of cost of a machine, to the maximum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350).
- Only one (1) Arts and Craft grant is available per household a year.

Procedure

All grant applications must in writing and submitted to the Economic Development Director, who will review and consider all applications in three to five (3-5) days.

A basic business plan must be submitted as part of the application. The only exception is if the grant is for the creation of regalia for exhibition or competition.

Two (2) quotes must be included with a sewing machine grant application.

Payment

All grant payments will be made by cheque, payable to the Vendor selling the supplies or sewing machine or as reimbursement to the applicant. Receipts are to be submitted to the Economic Development Director within one (1) week of the purchases.

All repeat application must include information of the outcome of the previous grant.

Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Program

Sucker Creek encourages its members to exercise their treaty rights and to preserve cultural traditions by maintaining an active role in hunting, fishing and trapping. To help member become more self-reliance the Nation will assist in the follow ways:

Hunting

A Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) training course is provided by Economic Development to assist members residing on the reserve to obtain their licence.

When a course is not being offered, enrolling members residing on the reserve in an off-reserve course will be considered.

From time to time, the Nation will provide a "Hunter Education" course for youth (ages 12 and over) residing on the reserve to obtain their PAL.

In accordance with Treaty 8, members are eligible to apply for ammunition. The maximum amount of ammunition provided is one box of shells per household per year.

Fishing

For members residing on the reserve who are current holders of a Domestic Fishing License, a grant is available to help with the purchase of fishing nets to maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). This is available once every two (2) years.

If a member has received assistance for fishing net within the previous two (2) years, the current condition of the previously purchased nets will be taken into consideration.

Quotes for fishing nets and accessories must be included with the application.

Payment will be made either directly to the vendor or to the applicant as a reimbursement.

Trapping

Registered trap line holders residing on the reserve may obtain support to purchase supplies or to repair equipment are eligible for a grant of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). The grant is available once every two (2) years.

If an Elder is teaching trapping skills to a Sucker Creek member, using the Elder's trap line, the junior partner or trainee may also qualify for support.

A five hundred dollars (\$500) grant is available to help any experienced trapper residing on the reserve with the purchase of a registered trap line. Preference will be given for the purchase of another Sucker Creek member's trap line. An application is required in which the Trapper must explain his/her experience.

Payment

All payments will be in the form of a cheque payable to the individual of a purchase based upon submission of receipts and/or quotes.

All motored vehicles and equipment such as: boats, motors, all-terrain vehicles, skidoos or quads are excluded from any of the program supports.

Agriculture Program

To encourage farming and help defray farm operating cost, the Agriculture Program provides on-reserve members with financial support to purchase hay, other animal feed, fencing materials, land clearing implements & or services, to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each year.

Request for program can be submitted in written form or by application provided by Economic Development.

Payment

All payments will be in the form of a cheque payable to the individual based upon submission of receipts and/or quotes.

All repeat application must include information of the outcome of the previous grant.

SMALL BUSINESS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – ORIENTATION & TRAINING

“Are you interested in starting your own business? There is a lot to know about launching a company from writing a convincing business plan to securing the right amount of financing.”(Business Development Bank of Canada).

To support business development and the creation of new companies, Sucker Creek provides the support and services, commonly provided by a business incubator. Such services include but not limited to the following:

- Business idea feasibility analysis
- Business plan development assistance
- Mentoring/coaching/advisory boards
- Marketing & marketing research
- Business information library
- Business training
- Finance/lender advice
- Budgeting
- Bookkeeping and invoicing training and
- Seed capital

These services will be made available through consultants, internet and public institutions, all coordinated and scheduled by the Economic Development Department.

The above services are available to existing companies, however, companies wanting to expand, to operate more efficiently or develop managerial skills require different services. To help address these needs, workshops, group training sessions and individual advisors will be provided.

Some topics which the Nation will help address are:

- Planning for growth
- Financing growth
- Human resource training
- Cash flow management
- Communication skills and
- Reducing operating and inventory costs

To access the above services and others, contact the Economic Development Director.

APPEAL PROCESS

For any eligible applicant of the program supports that is rejected and wishes to appeal the decision, they may appeal to the Sucker Creek First Nation Manager.

All eligible and interested members residing on the reserve will be approved for Small Business Skills Development – Orientation & Training.

