



BIGSTONE CREE NATION TRUST PROPOSAL APPLICATION

PART A – Information About You

Date:

The following information is essential for approval and for BCN Trust Administration to contact you.

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Which Trust classification are you applying to access funding?
(Check off only one Trust Fund category)

Please note that all application submissions need to be in by
January 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. no exceptions.

Bigstone Cree Nation Department ☒

Members at Large/Committee ☐

BCN Trust ☒ Off-Reserve Members ☐ Calling Lake ☐ Chipewyan Lake ☐ Wabasca/Desmarais ☐

Team Member	Position on Team	Roles and Responsibilities	Signing Authority
Lorna Auger	Project Director	Setting up meeting, confirming treaty dates and budget analysis	☒
Glenda Cardinal	Membership Clerk	Verify Membership status	☒
Angie Cardinal	BCN Budget Analyst	Finance Duties	☒
BCN Dept Managers	Department Events	Coordinators	☐

Part B – Information About Your Project

IMPORTANT

Please note that this form is required for formal reviews of the project by the Trustees and Chief & Council and from time-to-time, Bigstone Cree Nation Members. It is also necessary if the Accountable Body is requested to make decisions that materially affect the project, including changes or modifications to the original plan. It is the responsibility of the Project Director to complete the form, assisted by the Project Team or Society/Committee.



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Executive Summary

Title of your proposal: 2026 Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days (Wabasca, Chip and Calling Lake)

Project Start Date: July 2026

Expected end date: December 31, 2026

Executive Summary

This Summary gives the reader a concise overview of the project's purpose; the team's research; progress; and process of the project. Summarize the importance of the project and its main objective.

Bigstone Cree Nations' Annual Treaty Day is a one-day event celebrating Bigstone Cree Nation Treaties in each of the following communities Wabasca, Chipewyan Lake and Calling Lake. The Nation unites members and affiliates of all BCN of 7 (seven) reserves including the surrounding communities (both on and off). The day of August 14th of each calendar year marks the anniversary of the historic signing of the Treaty event in 1899. The Nation celebrates Treaty Day honoring our Native Culture and remembering the Treaty promise through Education, bringing families and communities together to promote family, unity, language and tradition.

*Add additional sheets as needed

Description

Describe the nature of the project, it's overall goal and value to the Membership and to the Community. Be concise and brief without sacrificing the necessary details. Start your message with a brief introductory sentence followed by bullet points to highlight the purpose of the project.

The Bigstone Cree Nation residents' members and affiliates both on and off reserve and surrounding communities gather along with visitors of external partners and at times Provincial and Federal Authorities have a chance to visit the community. All parties unite and enjoy the fun filled activities. Activities compromising of Chief and Council welcome remarks, traditional ceremonies, teepee village where traditional food sampling and display of food preparation is showcased. This area is usually filled with Elders's of the community where the Cree language, Elders' stories and uniting of family relations are discovered.

Goals of your proposal

You should provide data that describes relevant statistics and qualitative observations that outline the requisites of your project. Make it easy for the reader to understand why your project is important, how it is uniquely suited to address a specific challenge/barrier and how it will meet the needs of Membership and the Community.

The goal of the event is to honor Community Leaders, Partnerships, Elders Members and Children by gathering and listening to our Native Language, stories and music showcasing the very talented group of BCN members in categories of singers, instrument players, songwriters drummers, Traditional Dancers, jiggers and a change to taste and sample traditional foods and preparing, all the while learning the ways of our ancestors and creating new ideas for the Nation to prosper and not depend on others but remind ourselves that we are unique and encourage one another that we are strong and rich in our heritage, our culture and our language. A day to promote family, unity, language and tradition.



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Target Timelines and outcomes for each Quarter (provide a brief summary):

January-March

Trust application submission and voting process.

April-June

Trust application approval process and notice of approval with release of funds.

Treaty Day committee meetings begin.

July to September

Prepare and post financial budgets, allocations of funds, set up operations, postings, application form etc.

Funds transfer from Trust to BCN Treaty Day Account.

Posters are released 1 (one) month prior to Treaty Day event August 14, 2026

October to December

General operations based on criteria and job roles and responsibilities and final report.

NOTE: Should funds remain funding will be reimbursed.

Result:

Evaluation Plan: *What results do you expect to achieve over the course of the project? How will you know when the project is completed that your goals and objectives have been met?*

List the resources needed for the project:

Describe the manpower, tools and resources being utilized to achieve the goals of the project.

- *Briefly describe the activities and methods you/your team will employ to achieve your goals and objectives.*

Which departments will oversee specific aspects of the plan and what programs or information are they using?

