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N.W.T. SPECIAL ARDA PROGRAM
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This program was established with the signing of the Canada-Northwest Territories Special Rural Development Agreement on June 16, 1977 and the Advisory Committee held its first meeting on August 18, 1977. This report describes the progress of the program during its first full year.

Special ARDA is a joint federal-territorial program developed to provide people of the Northwest Territories, particularly those of Indian and Inuit ancestry, with financial help to improve their economic conditions. Operated by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and the Government of the Northwest Territories, it is carried out in co-operation with representatives of the people of Indian and Inuit ancestry.

The program can provide financial contributions and other assistance to projects which will open up new jobs, increase income and improve living conditions for people throughout the Northwest Territories.

Kinds of projects which can be assisted are:

- projects involving the establishment, acquisition, expansion and modernization of any business which provides jobs for people of Indian or Inuit ancestry. Businesses of all types are eligible, including manufacturing, processing, and service industries.

For these commercial projects, Special ARDA can provide financial contributions of up to 50 per cent of the total cost. If loans are needed, they must be obtained separately from commercial sources or government loan programs.

- projects started by groups or associations which will improve the incomes of people of Indian or Inuit ancestry engaged in fishing, forestry, trapping and agricultural activities.

- projects that provide counselling, training and special social services, not available under other federal or territorial programs, which are needed to help people of Indian and Inuit ancestry take advantage of job opportunities.

Program Activity

A total of 103 applications for financing were received to August 31, 1978, resulting in 53 offers to date for total financial commitments of about \$1,800,000. Attached is a summary of 38 acceptances to date. Approximately 53 man years of employment have been created and 474 people have been assisted under the non-commercial aspects of the program.

Applications received have covered the Territories both geographically and economically. About half the applications received have been from the Baffin, Keewatin, Inuvik Regions and the Central Arctic Coast. 70% of the applications have been for commercial projects. A statistical summary of applications received is attached.

Evaluation Procedures

Implementation of the program is the responsibility of the Government of the Northwest Territories and it is envisaged that initial processing of all applications will be done by GNWT staff in its regional offices, with back up assistance as required from GNWT Headquarters and DREE Yellowknife staff. Primary producing applications are handled by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and all others are processed by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

To date, over half of the applications have been evaluated by DREE Yellowknife staff. Processing time for applications appears reasonable, with virtually all complete proposals being submitted to the next committee meeting.

Advisory Committee

The Committee is composed of 8 delegates; 2 nominated by the Federal Government, 2 nominated by the Territorial Government, one of whom from

the N.W.T. Chamber of Commerce, and one nomination has been requested from each of the 4 native organizations in the Territories.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis, usually in Yellowknife. A good working rapport has been developed among Committee members.

The Dene Nation (formerly the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories) has ignored our repeated invitation to send a representative. An Indian delegate at large has been nominated by the Federal and Territorial Governments to maintain 50% native participation on the Committee. The Dene Nation remains welcome to name a representative to the Committee.

Payment of Grants

Payment inspections for commercial projects are conducted by or under the supervision of DREE Yellowknife staff, with assistance being provided on request by Regional audit staff. Audit Services Bureau will perform payment inspections only on large projects. The Government of the Northwest Territories has adopted standards for payment and audit of non-commercial projects. Costs of assistance to all commercial undertakings are borne by DREE, and costs of other projects of primary benefit to status Indian or Inuit people are borne by DREE; non-commercial costs applicable to Metis or non-status Indian people are shared 50/50 by DREE and GNWT.

Publicity

Much promotion has been by word of mouth, primarily through the local offices of the GNWT and by press releases announcing accepted offers. A public service spot announcement has been shown on the CBC Northern Service, an audio visual presentation explaining the primary producers program is now complete, and posters in four languages will soon be distributed. Newspaper advertisements are also placed in the local press.

Future Directions

Now that the Special ARDA Program is well established in the N.W.T., the future appears to be shaping up as follows:

1. Increased regional responsibilities.

The Regional offices of the Government of the Northwest Territories will play an increasingly important role in the administration of the program and the evaluation of applications. Primary responsibility for the program at the field level is required to provide for efficient operation and adequate service in view of the vast distances and communications problems encountered in the N.W.T. Additional Regional staff capability will be sought to cope with this responsibility.

2. Increased Activity.

Increasing awareness of the program resulting from the promotional program is resulting in a significant increase in the number of applications received, particularly in the area of primary producing activities. For example, at its last three meetings, the Advisory Committee reviewed a total of 50 applications.

3. Publicity.

An audio visual presentation emphasizing the commercial side of the program is planned for the near future.

4. Training for Regional Staff.

We propose to conduct semi-annual seminars for Territorial staff, dealing primarily with evaluation procedures and program administration. This should provide opportunity for discussions of the requirements and problems of the program, as well as proper briefing for new employees.

5. Committee Representatives.

Emphasis will continue to be placed on native participation in Committee decisions. A full complement of four native people at each meeting is considered necessary to achieve this goal.

