

# SPECIALIZED MICHIF PROJECTS GRANT

2026-2027 FUNDING GUIDE



## 1. SUMMARY

Métis Nation British Columbia's (MNBC) Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language (MoCHL) is pleased to offer Specialized Michif Projects Grants (SMPG) to support community-led Michif projects and initiatives that are not covered by the Michif Learning Initiatives Grants (MLIG) or the Michif Language Celebration Grants (MLCG), as part of [Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak: MNBC's 10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan](#).

Approved projects may be eligible for up to \$10,000. Applications are due **March 31, 2026 at 4:30pm (PST)**. Grants will be delivered to successful applicants in three instalments, from April 2026 to March 2027. If you are interested in applying, you are encouraged to contact [chl@mnbc.ca](mailto:chl@mnbc.ca) for help with planning and completing your application.

## 2. TERMINOLOGY

- MNBC: Métis Nation British Columbia, the Métis government in B.C.
- CHL: MNBC's Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language
- Chartered Community: Must be one of MNBC's recognized Métis Chartered Communities
- MNBC Citizen: An individual who is an approved citizen of Métis Nation British Columbia
- Applicant: The Chartered Community or Citizen
- Project lead: The individual who will be responsible for running project activities
- Michif language(s): Southern/Heritage Michif, Northern Michif and/or Michif French

## 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the SMPG is to support specialized Michif community-based Michif language projects. Eligible projects for this grant must align with MNBC's Michif language revitalization goals, as indicated in [Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak: MNBC's 10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan](#), and contribute to the Michif learning community in a meaningful and effective way.

## 4. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Submission of an application through the [Michif Grants Portal](#), which will also include two letters of support from members of the local Métis community where your project will take place. Sample work plan and budgets have been provided in Appendix A and B to assist you in completing your application. Please contact [chl@mnbc.ca](mailto:chl@mnbc.ca) if you require support with the Michif Grants Portal.

## 5. TIMELINE

The 2026-2027 program year will run from April 2026 to March 2027, providing 12 months for projects and related spending. Below are key dates and deadlines:

- **March 31, 2026** – Grant applications due
- **April 2026** – Applications are processed and successful applicants notified
- **April/May 2026** – First grant installments are released (40% of total grant)

- **October 2026** – Interim reporting is due; second grant installments released pending interim reporting (40% of total grant)
- **March 2027** – Final reporting is due; final grant installments released pending final reporting (20% of total grant)

## 6. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the SMPG, you must be one of the following:

- An MNBC [Chartered Community](#)
- An MNBC Citizen with experience in Michif learning, teaching and/or language revitalization projects
- A Chartered Community in good standing with all MNBC ministries and departments, including being up to date with all reporting requirements of previously awarded grants, or funding

## 7. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects for this grant must align with MNBC's [Michif language revitalization plan goals](#) and contribute to the Michif learning community in a meaningful and effective way. Project resources or deliverables must be made freely available to the public for use, as well as MNBC (depending on the project) once the project is complete. Examples of eligible projects might include (but are not limited to):

- In-person or online recordings with fluent speakers and Michif transcripts (video optional)
- Storybooks fully translated in a Michif language
- Learning/teaching resources
- Updated dictionaries that help fill knowledge gaps

### Ineligible Projects

The following projects are not eligible to apply for funding under this grant stream:

- Michif learning courses or workshops (See Michif Learning Initiatives Grant for this)
- Michif learning events/gatherings (See Michif Language Celebration Grant for this)
- Initiatives focused on other languages, such as Cree or Ojibwe (Anishinaabemowin). Funding opportunities for these languages can be accessed through [First Peoples' Cultural Council](#)
- Initiatives that exclusively take place within or produce materials supporting the provincial K-12 education system

## 8. GRANT AMOUNT AND ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The SMPG may fund projects up to \$10,000. The following expenses are eligible as part of this grant stream:

- Project Coordinator/Contractor fees
- Speaker fees (Please see Appendix C on how to budget for speaker fees)
- Elder honorariums
- Protocol gifts
- Administration fees (up to 10% of total grant)
- Space rental for project activities
- Supplies and materials for project activities
- Technology and equipment for project activities (up to 10% of total grant amount)
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages for project activities
- Subscription fees to software or platforms for project activities
- Travel expenses related to project activities (up to 25% of total grant)

### **Ineligible Expenses**

The following expenses are ineligible:

- Administration fees exceeding 10% of the total grant amount
- Travel fees exceeding 25% of the total grant amount
- Technology or equipment exceeding 10% of total grant amount
- Alcoholic beverages
- Any fees, travel, or purchases exclusively supporting activities not proposed as part of your original SMPG workplan or project
- Any expenses that take place before or after the grant period
- Any expenses that produce materials for commercial purposes or resale
- Expenses that support the grant holder's personal business interests

## **9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Interim and final reports are required for all grant recipients. Grant recipients are required to track all of their expenditures and provide expenditure updates and program updates as part of their interim and final reporting. Grant recipients will also be required to administer a participant survey at the end of their project.