- *What results do you expect to achieve?*
- *What criteria will you be using to measure success?*
- *Will you be subcontracting out? Briefly describe who, when, where, why and how?*
- *The reader should be able to understand who manages certain deliverable.*
- *Members at Large will need WCB and Insurance to undergo Trust Proposal Projects.*

The plan is start monthly meetings in March with designated staff of All Bigstone Cree Nation Departments to collaborate in the 2026 Treaty Day Events for all communities (Wabasca, Chip and Calling Lake). A committee working closely with BCN Finance Director And Membership Department will be formed to begin event planning for all 3 (three) communities. I plan to appoint one event to each department to host, prepare and finalize each event and aim to have everything prepared 1 (one) week prior to the event.

The only signing authority will be the Finance Director, Membership Clerk and I. This is to ensure cheque processing and invoicing will not be hindered when I am not available, Any purchase must accompany a BCN Administration purchase order, memo for tracking and identify expenses as per budget details below.



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Project End Evaluation by the Administrator:

Indicate below which category your proposal request fall under:

- Community Development ** ☐
- Health Care ☐
- Education and Training ☐
- Elder Care ☐
- Infrastructure improvement ☐
- Preserving culture and language ☒
- Community activities ☐
- Economic development ☐
- Cultural enrichment ☒
- Protection of aboriginal identity and Treaty Right ☐

**If you have chosen *Community Development*, which additional categories does your proposal request fall under?

- Improve health and well-being (emotional, physical, mental, spiritual) ☐
- Benefits from improving awareness of culture, traditions, identity ☒
- Networking-building relationships with the community and outside the community ☐
- Creating temporary jobs ☐
- Occupational training and development of infrastructure ☐
- Opportunity for creating greater economic independence ☐

What research and/or studies have you/your team completed to determine the requirements of membership or the community, that this proposal will provide?

Research of Treaty Rights, signing of BCN Treaty, Community partnerships, industry relation and membership stats.



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Projected Budget

How much money are you/your team requesting with this proposal? **\$180,000.00**

Have you included a Cash Flow budget?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you checked off "no" please explain why you didn't submit a Cash Flow budget?

Opening Ceremony (flag raising, Drummers, Tobacco, Honoraria)	\$10,000.00
Traditional Food (Dry/Fry Meat, Tea, Berries, Fish Fry, Bannock Stations)	\$30,000.00
Event Set Up (Teepees, Wood (cook) stoves, Tents & Table rentals& travel)	\$25,000.00
Entertainment (Band, Instrument rentals, MC and Judges)	\$25,000.00
Event Supplies (Plates, cutlery, condiments, groceries, zip bags, firewood etc)	\$10,000.00
Children Activities (Games, Supplies, Prize Payouts, Raffles)	\$15,000.00
Prize Payouts (Parade, Talent Show, Jigging, Traditional Dancers, Games)	\$25,000.00
Security/Travel (BCN Grounds, and Directing traffic)	\$5,000.00
Fireworks	\$35,000.00
Total	\$180,000.00

Have you/your team approached any other funding agencies prior to approaching BCN Trusts?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If you checked off "yes", please provide the details of the request, what amount was negotiated and what amount was approved. If the request was denied, please explain why it was denied.

*Add additional sheets as needed

Is the funding request from BCN Trusts to be used with any other funding source(s) or partner(s)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If you checked off "yes", identify the funding source or partner: _____



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What is the % breakdown of funding from other source(s) or partner(s)?

_____	%	_____
_____	%	_____
_____	%	_____

Quarterly Report

If you/your team do not submit the first (1st) quarterly report within the first three (3) months of starting the project and subsequent quarterly reports thereafter until the conclusion of the project, your funds may be suspended indefinitely at the phase, the delinquency had been committed.

Definition

Quarterly means every three (3) months.

Summary/Evaluation Report:

It is equally important to submit the final Summary/Evaluation report at the end of the project.

IMPORTANT to KNOW

BCN Trusts will no longer tolerate negligence, procrastination and non-compliance.

1. The consequence for irresponsible acts of postponement, may be a "rejected proposal" by the Trustees and Chief & Council because of non-performance.
2. It is equally important to RETURN assets (property/equipment etc.) back to Bigstone Cree Nation when such items are purchased with BCN Trust funding, at the end, of the project.
3. Trust Administrator will conduct an Project End Evaluation Report.

When the Project Director undertakes to coordinate a project, it is his/her responsibility to comply with the requirements of the program and to ensure that his/her team conforms.

BCN Trusts is responsible to Membership, the Trustees and to Chief & Council.

Lorna Auger
Print Name

Signature

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.