UBC continues to develop close working relationships with Aboriginal communities and organizations, to expand its institutional awareness of development goals and the need to seek their advice and/or partnership on programs, program development, research priorities, and other matters. Many of the current UBC Aboriginal initiatives and research areas can be viewed on the Aboriginal Portal (aboriginal.ubc.ca).

As we are all aware, off-campus funding sources are critical to many university programs and can play a vital role in Aboriginal initiatives. The Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology (the Ministry) and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), have launched a new **2013-2014 Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program (ACBDP Program)**. Public post-secondary institutions, in partnership with Aboriginal communities, are invited to submit applications to deliver programs starting and completing in the 2013/2014 fiscal year. A previous ACBDPP 2012-2013 partnership, for example, is the partnership between UBC and the Heiltsuk Nation: with funding from this program, the UBC Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP) provides courses to Heiltsuk Nation students that ladder into the final two years of a Bachelor of Education degree at UBC. Participants will gain the skills and education necessary to enter teaching fields.

For further information about the **2013-2014 Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program (ACBDP Program)** funding, program and participant eligibility and the application process, please read the email below from Mariana Diacu, Executive Director, Post-Secondary Programs Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, or go to the Ministry’s website at [http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/programs.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/programs.htm) and at [http://www.fnsds.org/](http://www.fnsds.org/).

It is important to note that: “Proposals must be jointly submitted and signed off by an Aboriginal community authority (Chief and Council, Tribal Council Chair, or Executive Director of an off-reserve Aboriginal organization) and a BC public post-secondary institution president. If there is an Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA) Aboriginal post-secondary institute serving the community, the institute should also be a partner to the proposal. Inclusion of the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) holder in the proposal is also encouraged.”

Please submit requests for UBC presidential signature to my attention at the First Nations House of Learning. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 5:28 PM
To: 'BCAPSC@list.camosun.bc.ca'; 'Ilead@list.Camosun.bc.ca'
Subject: Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program 2013-14 Application Guide

Dear Indigenous Leadership and BC Aboriginal Post-Secondary Coordinators,

We are happy to be able to tell you that the Program is continuing and the following email has been sent to the Post-Secondary Presidents, Aboriginal Communities and the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education Partners:

On behalf of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology (the Ministry) and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), I am writing to inform you of the launch of the new 2013-2014 Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program (ACBDP Program) Application Guide. Public post-secondary institutions in partnership with Aboriginal communities are invited to submit applications to deliver programs starting and completing in the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

We are pleased to invite proposals for the 2013/14 ACBDP Program from organizations currently delivering ACBCPP programs and those that aspire to deliver these programs in their community.

ACBDP Program was first announced in June 2012 as part of the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education and Training Policy Framework and Action Plan which committed to provide funding ($5M from the Canada/BC Labour Market Agreement and $2M from the Ministry) for partnerships between public post-secondary institutions and Aboriginal institutes and communities to deliver programs in Aboriginal communities that meet community needs and position Aboriginal communities to take advantage of economic opportunities. In 2012/13, there were twenty-six partnerships funded to deliver programs for Aboriginal learners throughout B.C. in a diverse range of specializations, from skills training for
employment in the oil and natural gas sectors to training that leads to certification as a teacher of indigenous languages.

2013/14 Updates to the Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program

The ACBDP Program continues in 2013-2014. Eligible Programs must:

- Lead to jobs and employment opportunities and be directly related to community needs and priorities;
- Meet provincial program and/or industry standards, where appropriate;
- Provide industry certification and/or credit towards a post-secondary credential (note that Adult Basic Education and bridging programs are Eligible Programs);
- Provide sufficient opportunities or pathways for participants to ladder into further post-secondary education or training;
- Include cultural components incorporated into the curriculum/programming; and
- Utilize leading practices in career planning, assessment and transition.

Application Details

The ACBDP Program Application Guide has been updated based on a formative review of the program and lessons learned from 2012-2013. The Application Guide has been streamlined with additional templates and support materials. Submissions are accepted on a continuous intake basis and closing dates for proposal submissions is based on funding availability. Programs and final reports must be completed before the March 14, 2014.

AANDC is partnering with the Ministry in the ACBDP Program through its Active Measures program, to provide $2M in 2013-2014. The Active Measures funding is designed for encourage First Nations communities to support the participation of individuals on Income Assistance as part of the ACBDP Program and to support the development of effective community-based case/data management systems for their social development programs in order to better track and transition their Income Assistance clients. The Active Measures Application for 2013-2014 can be found as Appendix C in the ACBDPP Program Application Guide.

This information is also available on the Ministry’s website at http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/programs.htm and at http://www.fnsds.org/.

If you have any questions about the Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program and the application process, please contact:
Jacqueline Dennis-Orr
Tel: (250) 356-8382
or by email Jacqueline.DennisOrr@gov.bc.ca and copied to Liane Lubarski at Liane.X.Lubarski@gov.bc.ca.

Questions specific to the Active Measures component of the program should be directed to:
First Nations Social Development Society at 1-604-926-4184 or email at partnerships@fnsds.org

Thank you for your interest in the Aboriginal Community-Based Delivery Partnerships Program.

Mariana Diacu
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