## **10. APPLICATION SUPPORT**

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language is eager to support you in preparing a successful application. Staff can assist with reviewing your completed application, ensuring budgets are balanced, discussing ideas for your application, and more. If you'd like support, please contact us at [chl@mnbca.ca](mailto:chl@mnbca.ca).

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A – EXAMPLE WORKPLAN

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Task Description</b>
April 2026	March 2027	Language documentation/resource production
March 2026	May 2026	Consultation with speaker(s) to verify schedule and documentation topics
May 2026	June 2026	Transcription assistant/resource developer call-out & recruitment
June 2026	November 2026	Facilitate approximately 20 documentation sessions, 1.5 hours each
July 2026	January 2027	Complete Michif transcriptions based on documentation sessions
September 2026	February 2027	Complete resource development based on documentation sessions and share files on website and with the ADI

## APPENDIX B – EXAMPLE BUDGET

Expense Type	Expense Details	Cost (Written as: \$XXX.00)
	Please explain how the expenses are being calculated. For example: <i>Teaching fees = 2hr session X \$50/hr x 3 sessions = \$300.00</i>	
Coordinator Wages	Part time project wages = 3hr/week X \$35/hr X 32 weeks = \$3,360.00	\$3,360.00
Elder/Speaker Honoraria	Recording sessions = \$150 per session X 15 sessions = \$2250 Transcription/translation assistance = \$100 X 10 sessions = \$1000	\$3,250.00
Honoraria for Elder Support	Elder support person = \$35 per hour X 25 hours = \$875	\$875.00
Participant Honoraria	None	
Contractor Fees (Max 30% of total budget)	Transcription assistant = \$35/hr X 30 hours = \$1050.00	\$1,050.00
Administration Fees (Max 10% of total budget)	None	
Space Rental	Library space rental - \$30 X 7 hours = \$210	\$210.00
Supplies & Equipment (Max 10% of total budget)	Recording equipment (H4N Pro Portable Recorder = \$379.65; SD card = \$15.85) = \$445.95 including tax	\$445.95
Food/Beverage	Coffee, tea & snacks for documentation sessions = \$30 X 15 sessions = \$450.00	\$450.00
Acquisition or Licensing Fees	None	
Subscription Fees	Zoom account for transcription calls = \$49/month X 6 months = \$392	\$294.00

Travel Expenses (Max 25% of total budget)	Travel to visit Elder for recording = .53 cents/km X 100km X 15 sessions = \$795	\$795.00
Other Expenses	Protocol gifts and medicines = \$100 X 2 people (Elder + helper) = \$200	\$200.00
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<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:</b>		\$10,929.95
<b>ANY IN-KIND FUNDS/OTHER FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED (IF APPLICABLE)</b>		\$ 0
<b>TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MICHIF LEARNING INITIATIVES GRANT</b>		\$10,000.00

## APPENDIX C. MICHIF SPEAKER COMPENSATION BUDGETING

The following table has been developed to support applicants in budgeting for work with first language Michif speakers. This is **not** a definitive guide for compensating speakers. The below ranges are just suggested ranges; however, speakers may request more or less depending on their personal preferences.

It is important that first language Michif speakers be properly compensated for the expertise that they bring as language carriers. This table **does not** apply to second language Michif speakers or facilitators contracted to support fluent speakers, as their rates should typically be less than that of a first language speaker. The Ministry may request alterations to program budgets where it appears that first language speakers are being under compensated.

	Transcription/ resource review or development	Video or audio Recording	Zoom teaching	Opening/ closing prayer honorarium	In person facilitation (does not include travel costs)
Mother tongue/ First language Speaker	\$50 - \$100/hr	\$150 - \$200/hr	\$150 - \$200/hr	\$200 flat rate	\$150 - \$300/hr

The following definitions have been developed to assist you in understanding the difference between a first language Michif speaker and other types of speakers or contractors that might be involved in your project.

### Mother-tongue speaker/First language speaker

- A mother tongue/first language speaker of Michif (i.e., someone who learned Michif in the home/spoke it regularly in the early years of their life)
- Can speak in the Michif language in a broad range of topics (what many would consider fully fluent).

### Second language/Emerging speaker

- Does not have Michif as their first language
- May have intermediate to advanced language competency
- Is still learning or seeks mentorship from first language speakers
- May act as a facilitator or teacher with guidance from first language speakers
- Teaching or facilitating may be limited to specific topics or beginner level programming

### Facilitator/Helper

- Coordinates and/or co-presents on calls or teaching activities with the speaker
- May assist in developing lesson plans or resources
- Manages speaker invoicing and communications
- Provides general support to the speaker