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Hitgwin! Qaumata Miyopimâtisiwin Foundation
Inaugural Grant Announcement

Reconnection Grant



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"Stand Up/Rise, Shine, Live a Good Life"

Supporting Indian Boarding Home Program (1952-1991) Survivors



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Are you an Indian Boarding Homes Program Survivor?
Do you serve Indian Boarding Homes Program Survivors?



Our Background

Hitgwin! Qaumata Miyopimâtisiwin (HQMF) is a national foundation established through the Indian Boarding Homes Program (IBHP) Class Action (*Percival v Canada, 2024 FC 824*). Canada committed \$50M dedicated to healing, truth, and cultural preservation. Independent of government, HQMF serve all Survivors (and their families) of IBHP. Inclusive of Inuit, First Nations, Métis, status and non-status—in every region of Canada and beyond.

Who We Are

The Indian Boarding Homes Program (IBHP) was created by the Government of Canada, placing children from First Nations, Métis and Inuit villages in communities to stay in private homes (usually non-Indigenous) for the purpose of attending school. IBHP began in the 1950s and Canada continued to operate the IBHP into the early 1990s.

What we do

Grants

Grant programs
Reconnection
Intensive recovery
Kenneth Weistche
Memorial Scholarship

Mental Health

Access to therapists
Access to counsellors
Access to physical
supports

Events

Consultation
Regional Gatherings
Cultural Gatherings
Commemoration
Pow Wow Specials

Research

Archival Research
Documentary
Education



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Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: Applications accepted between July 31, 2025 and September 30, 2025

Maximum Grant Amount: Up to \$30,000

HQMF is pleased to announce its inaugural Reconnection Grant. This is a Call for Proposals for grants of up to \$30,000 each to support Indigenous communities and organizations in developing or enhancing events and initiatives that prioritize the involvement and support of IBHP Survivors.

This one-time Reconnection Grant aims to support community-driven efforts that honour the lived experiences of boarding home survivors, foster healing, recovery, and wellness, and create meaningful opportunities for reconnection and recognition through Indigenous-led approaches.

Eligibility Criteria:

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and governments
- Indigenous non-profit organizations
- Indigenous cultural, language, or ceremonial groups
- Applicants must demonstrate substantial community involvement and leadership by, or in partnership with, IBHP Survivors.
- Applicants (fundholders) must be an incorporated entity or affiliated with an incorporated entity.
- Provide proof of incorporation or confirmation of affiliation from the incorporated entity.

Project Scope - Funded projects must:

- Directly support IBHP Survivors
- Be Indigenous-led or co-led
- Include at least one of the following key components:
 - Commemoration
 - Culture
 - Community
 - Language
 - Indigenous Knowledge, and/or
 - Ceremony
- Focus on "Reconnecting" survivors with their communities, cultures, families, and/or Indigenous ways of being and knowing



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Call for Proposals (cont.)

Projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Community events and gatherings
- Cultural camps or ceremonies
- Storytelling and knowledge-sharing events
- Language and Indigenous knowledge revitalization, wellness, or healing circles involving survivors
- Survivor-led community development initiatives

Funding Details:

- Up to 10 grants will be awarded
- Maximum grant amount per project: \$30,000
- Project activities must begin after funding is awarded and be completed by March 31, 2026
- A final report on the funded project will be due April 31, 2026

Proposal Requirements:

1. Cover Page with contact information for the project lead, the organization, and all collaborators on the proposed project.
2. Project Summary (1 page)
3. Description of how the project supports the Indian boarding homes program survivors (½ page)
4. Details of how culture, language, ceremony, Indigenous knowledge, or community engagement will be incorporated (½ page)
5. Work plan and timeline (1 page)
6. A budget outlining how funds will be used (1 page)
7. A support letter from a recognized community member or survivor representative
8. Proof of incorporation/collaboration with an incorporated entity

Deadline and Submission:

Applications accepted between July 31, 2025 and September 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm (local time).

For questions and to submit proposals: Melody Wood, melody@hqmfoundation.com, with the Subject line: "Reconnection Grant Proposal – [Your Community/Organization Name]"

For information about the Boarding Homes Class Action Compensation, please visit www.boardinghomesclassaction.com



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