

COVID-19 Perimeter Security Funding Submission Guide

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On July 7, 2020, Indigenous Services Canada – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch broadened the existing security category within the COVID-19 needs-based health funding stream to include expenses related to perimeter security within First Nations. This enhanced funding category now recognizes perimeter security as a public health measure and is available to support First Nations in maintaining community security through checkpoints at entrances and exits or other methods supported by the First Nations pandemic plan.

For First Nations wanting to access this specific funding, the following guide provides an overview of the submission requirements and process as well as a Frequently Asked Questions section. For more information, please contact your Nation’s Community Liaison Team (CLT) or submit your inquiry to the FNIHB-AB Communicable Disease Emergency inbox at:

sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

Submission Requirements

Format:

A complete submission should include the following:

1. A workplan that identifies the activities to be undertaken (see **Addendum A** for template).
 - The following are examples of supported activities:
 - Access control at points of entry to community
 - Placement of barriers to reduce the number of community entry points
 - Public Health screening checkpoints for COVID-19 symptoms
 - Information gathering for potential case management and contact tracing measures
 - Sharing information with entrants regarding COVID-19 symptoms, prevention measures, community testing locations, etc.
 - Details should be included with each activity that provides a clear narrative of the funding requested. This includes:
 - Linkage between the proposed activity and public health measures
 - “Opening up” or “Relaunch” parameters that support public health measures.
 - For example: Security checkpoint – include the number of entry/exit points, staff, materials, etc.
 - Refer to the **Public Health Considerations for Community Perimeter Security** document for additional assistance and guidance.



2. A budget separating the estimated cost by category and timeframe (see **Addendum B** for template)
 - Category examples:
 - Staff – how many positions, how many hours, hourly rate of pay
 - Major equipment and rentals – barriers, tents, heater or light rentals, vehicle rentals
 - Minor equipment – one-time purchases such as flashlights, traffic cones, vests
 - Supplies – consumable items such as food, bug spray, batteries, personal protective equipment
 - Other – other costs not identified elsewhere (clear details are required)
 - Timeframe must be identified by the following quarters:
 - Quarter 1: April 1 – June 30, 2020
 - Quarter 2: July 1 – September 30, 2020

Where to submit:

- Completed submissions should be submitted via email to the FNIHB-AB Communicable Disease Emergency inbox at sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What type of Public Health Security is supported by FNIHB?*
 - The FNIHB needs-based health funding stream supports two types of Public Health Security funding:
 - 1) Security for health facilities and isolation centres/facilities
 - 2) Perimeter security for the community
 - These types of Public Health Security are directly related to the public health measures required to support and address the current COVID-19 pandemic
2. *What type of Public Health Security does this submission cover?*

This submission is only for perimeter security. Public health security for health facilities and isolation centres/facilities can be submitted through the operational submission.
3. *How do I access Public Health Security for health facilities and isolation centres/facilities?*
 - A separate submission must be submitted for public health security for health facilities and isolation centres/facilities, which should be part of your overall Operational submission. It allows for items to be included such as surge capacity staff, temporary staff, medical equipment, supplies, food (restricted parameters), etc.

4. *What types of activities are supported for this submission?*
- This funding supports security activities that focus upon public health measures to support the First Nation address the COVID pandemic. The following are some types of activities that will be supported:
 - Access control at points of entry to community
 - Placement of barriers to reduce number of entry points
 - Public Health checkpoint screening for COVID-19 symptoms
 - Information gathering for potential case management and contact tracing measures
 - Sharing information with entrants regarding COVID-19 symptoms, prevention measures, community testing locations, etc.
5. *Is this funding stream the same as the Indigenous Community Support Funding (ICSF), which can also be used to support perimeter security?*
- No. While both funding streams have some overlapping areas of support, the COVID-19 needs-based Health Funding stream and the ICSF are separate sources of funding within ISC. Under the FNIHB Health Needs Funding stream, the new guidelines include the addition of perimeter security as an eligible expense, thus Nations can make a submission to FNIHB for perimeter security expenditures retroactive to April 1, 2020.
6. *Will this funding support security within the community such as in-community patrols and enforcement?*
- No. This funding only supports perimeter security activities. Security needs within the First Nation such as community patrols and enforcement activities are not eligible expenses under this funding submission.
7. *How do I submit the submission?*
- Submissions must include a workplan and detailed budget (see templates - Addendum A & B). Completed submissions may be sent by email to the Communicable Disease Emergency inbox at sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca
8. *How long will it take for FNIHB-AB to respond to a submission?*
- It will take between 1-3 weeks to respond to a completed submission depending on the number of submissions and level of detail received. First Nations are encouraged to submit perimeter security proposals as soon as possible.

9. Can this funding stream be used to reimburse Nation's own-source funding revenues that have been utilized to supplement security costs when ICSF funds were exhausted?
- This fund may be used to reimburse perimeter security expenses incurred since April 1st, 2020. However, perimeter security costs incurred **prior to April 1, 2020** or security costs beyond the funding stream parameters (see question #6 for more details) incurred are not eligible for reimbursement under this funding submission.
10. *What is the timeframe of the proposal?*
- The timeframe of the proposal is from April 1, 2020 until September 30, 2020 divided into two parts: Quarter 1 – April 1 to June 30 and Quarter 2 – July 1 to September 30. No expenses before or after this time frame will be accepted at this time.
11. *Will funding for security continue after September 30, 2020?*
- It is anticipated that security funding will continue after September, 30, 2020 and become part of the overall operational funding submission for Quarter 3 – October 1 to December 31. More information will be provided closer to that date.
12. *Can a vehicle be purchased to support community security?*
- No. Vehicle purchases will not be supported. Vehicle and recreational vehicle rentals may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
13. *Will Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for security personnel be supported?*
- Yes. PPE required for security personnel to complete their activities while maintaining public health measures of protection and physical distancing when interacting with community members/public will be supported.
14. *What type of reporting is required?*
- A separate financial schedule within your annual audit (due July 29, 2021) that breaks down the funding expenses by category will be required. It can be combined with the financial schedule required for any FNIHB operational and capital funding received.
15. *Can a community have more than one submission within the quarter if needs change?*
- Yes. FNIHB-AB understands that as community needs change so to may perimeter security needs. If you determine that your current submission and funding is insufficient or needs to be adjusted, please contact your Nation's Community Liaison Team for assistance and next steps.

Excel Addendum

Addendum A – Activity Description

Addendum B – Budget Details