

**Lands Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)  
Aboriginal Environmental Stewardship 2011-2012  
Proposal Evaluation**

Project Title: _____
Project Applicant: _____
Review Completed by (name): _____
<b>TOTAL SCORE _____/100</b>

**Eligibility Checklist**

1) Does the proposal meet the following eligibility criteria\* ?

- | Y                        | N                        |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The application meets the "goals and purpose" of LEAF;  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant is an "eligible recipient";   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The proposal is an "eligible project";  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The requested funds must be "eligible project costs".   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The application has submitted a completed form "LEAF Project Proposal Application Form – ONTARIO REGION 10/11" as part of the submission  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The proposal has been received by the <b>July 29, 2011</b> due date.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | For requests for support to participate in environmental assessments of off-reserve projects, does the application include written proof that funding has been sought from the proponent; and/or have commitments from provincial/federal sources been provided? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

**Link to LEAF program Goals, Objectives, and 2010-2011 Priorities**

2) Will the project's expected outcomes clearly meet one of the LEAF Primary goals?

- 10: Yes, expected outcomes will further (a) Protection of the natural environment, (b) Public health and safety, or (c) Community knowledge
- 5: Somewhat
- 0: No, there is no clear link to any of the LEAF primary goals

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\* refer to the document "Aboriginal Environmental Stewardship 2011-2012 Funding Guidelines - Ontario Region". If proposal does not meet all checklist eligibility criteria, consider not funding.

3) *Are the project's activities clearly linked to a LEAF Stewardship focus? (more than one may apply):*

- 10: Yes, project activities clearly linked to one or more of the following:
- Developing environmental management regimes;
  - Managing compliance with environmental management regimes
  - Conserving biological diversity;
  - Developing good environmental practices with regard to the management of waste, tanks, hazardous materials, air quality, or environmental emergencies;
  - Proceeding to preparatory stages of environmental assessment process for activities off-reserve that could potentially directly affect First Nations lands;
  - Applying sustainable development principles, or,
  - Developing community knowledge management regimes
- 5: Somewhat
- 0: No, there is no clear link to any of the LEAF stewardship objectives

4) *Does the project address environmental regulatory compliance issues (e.g. tanks, waste, environmental assessment, species at risk or Federal/Provincial environmental protection)?*

- 15: Yes
- 7: Somewhat
- 0: No, or link is unclear

### **Reasonableness of Project Design**

5) *Are deliverables, methods and activities clearly defined and measurable?*

- 10: Clear and measurable deliverables, methods and activities
- 5: Some measurable deliverables, methods and activities not clearly defined, or not measurable
- 0: Substantial amount of deliverables, methods and activities undefined or unclear

6) *Are the activities to be carried out to complete the project likely to achieve the intended impacts and results?*

- 5: Yes, the proposed activities are directly in line with the expected results
- 2: Somewhat; the proposed activities will contribute to attaining expected results
- 0: No, the proposed activities are not related to expected results, or unclear

## **Financial Aspect**

7) *Are the financial details sound?*

- 10: Clear linkage between activities and expenditures, expenditures justified, complete detailed financial information provided, good value for money
- 5: Moderate linkages between activities and expenditures, some expenditures not justified, some financial information missing or insufficient detail, adequate value for money
- 0: No linkages, expenditures not justified, financial information incomplete, details incorrect, low value for money

8) *Has the applicant committed a financial contribution to the project?*

- 5: More than 25% of total project cost
- 2: Between 10%-25% of total project cost
- 0: Less than 10% of total project cost

9) *Are there other funding sources, or in-kind contributions?*

- 10: More than 25% of total project cost
- 5: Between 10%-25% of total project cost
- 0: Less than 10% of total project cost

10) *Does the applicant have a satisfactory history of accounting for, and reporting on, the utilization of LEAF funds provided by INAC in previous years?*

- 5: Reporting requirements are met with regularity or does not apply
- 2: History of late reporting (more than 90 days)
- 0: Overdue reports are currently outstanding

## **Overall Impact and Benefits**

11) *What group(s) is(are) expected to directly benefit from the proposed project?*

- 15: First Nation groups province-wide
- 10: Tribal Council, or more than one First Nation group/community
- 5: One First Nation group/community
- 0: Unclear

12) *To what degree can the project design be implemented by other communities/organizations without substantive changes?*

- 5: High
- 2: Medium
- 0: Low, or not transportable