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BIGSTONE CREE NATION

2026 TRUST PROPOSAL APPLICATION

PART A – Information About YouDate: **January 14, 2026**

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

Project Director: LILLIAN J. BOUCHARD**Treaty No:** [REDACTED]**Address: BOX 373****City/Town: CALLING LAKE****Province: AB****Postal Code: T0G 0K0****Telephone Number: 780 331 3425****Cellular Phone: 587 783 1545****Fax Number:****mail address: l.anderson814@hotmail.com****Which Trust classification are you applying to access funding?****(Check off only one Trust Fund category, with amount requested for that category)****Please note that all application submissions need to be in by****January 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm, no exceptions.****(It is recommended to submit all proposals 5 business days prior to deadline)****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
LILLIAN J. BOUCHARD	PROJECT DIRECTOR	• Manage all admin. Duties • Do all finance payables • Complete & submit reports • Maintain all client files	☒
CHUCK WATSON	TEAM MEMBER	Project support as needed	☐
LENCY BOUCHARD	TEAM MEMBER	Project support as needed	☐
BECKY CARDINAL	TEAM MEMBER	Project Admin support as needed	☐

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: **CALLING LAKE OFF RESERVE MEMBERS POWER/HEAT SUBSIDY**

Project Start Date: **July 2026**

Expected end date: **June 2027**

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.

The main purpose of the project is to:

- To provide some financial subsidy to the power & heat bills for all Bigstone members living off reserve in the community of Calling Lake.
- All Members in all areas continue to struggle with the monthly bills, due to the high increase of all utilities.
- Especially with the recent increase in the POWER usage and distribution costs. Average monthly power bills are now between \$400 - \$600 or even higher, depending on the service providers.
- This project is to provide the same benefit as our on-reserve members.
- **If this proposal makes it through, it will be the first year of this well needed benefit for OFF reserve members.**

*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.

To assist our off-reserve members with financial supports due to ongoing increases of utilities.

- *Provide on-time monthly subsidy payments for all clients.*
- *Provide some security in maintaining good financial standing on behalf of the client service providers.*

*Add additional sheets as needed

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 is to be able to assist members with monthly subsidy payments on power & heat bills, financial hardship is evident due to the high cost of living. To ease some of the financial burden that every home is currently encountering. Regardless of high cost of power usage, we all depend on this as a daily necessity of life.



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

July - September

- *Schedule for bank account setup, develop project forms*
- *Schedule a date in July 2026 for client registrations.*
- *Update information such as client, service provider.*
- *Create and process the monthly subsidy payments for first quarter.*
- *Monthly update client files for reporting purposes*
- *Complete and submit first quarter report as required for financial accountability.*

October - December

- *Open communication with clients for any updates or concerns.*
- *Create and process monthly subsidy payments for second quarter*
- *Ensure clients of available assistance for wood program for the winter months.*
- *Monthly update client files for reporting purposes.*
- *Complete and submit second quarter report as required for financial accountability.*

January - March

- *Open communication with clients for updates or concerns*
- *Create and process the monthly subsidy payments third quarter.*
- *Update client files for reporting purposes.*
- *Complete and submit third quarter report as required for financial accountability*

April - June

- *Ongoing communication with clients and share project update*
- *Create and process the monthly subsidy payments for fourth quarter.*
- *Update client files for reporting purposes*
- *Complete and submit fourth quarter report as required for financial accountability*

*Add additional sheets as needed

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 project director will oversee the whole project and ensure all deliverables are met. Team members will continue to share feedback to Project Director and/or communicate with clients as required.



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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?

The research on the community map has determined about 55 homes are Bigstone Cree Nation members. The project target is to get all members registered.

*Add additional sheets as needed

Projected Budget

How much money are you/your team requesting with this proposal? **\$ 129,820.00**

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?

SEE THE ATTACHED EXCEL BUDGET

*Add additional sheet as needed

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.



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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:

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.

LILLIAN J. BOUCHARD

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Print Name

Signature

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**CALLING LAKE OFF- RESERVE POWER SUBSIDY BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027**

FISCAL YEAR	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2027	2027	2027	2027
FISCAL MONTH	July- Q 1	Aug.	Sep	Oct- Q2	Nov	Dec	Jan- Q3	Feb	Mar	Apr-Q4	May	Jun
REVENUE:												
BCN NATION TRUST	\$ 32,455.00			\$ 32,455.00			\$ 32,455.00			\$ 32,455.00		\$ 129,820.00
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PROJECT EXPENSES:							Winter Peak Months					0
Power (50 homes)	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	6250	6250	6250	6250	5000	5000	5000 \$ 65,000.00
Heat (50 homes)	3750	3750	3750	3750	3750	5000	5000	5000	5000	3750	3750	\$ 50,000.00
Administrative Fees	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	\$ 14,400.00
Bank Charges	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	\$ 120.00
Office Supplies	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	\$ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00	#####	\$ 12,485.00	\$12,485.00	\$ 12,485.00	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 9,985.00 \$ 129,820.00

PREPARED BY LILLIAN J. BOUCHARD- JANUARY 14, 2026

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