



Resource Royalties Economic Development Assistance Program 2014-2015



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In 2013/14 the management of this program was transferred to the Dehcho Regional Corporation, formerly known as the Dehcho Economic Corporation.

The Dehcho Regional Corporation (DRC) is now accepting applications for economic development funding assistance (under the Dehcho Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA). The Agreement signed in April 2003 provides that the Dehcho First Nations (DFN) will receive a share of federal royalties from resource development in the Mackenzie Valley prior to a final agreement.

The DRC Board would like to advise all future applicants that enhancements to the existing Dehcho IRDA program are underway and change is taking place in an effort to continue to improve program accountability and transparency. **The application deadline for the 2014/15 intake is November 28, 2014.**

Criteria: Funds can be accessed for economic development projects such as:

- Business Creation or Expansion
- Business Relief
- Business Skills
- Capital Improvements to Sustain Equity
- Commercial Fishery Assistance
- Community Initiatives
- Community Market Garden Development Program
- Forest Industry Assistance
- Increase Participation in Resource Development: assisting with Negotiations for Benefit Agreements and Joint Ventures
- Market Development and Product Promotion
- Pilot and Demonstration Projects
- Planning and Development
- Traditional Arts and Fine Crafts – Raw Materials
- Other

Eligibility of Applicants:

The following individuals, businesses and organizations are eligible to apply for funding assistance:

1. An individual applicant must be a member of the Dehcho First Nations, a Dehcho First Nation organization or be in partnership with. Support documentation for this can be a simple letter from the Chief or other Dehcho official indicating that you are member of the Dehcho First Nations.
2. A business applicant must be:
 - A business owned by a member of the Dehcho First Nations, or
 - A business partnership where 50% or more of the ownership is by a member or members of the Dehcho First Nations
 - The 50% or more of the shares of a business corporation are held by a member or members of the Dehcho First Nations
3. A not-for-profit community organization whose project is supporting or creating an economic development opportunity in the Dehcho region.

A **Business plan** is required in order to access the 2014-2015 Royalties funding. Guidelines are set out in Appendix C of the Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA). Criteria, instructions and forms to apply for DFN resource royalties are available on the Dehcho First Nations website: <http://www.dehcho.org> or by contacting the Dehcho Regional Corporation at the contact information below.

Please forward your application to the Dehcho Regional Corporation to the attention of:

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**Deadline for IRDA Funding Submissions:
November 28, 2014 @ 12:00 pm**