



# Non-Government Organization Stabilization Fund

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## Minister's Message

I am pleased to present the Non-Government Organization (NGO) Stabilization Fund Annual Report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This report outlines performance and financial information related to the functioning of the NGO Stabilization Fund, as administered by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA).

This report represents an important step in ensuring accountable use of the fund and promoting the effective delivery of support to NGOs across the Northwest Territories.

I want to recognize the important work of NGOs in serving residents throughout the territory. Their dedication and impact are foundational to the well-being of our communities.

In 2025–2026, administration of the NGO Stabilization Fund transitioned to the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs (EIA). This move reflects a closer alignment with EIA's mandate and a stronger connection to the clientele served by NGOs. The transition also supports a more streamlined and coordinated approach to funding.

The Government of the Northwest Territories remains committed to supporting organizations that carry on this important work.



**The Honourable Vince McKay**  
**Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs**

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## Introduction

The *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization (NGO) Operations Policy* (Policy) was implemented in 2009 as a contribution program to provide short-term support to GNWT-funded NGOs facing extraordinary costs that threaten to destabilize their operations. The NGO Stabilization Fund is established by the Policy and is used to support NGOs that deliver critical GNWT-funded programs and services to Northwest Territories (NWT) residents.

This NGO Stabilization Fund 2024-2025 Annual Report was prepared in accordance with the recommendations from the 2020 program evaluation. The report provides information on the operation of the NGO Stabilization Fund in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

As of April 1, 2025, the NGO Stabilization Fund has transferred from Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) to Executive and Indigenous Affairs (EIA).

## NGO Stabilization Fund

Recognizing that many NWT NGOs deliver critical services and programs that support GNWT policy objectives, such as homelessness, addictions support, and shelters for women and families, the NGO Stabilization Fund was established in 2009.

Funding support is available for eligible NGOs who:

- deliver critical GNWT-funded programs or services to NWT residents;
- receive annual funding from the GNWT for the delivery of those critical services or programs and comply with existing funding agreements; and
- are registered and in good standing in the NWT either as a society, association or as created under NWT or federal statute.

Support can be granted for eligible one-time general costs to stabilize or develop organizational capacity to manage programs and services, including:

- General management costs that cannot be attributed to specific programs or services. Examples are general administration and management, finances, and bookkeeping.
- Governance costs or board-related costs. Examples are governance and board training.
- Organizational development costs related to the structure and processes of the organization.
- Additional extraordinary general operations costs related to general operations and maintenance that cannot be directly attributed to specific programs or services. Examples are one-time general office costs or one-time maintenance costs.

The program is application-based, and NGOs must apply each year to receive funding. The maximum amount provided per organization is \$50,000 annually. Demand for funding from the NGO Stabilization Fund normally exceeds the available annual budget.

## 2024-2025 Performance Measurement

Performance measures were established using baselines identified in the 2020-2021 fiscal year to enable ongoing monitoring of the NGO Stabilization Fund’s administration. Performance measures for 2024-2025 are summarized in the table below:

Activity	Performance Measurement	Baseline	Target	2024-2025 Result
1.1 Calls for applications	Number of calls for applications by fiscal year	One call for applications per fiscal year as per the <i>Stabilizing Non-Government Organization (NGO) Operations Policy</i>	One call for applications will be issued each spring as per policy.	Call for applications ran from May 6, 2024, to June 3, 2024.
1.2 Application assessments	Number of applications assessed by fiscal year	22 applications assessed in 2020-2021. 27 applications assessed in 2021-2022. 29 applications assessed in 2022-2023, 44 applications assessed in 2023-2024	Two applications assessed per region and greater than ten applications total per year.	In 2024-2025, 51 applications were assessed.
1.3 Funded Projects	Number of projects funded by fiscal year	Minimum 14 projects. \$700,000/\$50,000 =14	Minimum 14 projects.	In 2024-2025, 19 projects were funded.

## Key Activities

### Application Process

A public call for applications to the NGO Stabilization Fund for 2024-2025 was issued on May 6, 2024, and the application deadline was June 3, 2024. 51 applications were received, with a regional breakdown as follows:

- 33 in Yellowknife
- 1 from the North Slave Region (outside of Yellowknife)
- 8 from the South Slave Region
- 3 from the Inuvik Region
- 3 from the Sahtu Region
- 3 from the Dehcho Region

The total 2024-2025 funding requested as part of these applications was \$2,086,371.

## Eligibility Screening

All applications were screened for eligibility following the provisions of the Policy. Eligibility of organizations is determined using the following criteria:

- A. The organization must deliver critical GNWT-funded services;
- B. The organization must receive funding from GNWT; and
- C. The organization must be registered and in good standing in the NWT as a society or association or as created under NWT or federal statute.

