

The Six Rivers Fund, established in 2016, makes a positive difference for northerners by sharing the benefits of nuclear energy today—and for generations to come.

The Six Rivers Fund is an independent non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors with Cameco providing financial support. It supports programs that benefit the Northern Administrative District within these four categories: Youth, Education, Health and Wellness, and Sports and Recreation. The fund has provided a total of nearly \$1 million to such projects between 2016 and 2024. Funding decisions are made by the board of directors.

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Cumberland House Elder 'proud' of community wellness program

A new program is helping heal the community of Cumberland House, a local Elder says.

"It makes me feel very proud, and I want to continue with this," Clara Cook says. "Because we need the whole community to come as a whole, not just the 45 to 50 kids that participated."

Cook says in recent years she had noticed that the community's youth no longer carried out traditional practices such as hunting, fishing, and smoking food, and she felt there was a lack of respect toward Elders. She also laments the prevalence of gangs, drugs and alcohol in the community.

The Cumberland House Wellness Recovery Project, supported by the Six Rivers Fund, is already having an impact, she says. Over the course of the summer, youth would participate in traditional activities and discussions run by Elders.

"I think it had a great impact," Cook says. "I still deal with a lot of these youth, and the Elders, they see a lot of these kids visit them at home. They go see if they can do any chores for them or if they need anything done, whereas prior to this, you wouldn't see youth going to an Elder's home, asking to help."

Cook says she's looking forward to next summer, when she plans to run activities geared toward whole families.

Creighton Community School sees 'lasting impact' from new programs

The Six Rivers Fund supported a variety of activities at Creighton Community School to promote student wellness, physical literacy, cultural learning, and community engagement. These initiatives provided valuable experiences for students across multiple grade levels and improved physical health, mental well-being, and cultural understanding within the school community.

"The support provided through this funding has had a positive and lasting impact on our students and school community. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to offer these programs and look forward to continuing this work," school principal Patty Korchinski says.

A portion of the funding supported an Indigenous culture and mental health presentation. Harlan Kingfisher, owner of Smudge the Blades, spoke on his upbringing and his entrepreneurial and personal journey. Students gained cultural knowledge focused on identity, resilience, and traditional perspectives on mental health.

In addition, the school was able to bring in a mental health presenter to speak to students about his journey with mental health and overcoming depression and addiction. Students received tools and strategies for emotional regulation, coping skills, and stress management. The event also helped reduce stigma around mental health and encouraged open conversation.

Six Rivers funding also allowed students to go skating and curling.

Finally, the school received funding for a Hike for Success outdoor education program, designed to teach students outdoor safety and outdoor activity planning, culminating in a local overnight backpacking hike. However, while equipment was purchased, the hike was cancelled due to wildfires. The school plans to run the program in Spring 2026, allowing students to explore the north for years to come.

2024 Funded Projects

Wellness Recovery Project.....	\$20,000
CUMBERLAND HOUSE	
Youth Programming.....	\$5,000
PINEHOUSE	
Skating School Program	\$4,000
CREIGHTON	
Outdoor Life Skills School Program.....	\$7,500
CREIGHTON	
TOTAL	\$36,500



Do you have a project or initiative you would like the Six Rivers Fund to support?

If it aligns with our priorities and you have a minimum of 25% of the funding secured from at least one other source, you are ready to begin the application process. For example, raising \$500 could lead to funding for a \$2,000 youth conference.

The board accepts applications on an ongoing basis and adjudicates twice a year:

Summer/Fall proposals:
apply before May 31

Winter/Spring proposals:
apply before Nov. 15

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