6. Budget.

Demand on the program in 1979/80 is forecast to rise as high as \$3,000,000. A lower level of funding will likely result in the prioritizing of projects.

Conclusion

Program activity indicates a high level of acceptance of the program by native people of the N.W.T. This is particularly evident in the Arctic, where the availability of investment capital of this nature has been severely limited in the past.

SPECIAL ARDA PROGRAM - N.W.T.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 31, 1978

Applications received:	Commercial	71
	Primary Producing Activities	24
	Social Adjustment Measures	<u>8</u>
		103

Applications withdrawn or rejected	35
Offers Made	53
Applications in process	15

	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Offers Made</u>
Baffin Region	15	8
Keeewatin Region	16	7
Inuvik Region	19	9
Fort Smith Region - Yellowknife	14	9
- Other	<u>39</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>103</u>	<u>53</u>
Applicant: Indian or Metis	42	18
Inuit	45	29
Other	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>103</u>	<u>53</u>

Of the 53 offers made, 38 have been accepted for a D.R.E.E. commitment of \$1,400,000 (Territorial commitment \$64,000).

DREE Cash Flow:

1977/78 (i.e. to March 31/78) actual \$334,000

1978/79 (i.e. April 1/78 to March 31/79) expected \$1,100,000.

ACCEPTED SPECIAL ARDA OFFERS

APPLICANT

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

E & M. Drive In Pine Point	Establish a fast food take out business.
Quyta Lake Holdings Quyta Lake	Establish a wilderness camp.
GNWT - Dept. of Economic Develop- ment and Tourism Yellowknife	Fund costs of personal services to undertake feasibility studies
Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association Pangnirtung	Establish a trading post.
Charlie's Taxi Service Fort Macpherson	Expand taxi service
Arcticlean Janitorial Service Inuvik	Expand janitorial cleaning business
Tim Sikyca Yellowknife	Pilot project to ascertain the marketability of high fashion garments incorporating native design.
Aqvik Ltd. Pangirtung	Purchase of additional equipment for coffee shop.
Louis Voisey Eskimo Point	Feasibility study re purchase of a freighting boat.
Ilisagtut Ltd. Rankin Inlet	Establish tradeshop/warehouse facility
GNWT - Dept. of Natural and Cultural Affairs Yellowknife	Fund costs of personal services to assist in program delivery to resource harvesters.
Slave River Saw Mill Fort Resolution	Reactivation of the sawmill by purchase of additional equipment to improve efficiency and to assist with working capital.
Deadman Valley Outfitters Fort Simpson	Expand tourist outfitting business
Ekaloktetiak Eskimo Co-op Cambridge Bay	To build 20 aluminum fishing boats
Pangnirtung Eskimo Co-op Pangnirtung	Expand freezer space and build smoke house

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation Yellowknife	Study alternatives for head office accommodation and warehouse facilities.
Metis Development Corporation Yellowknife	Meeting of Board of Directors to plan specific program of operation.
Bear Del Service Station Pine Point	Establish service station
Kiviug Illuqutingit Frobisher Bay	To renovate the Frobisher Bay airport hangar which will enable the training of Inuit people in the construction trades.
Tuki Translation Service Yellowknife	Establish a translation service business.
COPE - Reindeer Sales Inuvik	Feasibility study re sale of under-utilized portions of reindeer carcasses.
Back Bay Welding Service Ltd. Yellowknife	Modernization of welding service business.
Pierre Karlik Rankin Inlet	Purchase of fishing boat.
Rae Band Council Rae	Feasibility study - re commercial complex
Brown's Moving & Storage Fort Smith	Expansion of moving and storage business.
Holman Eskimo Co-op (Arctic Char Inn) Holman	Construction of an 8 bed hotel and coffee shop
Snowdrift Fishermen's Association Snowdrift	Purchase of a packer boat and fishing equipment.
Inuvialuit Development Corp. Inuvik	To fund Board Meeting to formulate policies and to identify a specific program of projects.
COPE - Reindeer Sales Inuvik	Feasibility study re retailing of reindeer meat locally.
Kerkertak Co-op Association Gjoa Haven	Establish taxi, freight/mail hauling service.
Creswell Bay Outpost Camp Creswell Bay	Construction of dugout freezer
Inuit Development Corporation Ottawa	Funding for study to develop policy guidelines

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Mrs. Mary Meeko Perry (Iceberg Centre) Gjoa Haven	Modernize a small hotel/coffee shop complex.
Inuit Development Corporation Ottawa	Feasibility Study - re office complex in Frobisher Bay.
Beaver Enterprises Ltd. Fort Liard	Purchase four pieces of heavy equipment to be used for a maintenance contract on a gas development project.
Sanavik Co-operative Ltd. Rankin Inlet	Construction of a building and purchase of equipment to re-establish the arts and crafts project.
Fort Good Hope Band Council Fort Good Hope	Purchase of radios for use by trappers.
Fort Simpson Hunters and Trappers Association Fort Simpson	Construction of a freezer, with retail country food outlet.

