

# Michif Learning Initiatives Grant Application

Métis Nation British Columbia's (MNBC) Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language (MoCHL) is offering Michif Learning Initiatives Grants (MLIG) to Métis Chartered Communities, formal partners, and MNBC citizens in BC. The purpose of these grants is to support Michif learning or teaching initiatives in BC, as part of *Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak*, MNBC's 10-year Michif language revitalization plan. The first goal of the language plan is *Learn*, and the launch of this grant stream is part of the *Inclusive Learning Pathways* Strategy.

Approved projects are eligible for up to **\$30,000.00**. Applications are due **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:30pm**. Grants will be delivered in three instalments, from April 2025 to March 2026. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact [chl@mNBC.ca](mailto:chl@mNBC.ca) for help with planning and completing their applications.

[Click here](#) to download the Funding Guide.

## Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Completed workplan
- ☐ Completed budget
- ☐ Two letters of support
  - Leadership support: A letter from a member of community/organizational leadership, who is not the primary contact, project lead, or any person who will be paid as a result of the grant being awarded
  - Community support: A letter from a member of the community who will be served by the learning initiative, who is not the primary contact, project lead, or any person who will be paid as a result of the grant being awarded
- ☐ A copy of the MNBC Citizenship ID of the Primary Applicant or Grant Writer

## Organization Information

*\*Leave blank if you are an individual applying for funding independently*

Chartered Community or Organization Name (Must match banking info, indicate N/A if applying as an individual)	
If your organization goes by a common name that is different from the legal name, please indicate it here:	
General Email	General Phone Number
Street Name and Number (Must match banking info)	
City/Town	Postal Code

## Primary Applicant Information

First Name	Last Name
Email Address	Phone Number
Street Name and Number (If same as above, leave blank)	
City/Town	Postal Code
*MNBC Citizenship Card Number	

*\* Please include a photocopy of your card in your supporting documents.*

Please list any collaborators who you would like to have access to your grant file with MNBC (grant writers, project team members, leadership, finance staff, etc.):

Full Name	Relationship to Grant Application	Email Address

Please describe your experience following grant guidelines and managing and reporting on grant funds. If you do not have any prior experience, please describe what supports you or your organization have in place to support the success of this grant (in particular, receiving and distributing funds and reporting on grant progress):

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Please describe your experience engaging in any of the following: creating language resources, teaching language (in classes or otherwise), coordinating or developing language programming, etc. If you or your intended project team have other skills or experiences in language revitalization that you wish to describe to support the strength and viability of your application, please do so:

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## Project Overview

Please describe your Michif language learning project in a maximum of 4 sentences:

Please describe the value of your Michif learning project for your community in a maximum of 2 sentences:

If your project will take place online, will your project engage participants from BC or elsewhere?

- ☐ BC
- ☐ Elsewhere
- ☐ Both
- ☐ N/A

Please describe how your proposed Michif learning project relates to the goals of [Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak: MNBC's 10-Year Language Revitalization Plan](#).

Will your project provide opportunities for language immersion? For the purposes of this application, immersion is considered time spent using Michif and *only* Michif, spoken by a fluent speaker, with *no English language being used to support the program's activities*. Note that this is *not a requirement*. If your project will use immersion methods, please name the specific methods and activities, describe how this will be achieved and provide the estimated number of immersion hours that your project will provide. Please note that all applicants who indicate immersion hours as part of their project will be expected to report back on numbers of immersion hours as part of their final reporting.

Please list any measurable outputs for your project:

Output	Measurement	Total
<i>e.g. Language lessons</i>	<i>Number of Hours</i>	<i>30</i>

What major learning outcomes will there be for participants in your project? If your project does not have participants, how will your project benefit Métis learners of Michif?

Please list your intended project team members:

Name	Role	Qualifications	Email Address
	<i>e.g. Elder/Speaker</i>	<i>First language speaker</i>	

## Resource Information

*\*Leave this section blank if your project will not involve creating resources.*

Please describe the resources you will create via the table below (describe additional resource types in the empty boxes as needed):

Resource Type	#	Unit of Measurement	Circle One: Online/Hard Copy/Both	Distribution Method (Describe)	Highlight Any Language(s) Used
Lesson Materials (E.g. lesson plans, worksheets)		Pages	Online Hard Copy Both		Southern Michif Northern Michif Michif French English
Audio Recordings		Hours	Online Hard Copy Both		Southern Michif Northern Michif Michif French English
Video Recordings		Hours	Online Hard Copy Both		Southern Michif Northern Michif Michif French English
Transcriptions			Online Hard Copy Both		Southern Michif Northern Michif Michif French English
			Online Hard Copy Both		Southern Michif Northern Michif Michif French English
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How will you ensure that the resources you create are promoted, distributed and easily accessible to learners? Please describe.

## Language Information

Select one of the following as the target language for your project:

- ☐ Northern/Cree Michif
- ☐ Southern/Heritage Michif
- ☐ Michif French

Does your proposed project include Elders as language speakers? If so, please provide their names, the language they are fluent in, and indicate whether they have been consulted and agreed to participate in the proposed project. If your project does not include Elders as speakers, or if they have not been consulted, please explain why not and how you will ensure that accurate and culturally grounded language teachings are shared as part of your project.

Other than speakers, what language resources will you use to bring language learning into your project? (E.g. Experienced intermediate speakers, existing lesson materials, audio/video recordings of speakers, etc.)



## Participant Information

*\*Leave this section blank if your project will not involve participants.*

Will your project engage participants from outside your project team?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ N/A

Will your project be carried out online or in-person?