SCFN ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM	
Applicant Information	
Name:	
Band #:	Phone Number:
Current address:	
E-mail:	S.I.N #:
Length of time of living on reserve/on-reserve residence:	
Description of Arts/Crafts work that you will be doing:	
How did you learn your craft/acquired your skills:	
List of materials and costs (attach quote to application) that you require for this type of arts/crafts work:	
Material required:	Cost (\$)
TOTAL COST	
Will you be selling your finished product? If yes, list the item(s) you will be making for sale and what price each item will be sold for:	
Item to be sold:	Price

SCFN ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Have you received funding assistance for Arts & Crafts in the last 3 years? If yes, when and how much?

In the event of a default by the recipient of funding assistance (not producing quotes and/or receipts), funding assistance will be deemed repayable in full from the recipient. The recipient will not be eligible to receive any additional funding assistance until the outstanding amount is repaid.

Signatures

I acknowledge that I agree to the above and understand the obligations of this application.

Applicant Name (Print):	Date
Applicant Signature	

Office Use Only:

Date reviewed:	Reviewed by:
Review comments:	
Amount Approved:	
Declined – reason(s):	

SCFN HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Name:

Band #:

Phone Number:

Current address:

E-mail:

Unit #:

Length of time of living on reserve/on-reserve residence:

Hunting Information:

Valid PAL: Yes ____ No

PAL#:

Reason for requesting funds for hunting:

List of hunting equipment and costs (attach quote to application) that you are requesting funding assistance for:

Equipment required:	Cost (\$)
TOTAL COST	

Fishing Information:

Fishing License #:

Commercial License #:

Zone of fishing area:

Domestic License #:

Reason for requesting funds for fishing:

List of fishing equipment/materials and costs (attach quote to application) that you are requesting funding assistance for:

Equipment required:	Cost (\$)
TOTAL COST	

Trapping Information:

Trapping License #:

Trap Line #:

On reserve:

Off reserve:

Reason for requesting funds for trapping:

SCFN HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

List of trapping equipment/materials and costs (attach quote to application) that you are requesting funding assistance for:

Equipment required:	Cost (\$)
TOTAL COST	

Have you received funding assistance in the past? Yes: ____ No: ____
If yes, when and how much?

The recipient agrees to maintain and keep in good repair all equipment listed above. The recipient also agrees to be responsible for operating and maintenance costs as necessary.

The recipient understands that this contribution is only available every 2 years, and that there is NO commitment by Sucker Creek First Nation to provide funding assistance for any future operations.

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Date:

Applicant Signature

Office Use Only:

Date reviewed:

Reviewed by:

Review comments:

Amount Approved and Purpose (Hunting, Fishing or Trapping):

**SCFN HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM**

Declined – reason(s):

SCFN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Name:

Band #:

Phone Number:

Current address:

E-mail:

Unit #:

Length of time of living on reserve/on-reserve residence:

Land Details:

Home Land Location:

Number of acres controlled:

Cultivated acres:

Undeveloped acres:

Pasture acres:

Project land description:

Number of livestock:

Beef:

Dairy:

Hogs:

Horses:

Sheep:

Poultry:

Other:

Equipment owned:

Tractor:

Disc:

Plow:

Seeder:

Chisel
Plow

Harrows:

Mower:

Rake:

Baler:

Swather:

Combine:

Other:

Type of farming:

Livestock:

Grain:

Mixed:

Other:

Are you farming independently or collectively (explain):

Proposed Development:

Description of what you will be doing:

List of materials and costs (attach quote to application) that you require for your proposed development:

Material required:	Description/Details	Cost (\$)
Fencing materials		
Seed and/or feed		

SCFN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Construction supplies		
Equipment		
TOTAL COST		
Have you received agricultural grants in the last 3 years? Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, when and how much?		
Was the work completed? Yes: ____ No: ____ If no, state reason why the work was not completed:		
In the event of a default by the recipient of funding assistance (not producing quotes and/or receipts), funding assistance will be deemed repayable in full from the recipient. The recipient will not be eligible to receive any additional funding assistance until the outstanding amount is repaid.		
Signatures		

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 Applicant Name (Print):

 Date

 Applicant Signature

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Date reviewed:	Reviewed by:
Review comments:	
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