

# Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement 2012-2013 Guide Book



The Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement (CORDA) is an agreement between Canada, Ontario and First Nations' members in Ontario.

The Agreement promotes resource and economic development initiatives of First Nations' members by providing financial assistance to develop and utilize renewable natural resources.

Funding for 2012/13 and beyond is subject to renewal of the Agreement. Proposals will be received and reviewed in anticipation of renewal. However, please note that if the Agreement is not renewed, approval of your project will not be realized.

## Who is Eligible?

First Nations, their members and organizations, and Treaty organizations in Ontario are eligible to apply. (First Nations and First Nations' Governments have the same meaning as Indian Bands or their successors under federal legislation and any new Canadian Constitutional arrangements.)

## Funding Level

The maximum funding level for projects approved under the CORDA program is **\$35,000.00**.

## Eligible Projects

To be eligible for consideration, the proposal shall meet and demonstrate the following criteria:

1. Projects that promote natural resource development, management, harvesting and conservation in Ontario.
2. Projects that involve one or more of the following:
  - ✓ Commercial fishing
  - ✓ Fur trapping
  - ✓ Forestry, including Forest Management Plans and Strategic Planning Programs
  - ✓ Traditional harvesting and non-timber forest products
  - ✓ Deer, moose, barren-ground caribou, and bear hide utilization
  - ✓ Sports fishing and hunting, including assistance to guides and outfitters
  - ✓ Fishing and hunting for domestic use
  - ✓ Commercial recreation and ecotourism
  - ✓ Processing and marketing of products derived from natural resources, such as wild rice harvesting and maple syrup production
  - ✓ Environmental projects relating to resource development or management
  - ✓ Natural resource planning such as those projects related to natural heritage or addressing invasive species
3. To qualify, any previous projects must be in good standing.

## Application Deadline

The application must be received by the CORDA Office by October 3, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. EDT

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

## Eligible Expenditures

Expenditures under this program shall apply to, but not necessarily be restricted to:

- Equipment (e.g. purchase or rental of equipment)
- Materials (e.g. building materials or purchase of facilities)
- Labour (excludes self)
- Transportation (e.g. transportation of personnel, supplies and equipment)
- Other (e.g. technical advice and assistance, acquisition of data base information, promotion and advertising of commercial ventures)

## Ineligible Expenditures

Expenditures under this program *do not* include:

- pleasure crafts and recreational vehicles
- personal or domestic expenditures

## Application Details

For **all** projects the applicant must provide details outlining the resource management and economic viability of the proposed project, including:

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| ✓ background information on the objectives, project description, resources utilized etc.            | ✓ if applicable, a letter of support from an appropriate administering agency (e.g. the Ministry of Natural Resources) |
| ✓ supplier quotes for all proposed expenditures   | ✓ maps (if appropriate)  |
| ✓ short- and long-term resource and economic benefits   | ✓ photographs (if appropriate)   |
| ✓ cultural and traditional practices sustained through the project (if applicable)                  | ✓ any applicable licenses (e.g. trapping/ fishing)   |
| ✓ agencies providing financial or advisory services   | ✓ if applicable, Community Economic Development Plan, feasibility study, or Business Plan                              |
| ✓ a demonstration of community support by either a letter or Band Council Resolution as appropriate |  |

## Environmental Regulations

Applicants are responsible to demonstrate in writing, that projects are environmentally sound and meet all applicable environmental guidelines and regulations.

## Approval Process

Applications received by the submission deadline will be reviewed and ranked based on selection criteria established by the CORDA Committee. The criteria include Administrative, Economic, and Cultural considerations. The CORDA Committee reviews each project proposal to determine the level of funding that will be granted to each project. Projects may, at times, be approved for funding at an amount less than requested.

**NOTE:** Where applicable, appropriate permits and approvals are required prior to the start of the project.

Approval letters are sent to successful applicants, along with a copy of the *Conditions of Receipt of a CORDA Grant* form, and a copy of the Interim/Final Report template.

## Funding Distribution and Reporting Requirements

For approved projects, the disbursement schedule will be based as follows:

- The first 50% of approved funding will be released upon receipt of a signed *Condition of Receipt of a CORDA Grant* agreement.
- The next 25% of approved funding will be released following receipt of an approved Interim Report, including all receipts/invoices, demonstrating expenditures of 50% of the total grant
- The last 25% of funding will be released **after** 100% of the grant has been spent and an approved Final Report, including all receipts/invoices, has been received..
- No funding will be provided to an applicant for any related expenses incurred prior to receiving written approval for a project.
- Applicants, at times, may not fully expend the funding approved through CORDA. In these cases, applicants will only receive funding in the amount supported through invoices/receipts provided with the Final Report.
- Funding may not be available until June 1, 2012.
- All funds must be spent by March 1, 2013.
- The Final Report is due to the CORDA Office March 31, 2013.

## How to Apply

The enclosed application, *in its original form*, must be completed in full, signed and submitted, with project details, by October 3, 2011 to:

CORDA Office  
123 Paudash Street  
RR 2  
Keene, ON K0L 2G0  
Facsimile: 705-295-7144  
E-mail: corda@nexicom.net

***Incomplete, unsigned or late applications will NOT be considered. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval for funding.***

## Contact Information

### For more information

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### For additional application forms

- Ministry of Natural Resources District Offices
- CORDA Office
- On-line at [www.gct3.net/grand-chiefs-office/](http://www.gct3.net/grand-chiefs-office/);  
<http://www.anishinabek.ca/lands-and-resources-other.asp>;  
[www.nan.on.ca](http://www.nan.on.ca); or [www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Regional Offices

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