- ☐ Online  
☐ In-person  
☐ Both

Please provide an estimate of the number of participants in your project via the table below:

Estimated Total Number of Participants		
Estimated Total Number of Participants by Age	Under 18 years old	
	18-24 years old	
	25-34 years old	
	35-44 years old	
	45-54 years old	
	55-64 years old	
	65-74 years old	
	75-84 years old	
	85+ years old	
Estimated Total Number of Participants by Gender Identity	Man	
	Woman	
	2 Spirit	
	Non-binary	
	Other	
Estimated Total Number of Participants by Métis Identify	MNBC Citizen	
	Citizen of Another Métis Governing Body	
	Self-Identified Métis	
	Non-Métis	
Estimated Total Number of Participants by Michif Language Skill	Beginner (No prior skill)	
	Advanced Beginner (Has learned basic phrases)	
	Intermediate (Can create sentences)	
	Advanced (Can have creative conversations)	
	Fluent	

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Please use the table below to write down your key dates and key activities for this project. See Funding Guide Appendix B for an example Workplan.

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# Budget

Please use the table below to describe your expenses for this project. See the Funding Guide for details on eligible expenses, and Appendix C for a sample budget.

Expense Type	Expense Details	Cost
	Please explain how the expenses are being calculated. For example: <i>Teaching fees = 2hr session X \$50/hr x 3 sessions = \$300.00</i>	(Written as: \$XXX.00)
Staff Wages		
Elder/Speaker Honoraria		
Honoraria for Elder Support		
Participant Honoraria		
Contractor Fees (Max 30% of total budget)		
Administration Fees (Max 10% of total budget)		
Space Rental		
Supplies & Equipment		
Food/Beverage		
Acquisition or Licensing Fees		
Subscription Fees		
Travel Expenses (Max 25% of total budget)		
Other Expenses		
Other Expenses		
Other Expenses		

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$
ANY IN-KIND FUNDS/OTHER FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED (IF APPLICABLE)	\$
TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MICHIF LEARNING INITIATIVES GRANT	\$

## Signatures

Primary Contact Signature	Name	Email	Date
Leadership Signature	Name	Email	Date
Finance Department Signature	Name	Email	Date

Thank you for completing the application. Please send your application in PDF format to [chl@mnbc.ca](mailto:chl@mnbc.ca). Funding decisions will be finalized and communicated in March 2025. For questions, please reach out to the Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language, at [chl@mnbc.ca](mailto:chl@mnbc.ca). Maarsii!

## APPENDIX A – EXAMPLE WORKPLAN

Start Date	End Date	Task Description
April 2025	March 2025	Language class resource prep and course design
March 2025	May 2025	Consultation with speaker to verify resources and produce audio recordings
May 2025	June 2025	Summer student recruitment and registration
June 2025	August 2025	Summer classes X 10, weekly, 1 hour on Wednesday evenings
July 2025	August 2025	Fall student recruitment and registration
August 2025		Summer class evaluation survey distribution
September 2025	November 2025	Fall classes X 10, weekly, 1 hour on Wednesday evenings
September 2025		Evaluate summer feedback and make changes to classes as necessary
October 2025	November 2025	Winter student recruitment and registration
November 2025		Fall class evaluation survey distribution
December 2025	February 2026	Winter classes x 10, weekly, 1 hour on Wednesday evenings
December 2025		Evaluate fall feedback and make changes to classes as necessary
February 2026		Winter class evaluation survey distribution

## APPENDIX B – EXAMPLE BUDGET

Expense Type	Expense Details	Cost
	Please explain how the expenses are being calculated. For example: <i>Teaching fees = 2hr session X \$50/hr x 3 sessions = \$300.00</i>	(Written as: \$XXX.00)
Staff Wages	Part time project wages = 5hr/week X \$35/hr X 48 weeks = \$8,960.00	\$8,400.00
Elder/Speaker Honoraria	Recording sessions = \$200 per session X 10 sessions = \$2000  Attendance at class = \$250 x X 30 classes = \$7,500	\$9,500.00
Honoraria for Elder Support	Elder support person = \$35 per hour X 45 hours = \$1575	\$1,575.00
Participant Honoraria	None	
Contractor Fees (Max 30% of total budget)	Language teacher = \$100/hr X 1 hour class x 30 classes = \$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Administration Fees (Max 10% of total budget)	10% of total budget = \$2674.30	\$2674.30
Space Rental	Library space rental - \$30xhour x 30 hours = \$900	\$900.00
Supplies & Equipment	Printing = 20 students X 20 worksheets (1 per class) X .25 cents per page = \$100  Recording equipment (H4N Pro Portable Recorder = \$379.65; SD card = \$15.85) = 445.95 including tax	\$545.95
Food/Beverage	Snacks = \$50 for light snacks X 30 classes = \$1,500	\$1,500.00
Acquisition or Licensing Fees	None	
Subscription Fees	Zoom account = \$49 per month X 8 months = \$392	\$392.00
Travel Expenses (Max 25% of total budget)	Travel to visit elder for recording = .53 cents/km X 100km X 10 sessions = \$530	\$530.00
Other Expenses	Protocol gifts and medicines = \$200 X 2 people (Elder + teacher) = \$400	\$400.00

Other Expenses		
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<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:</b>		\$29,417.25
<b>ANY IN-KIND FUNDS/OTHER FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED (IF APPLICABLE)</b>		\$
<b>TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MICHIF LEARNING INITIATIVES GRANT</b>		\$29,417.25