

CESO FUNDING APPLICATION SUPPORT SERVICES

What does CESO offer?

CESO, with support from the federal government, is offering services **free of charge** to **Indigenous communities** who require support and advice with applying to funding programs.

CESO Advisors are **available on a first come first serve basis** to support clients **virtually** through the application process, from start to finish, upon request. CESO Advisors assist with:

- Determining eligibility
- Seeking additional information
- Interpreting requirements
- Overseeing submission and follow-up
- Collecting and preparing required documents

What is the process?

Contact Community Relations Officer Cora Bunn by phone or email to request assistance. Once the request is received, the client will be matched with the earliest available CESO Advisor to complete the application.

Who are CESO's Advisors?

CESO Advisors are senior-level professionals with expertise in institutional strengthening and business development who provide mentorship and advisory services to CESO clients. Their areas of professional expertise include finance and accounting, business development, management and fund development. CESO Advisors represent a variety of sectors, including tourism, health and social services, arts and culture, and governance.



Who is eligible?

Indigenous community organizations based in the Western, Atlantic and Central Canada regions including:

- **Indigenous government and government offices**
- **First Nation collectives applying on behalf of communities i.e. tribal and band councils**
- **Community (FN/band)-owned enterprises**
- **Community-run non-profit organizations and co-operatives**

CESO Makes an Impact

CESO Advisor Stephen Weller supported Ermineskin Cree Nation's Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies Inc. (NGCI) in Alberta with their application to the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS). CESO Advisor worked closely with the Financial Controller to review grant eligibility, examine company financials by producing spreadsheets and helped determine which companies would qualify for the grants

and for which claim periods. Advisor helped to calculate the claim for the Gas Bar for the first claim period, so that the Manager could use this as a template for the other claim periods and companies. NGCI was successful with the grant providing it with funds to cover part of their employee wages and it would help them to ease the business back into normal operations.