

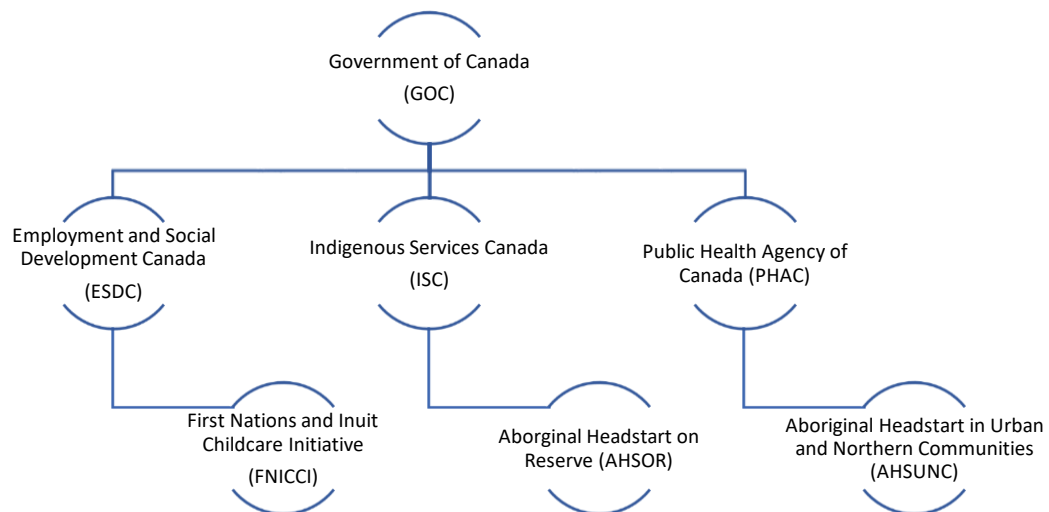
Indigenous Early Learning & Child Care Framework – Backgrounder

RE: Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC) October 8-10, 2024

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Background Information

- The Indigenous Early Learning Child Care (IELCC) Framework is a Government of Canada horizontal initiative administered by Employment and Social Development (ESDC -lead department), ISC and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).
 - It is an overarching vision for a comprehensive and coordinated early learning and childcare system led by Indigenous peoples and centering on Indigenous knowledge, language and culture.
- Launched as a 10-year investment through Budget 2017, the Framework received additional investments and became permanent ongoing funding in Budget 2021.
 - IELCC funding flows through three primary legacy programs Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve (AHSOR - ISC), First Nations and Inuit Child Care Initiative (FNICCI - ESDC), and Aboriginal Head Start in Urban and Northern Communities (AHSUNC - PHAC).



2024/2025 IELCC Funding Envelope for Alberta First Nations

- The total is \$69,552,385.00 and is broken down by the following –
 - Programs & Services (Community/Nation Based) \$52,202,742.00
 - Partnership & Governance \$3,440,064.00
 - This funding flows to PTO's and/or Tribal Councils
 - \$200,000 from this funding was used to support the May 2024 All Chiefs Summit on IELCC.
 - Transformative Action Fund (TAF) \$779,000.00
 - For AHSOR Only
 - Capital \$13,130,579.00

Current Funding Allocation Model for AB Region – Status Quo

- Programs and Services (Budget 2017/2021)
 - \$75,000 base from both 2017 & 2021 Budgets (Total of \$150K Base) per Nation + Modified Berger (proportional population and remoteness factor, using the 2018 Indian Registry System (IRS)).
 - 12 AHSUNC Sites (Off-Reserve Sites) receive \$35,000.00/Site
 - This takes \$420,000 from 2017 Budget and \$420,000 from 2021 Budget

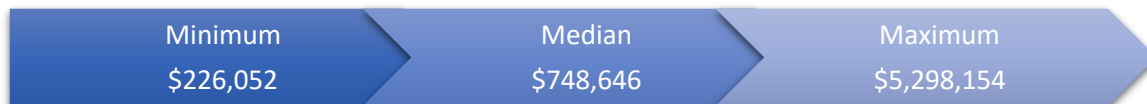
- Total to AHSUNC \$840,000
 - IF AOTC Chiefs discontinue this allocation to AHSUNC, the \$840,000 will go into the Programs and Services Budget for division amongst FN Communities.
- Governance and Partnership
 - \$75,000.00 for Senior Technical Table
 - This funding is to be determined based on Chiefs Decision on the future of the STT Table, *the IELCC process does need a Governance Table to determine following years funding, this will need to be determined by Chiefs.*
 - Remainder split equally among Treaties 6, 7 & 8.
 - Treaty 7 amount split equally between BFC and G4
 - Transformative Action Fund (TAF)
 - A based of \$10,000 per Nation plus Modified Berger (proportional population and remoteness factor, using the 2018 Indian Registry System (IRS)).
 - This is AHSOR Only
- Capital Funds 2024-25
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Director General with IELCC Secretariat Letter – June 25, 2025

- Cheri Reddin, Director General with the IELCC Secretariat, provided a correspondence via email to Chiefs in Alberta on June 25, 2024 stating the following:
 - **“Please note, if we do not receive direction from First Nations Leadership in Alberta by the dates noted above, the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs resolution M#3/2019/06/12 (attached), and recent regional First Nations leadership direction, will be applied to all 2024-25 funding, including major capital (see annex). For 2024-25, federal departments will use existing Treaty and community level contribution agreements with ISC and Service Canada to advance IELCC funds.”**
 - The date noted above was July 15, 2024
 - To date no funding has been provided Nations, the understanding is ISC-FNIHB Alberta recognized the need for a Chiefs Resolution.

Sample Allocations using current Status Quo Funding Model

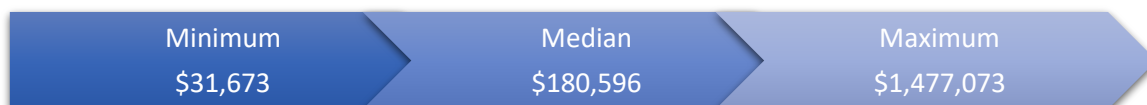
Programs and Services (Inclusive of Budget 2017 & Budget 2021):



Transformative Action Fund (TAF)



Capital Funding



Findings:

- The minimum funding allocation using the current status quo would be \$268,271, the median would be \$943,537 and maximum would be \$6,822,163.
 - o Chiefs can request for technicians to share the 23/24 FY Allocations, which would be very similar to these amounts to determine more accurate funding amounts for their respective Nations.

Considerations

- Should there be directive from leadership to remove AHSUNC funding (\$840,000) from the Programs/Services envelope, as discussed at the May Chiefs summit, allocations would increase slightly.
- AHSOR core program funding is flowed in alignment with Contribution Agreement disbursement schedules. Core funding is not included in IELCC decision-making as it is part of CA holder's core funding allocation.
- Some CA holders flow their total IELCC allocations under the ISC agreement
- IELCC funding allocations typically flow approximately 50/50* through ISC and ESDC agreements. Treaty Area's provide direction as to how the funding is flowed and to what CA.