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Oral Question 351-19(2): Addictions Treatment Services

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on October 15, 2020 regarding Addictions Treatment Services.

The following is breakdown of the 2020-2021 On the Land Healing Fund Agreements to date:

Organization	2020-21 On the Land Funding Available	2020-21 Mobile Treatment / Aftercare Funding Available	Agreement Finalized	Accessed Funds in 2019-2020	Total Agreement
Akaitcho Territory Government	125,000	66,350		✓	
Deh Cho First Nations Gwich'in Tribal Council	125,000	66,350	Pending	✓	191,345
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	125,000	66,350	Pending	✓	191,286
NWT Métis Nation	125,000	66,350		✓	
Sahtu Dene Council	125,000	66,350			
Tlicho Government	125,000	66,350		✓	
Deliné Got'ine Government	30,000	66,350			
K'at'odeeche First Nation	30,000	66,350			
Acho Dene Koe First Nation	30,000	66,350			
Salt River First Nation	30,000	66,350		✓	
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation				✓	
On the Land Collaborative	100,000				100,000
	1,095,000	729,850			482,631

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It should be noted that applications to the On the Land Healing fund were delayed in 2020/2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once the Northwest Territories moved to Phase II of *Emerging Wisely* and it was safe to resume some group programming, Regional and Community Governments were invited to apply for the funds. To that end, the Department of Health and Social Services (Department) adjusted the application deadline from September 1 to November 1, 2020. Any uncommitted funds not applied for by Regional or Community Governments by November 1, 2020 can be made available to non-government Indigenous organizations.

Further, not all organizations are applying for the full amounts available. The total agreement column in the above chart represents how much of the available funding has been applied for by the organizations. There are two agreements currently in progress and Department staff are working with other recipients to support them in the development of their applications.

In 2019/20 the budget for the On the Land Healing Fund was \$1.8M annually, and of that amount, \$1,101,344 was allocated to Regional and Community Governments. An additional \$100,000 was allocated to the On the Land Collaborative. In 2018/2019 the budget was \$1.23 million with \$904,896 allocated to Regional and Community Governments and \$100,000 to the On the Land Collaborative.

While Contribution Agreements for the On the Land Healing Fund are generally allocated on an annual basis, recipients of the On the Land Healing Fund in 2019/2020 were able to carry over a total of approximately \$199,514 to be expended in 2020/2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Normally, any unspent funds are put towards shortfalls within the larger Health and Social Services system.

Thank you.



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