

Michif Language Celebration Grant Application

Métis Nation British Columbia's (MNBC) Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language (MoCHL) is pleased to offer Michif Language Celebration Grants (MLCG) to [Métis Chartered Communities](#) in BC. The purpose of these grants is to support community gatherings that celebrate and showcase Michif language vitality and initiatives in BC.

Approved projects are eligible for grants up to **\$10,000.00**, dependent on project type. Applications are due **March 30th, 2025 at 4:30pm**. Please note this date as the deadline is unable to be extended. Grants will be delivered to successful applicants in three instalments, from April 2025 to March 2026. If you are interested in applying, prospective applicants are encouraged to contact 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 the chartered community's 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 proposed project, who is not the primary contact, project lead, or any person who will be paid as a result of the grant being awarded
- ☐ A photocopy of the MNBC Citizenship ID of the Primary Applicant/Grant Writer

Chartered Community Information

Chartered Community Name (Must match banking info)	
If your community 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 chartered community have in place to support the success of this grant (in particular, receiving and distributing funds and reporting on grant progress):

--

Please describe your experience engaging in any of the following: hosting community dinners or engagement sessions, engaging in or running language programming, language revitalization or language advocacy, etc. If you or your intended project team have other skills or experiences in language revitalization or community planning that you wish to describe to support the strength and viability of your application, please do so:

--

Project Overview

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

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

How will your project inspire participants to join the Michif language revitalization movement? (E.g. exposure to Michif language(s), an understanding of Michif language revitalization, increased access to Michif language learning resources)

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 Bingo</i>	<i>Number of Hours</i>	<i>2</i>

Please list your intended project team members:

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

Event Details

Please select the event type from the following list that best describes your project:

- ☐ Day Camp
- ☐ Community Dinner
- ☐ Community Language Planning Meeting
- ☐ Single Language Workshop or Class
- ☐ Project Presentation or Showcase (e.g. in-school presentations, mini conferences)
- ☐ Language Sharing Gathering (e.g. games night, story telling)
- ☐ Other:

--

Please provide the following additional event details:

Approximate duration (hours):	
Event location:	

Please note: In the interest of building community connections and offering support, we encourage inviting a MoCHL staff member to attend your event. Staff are able to provide a presentation of Michif languages and share learning resources available from the ministry in addition to general attendance, as requested. This involvement is at no additional cost to the community and is based

on staff availability. Please indicate whether you would like to extend an invite to your event to MoCHL staff:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

Please describe how you will ensure that your event is focused on celebrating Michif languages:

Please share any additional details about the planning, structure, content or audience for your event that you feel is pertinent to your application:

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 or exposure 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	

--

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.

[illegible]

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 LANGUAGE CELEBRATION 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. 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. Maarsii!

APPENDIX A – EXAMPLE WORKPLAN

Project description: Community-led conference showcasing Michif language projects and research.

**Note:* This is a tier 2 project that would require consultation from CHL staff and would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Start Date	End Date	Task Description
April 2025	June 2025	Community callout for speakers and presenters. Goal: Get 5-6 sentence proposals from minimum 5 Michif language champions and project leaders to speak at event (e.g. Elders, knowledge keepers/speakers, community members who have led classes or other projects, academics doing Michif language work/research).
May 2025		Bookings: school gym to host conference, catering for shared lunch, fiddler and jigger for morning celebration
June 2025		Invitations: review and confirm speakers, send out community invitations for attendees
July		Confirm tables, chairs, decor. Admin tasks as needed to confirm attendance and bookings. Advertise event on social media.
August 2025		Host event Distribute attendee survey Write final report for MNBC

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</i>	(Written as: \$XXX.00)
Staff Wages	Part time project wages = 2hr/week X \$30/hr X 20 weeks = \$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Elder/Speaker Honoraria	Speaker fees = \$200 per speaker X 5 speakers = \$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Honoraria for Elder Support	Elder support person for event = \$200	\$200.00

Participant Honoraria	Door prizes = 4 prizes X \$50 = \$200.00	\$200.00
Contractor Fees (Max 30% of total budget)	None	
Administration Fees (Max 10% of total budget)	10% of total budget =	
Space Rental	None – covered in kind by local school	
Supplies & Equipment	AV rental	\$400.00
Food/Beverage	Lunch catering = \$25 per person X 50 people = 1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Acquisition or Licensing Fees	None	
Subscription Fees	None	
Travel Expenses (Max 25% of total budget)	None	
Other Expenses	Protocol gifts and medicines = \$200 X 5 presenters (Elder + teacher) = \$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses		
Other Expenses		
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:		\$5,250.00
ANY IN-KIND FUNDS/OTHER FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED (IF APPLICABLE)		\$
TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MICHIF LEARNING INITIATIVES GRANT		\$5,250.00