Funding and Proposal Writing

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Topic Overview

- What is your topic?
    - Funding and proposal writing. This workshop provided useful information on how to effectively write a proposal for funding and what a successful application may consist of.

- Why is it important or useful for CCP?
    - Sometimes the necessary financial support is not internally available to begin the CCP process or any other initiative in the community that may require a source of external funding.
    - Once a CCP is in place, this effort can potentially be used to build or fortify new or existing working relationships between the community and their partners to initiate other relevant communally focussed projects.

- Who is this knowledge most useful for?
    - For communities who are looking to start the CCP process based on collective goals informed by modern and traditional community values.

- When could someone use this knowledge?
    - When they are either in the preplanning phase or when they are ready to begin drafting a community driven CCP initiative.

Key Learnings

- What are the main points participants should walk away with?
    - Read and re-read funding criteria to ensure a complete funding application.
    - Contact funder if unsure what is being asked to provide.
    - Always make sure more than one person knows about the proposal in its entirety in the event the funder calls the applicant with an enquiry.
    - Have someone go through application with you to ensure it is complete and error free.
    - Allow for enough time to thoroughly complete the application with respect to deadlines.
- What should someone who couldn't make it to your session know about the topic?
    - Partnership support can have a positive effect on applying/ writing a proposal for funding.

- o Not all CCPs are the same because they are tailored to the specific communities they represent.
  - o Successful CCPs can be a great tool to inform and mobilize other community driven efforts.
- If anything you shared/taught included step-by-step instructions, share them here.
  - o Always be sure the CCP process adheres to S.M.A.R.T. as a guide:
    - **Specific**- Is your CCP initiative addressing the funding requirements clearly and concisely?
    - **Measurable**- Are all the parameters outlined in the CCP process able to be accomplished and measured in a significant qualitative way?
    - **Attainable**- Are the necessary resources in place to ensure a successful CCP initiative?
    - **Realistic**- Is this CCP process achievable through the availability and use of methods and tools?
    - **Timely**- What is the timeline given to complete the CCP process? Can it be done on time?

Amazing Quotes from the Session

- "Some funders like to see match funders."
- "Sharing your community's story is the most important part."

Further Resources and Links

- o First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC)- http://www.fpcc.ca
- o British Columbia Capacity Initiative (BCCI)- http://www.bccapacity.org
- o First Nations Infrastructure Fund (FNIF)- https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100010656/1533645154710
- o Comprehensive Community Plan Handbook (CCP)- https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1377629855838/1377632394645
- o Professional & Institutional Development Fund (P&ID)- https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013815/1565365590861