

SIX RIVERS FUND

The Six Rivers Fund is entirely devoted to projects and initiatives to benefit the NAD. The Six Rivers Fund is an independent non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors to help northerners benefit from the uranium mining industry long into the future. Funding decisions are made by the board of directors. If you would like to learn more about the fund, check out the website at www.sixriversfund.ca.

Six Rivers Fund is devoted to projects and initiatives that benefit the NAD within the following four categories: **Youth, Education, Health and Wellness, and Sports and Recreation**

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Sharing a meal, gathering in the bush and joining in a paddle may seem like simple things, but members of the Six Rivers Fund Board say it is those moments of connection that can make all the difference.

“For several years we have focused on supporting programs and initiatives targeting mental health because it’s such a major need,” says Victor Fern, Board Chair.

The board wants to make mental health a priority. All the members have seen their communities impacted by suicide and other mental health struggle. *“Connecting to each other and our traditional roots has a big role to play in bolstering mental wellness and resiliency,”* says Fern.

For the 2022 funding applications, the independent non-profit corporation, continued to support projects and initiatives across the Northern Administration District (NAD) that focus on youth, education, sports, recreation and health and wellness with an emphasis on those that integrate cultural experiences, knowledge and skills.

“We want as many people as possible to have exposure to land-based programs, traditional teachings and points of contact within their communities,” says Fern. *“We acknowledge and appreciate all the good work that is being done at the community level—and we look forward to offering our support.”*



SPOTLIGHT PROJECT: CREIGHTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Staying connected to the land throughout the year is the goal for schools like Creighton Community School, which is embracing a new land-based learning project, thanks to dollars received through the Six Rivers Fund. The new space, that has “allowed for an expansion of Indigenous and culturally relevant literature to be housed in our cultural space, adjacent to the school library... brings awareness to land-based learning and Indigenous ways of knowing.” says Jenilee Lengyel, Community School Coordinator.

The goal of the space is to create something that is both practical and culturally relevant with the intention to provide a place for students, teachers and community members to learn from each other. The site includes a place to dress deer, do caribou tufting, an outdoor rock circle, pavilion and fire pit so that special events and various community-based activities can be shared here.

While the addition of the land-based learning area adds immense value to educators and students in Creighton, it's also inspired surrounding communities to incorporate their own land-based classroom on their school grounds.

The space continues to be used for large community events and gatherings, such as hosting sharing circles around the sacred fire with Knowledge Keepers and students on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



In 2022, the Treaty 10 Gathering received \$20,000 in funding. *With several funded projects remaining in limbo due to the continued impacts of the pandemic, the board delayed the majority of adjudications until 2023 when projects and monies available could be confirmed.*

For the life of the agreement from 2016 to 2022, the Six Rivers Fund has provided **\$670,125** to projects and initiatives that benefit the NAD in the four focus areas of youth, education, health and wellness, and sports and recreation.

Do you have a project or initiative you would like 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. Apply online today!

We accept applications on an ongoing basis and adjudicate twice a year:

- Summer/Fall proposals - apply before May 31st
- Winter/Spring proposals - apply before November 15th