Of the 51 applications received, six were deemed ineligible because the organizations did not meet the eligibility requirements (one organization was not funded by the GNWT, two applications were late or incomplete, two organizations were not in good standing with corporate registries, and one organization was not an NGO). While there were 45 eligible organizations, some applications included expenses ineligible under the Policy, which affected the amount of funding for which they were eligible.

Results of the eligibility screening were communicated in writing to all applicants within three weeks of the application deadline.

## Assessment of Eligible Applicants

The assessment of eligible applications was carried out following the *Stabilizing Non-Government Organization Operations Policy*. Applications were prioritized for funding based on the following principles:

- A. Applications from NGOs that deliver the following programs and services take priority over applications from NGOs that deliver less critical services, such as cultural or recreational program delivery. These priority programs include those that:
  - Help ensure people's basic needs for shelter and food are met.
  - Provide social support within their community or communities.
  - Build capacity through education, training, and skill development.
- B. Collaborative projects or projects that benefit more than one NGO take priority over projects that benefit only the applicant NGO.
- C. Management costs (general administration, management, finances, and bookkeeping), governance and organizational development (strategic or expansion) take priority over extraordinary general operations costs (office costs, utilities, maintenance, and renovations).
- D. Projects that have not received support (new projects) take priority over projects that are similar to those supported in previous years for the same NGO.

## Applicant Selection

The 45 eligible applications were evaluated and ranked by priority. Of those, 19 applications were approved; four applications were not selected as the associated projects included ineligible expenses, and the remaining 22 applications exceeded the funding available.

Project Types – 2024-2025 NGO Stabilization Fund Applications



### 2024-2025 Trends

In 2024–2025, eligible funding requests from NGOs increased, while ineligible requests decreased significantly, from 54% in 2023–2024 to 22%. This improvement may be attributed to MACA's May 9, 2024 webinar, which provided clarification regarding the NGO Stabilization Fund and eligible expenses. Ineligible requests typically included core operations, general programming, and regular staff salaries. Notably, requests for organizational development funding rose from 5% to 32%, suggesting that NWT NGOs are increasingly focused on long-term planning and stabilization efforts, including strategic planning, policy updates, and HR manuals.

Applications from organizations that have previously received NGO Stabilization Funding are a recurring theme. In 2024-2025, 73% of eligible applications were received from NGOs with projects approved in previous years. Applicants noted a lack of available operations funding from other GNWT programs to maintain their ability to offer critical GNWT services or programs.

Projects approved in 2024-2025 supported improved strategic planning and governance, bylaw maintenance and development, policy updates, communications, managerial transition support, financial and accounting systems and training, asset upgrades and minor renovations.



## 2024-2025 Approved NGO Stabilization Funding

	Organization	Approved Funding*
1	Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre	49,566
2	Yellowknife Women's Society	50,000
3	AVENS – A Community for Seniors	48,000
4	Home Base Yellowknife	50,000
5	K'asho Got'ine Housing Society	16,840
6	The Salvation Army Yellowknife	50,000
7	Family Support Centre	50,000
8	Dehcho Society for Wellness and Sustainable Development	13,500
9	Food Rescue Yellowknife	47,285
10	Inclusion NWT	8,250
11	Northern Mosaic Network	44,600
12	Habitat for Humanity NWT	31,800
13	NWT Seniors' Society	44,050
14	Foster Family Coalition of the NWT	50,000
15	NWT Disabilities Council	50,000
16	Inuvik Youth Centre	36,000
17	FOXY	8,000
18	Children First Society	45,000
19	Yellowknife Day Care Association	7,109
	<b>Total Funding Approved</b>	<b>\$ 700,000</b>

\*Approved funding was disbursed based on application requests, with maximum total allowable \$50,000.

- AVENS – A Community for Seniors, Home Base Yellowknife, K'asho Got'ine Housing Society, Dehcho Society for Wellness and Sustainable Development, Food Rescue Yellowknife, Inclusion NWT, Northern Mosaic Network, Habitat for Humanity NWT, Foster Family Coalition of the NWT, NWT Disabilities Council, Inuvik Youth Centre, FOXY, and Children First Society received less than requested as ineligible expenses under *the Stabilizing Non-Government Organization Operations Policy* were removed.
- The Yellowknife Day Care Association approved funding was less than the application request due to limited remaining available annual budget.

## Conclusion

The NGO Stabilization Fund provides short-term, extraordinary funding to GNWT-funded NGOs that deliver essential programs and services to NWT residents. With limited alternative funding sources and growing demand, the program is expected to remain oversubscribed.

To support improved application quality and reduce ineligible submissions, MACA hosted a webinar during the 2024–2025 intake period. The session covered the NGO Stabilization Policy, application guidelines, eligibility criteria, and timelines, and included an open Q&A for participants.

As of April 1, 2025, responsibility for the fund has transferred to EIA. Ongoing collaboration and clear communication will be essential to minimize impacts on NGOs during this transition.

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