

THUNDERBIRD TRUST



REQUEST FOR BENEVOLENT FUNDING

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

2026

**CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES
FIRST NATION**

Welcome to the Thunderbird Trust Individual Application!

Each year the amount for distributions for community projects depends on the revenues realized each fiscal year. Our newly amended Trust agreement allows the ability to effectively plan for the fiscal year by determining the annual income at a minimum of 3% of the market value of the Authorized Investments as held in the Trust Accounts as of December 31st. (see 9.1 b Annual Income for full definition).

We are pleased to inform you that applications for 2026 are now being accepted. The Thunderbird Trust agreement lists benevolent purposes (Sec.8.8) for funding. Below is a summary of the areas qualified for funding;

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| a) Education | i) Research (COTTEN) history) |
| b) Physical/Mental Health | j) Historical (secure artifacts) |
| c) General Health | k) Research (land claims) |
| d) Equipment (health) | l) Relief in disasters (Emergency Policy) |
| e) Athletes | m) Supplement (senior program funds) |
| f) Equipment (recreational) | n) Grave memorials |
| g) Construction/maintenance recreational facilities | |
| h) Culture/language/arts programs | |

Trustees are purposeful in their planning and seek ways to align with the COTTEN Community Comprehensive Plan. Trustees are aware that the funds do not meet all members' needs but do their best to meet a broad amount of needs for both on and off reserve members while maintaining accountability and feasibility. Careful consideration must be made as to those proposals that best fit with the community's current needs.

Please read this handbook carefully before beginning to fill out the application form. We continue to be proud and want to thank the many members who give up their time to provide extra benefit to our community and members through Thunderbird Trust funding.

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Thunderbird Trustees

INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE:

For full instructions see the Benevolent Handbook, available online or by request.

1. **Application Deadline** – Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on **May 29, 2026**.

Note: NO LATE applications or supporting documents will be accepted, we adhere to a strict deadline with no exceptions. Submissions must be complete by the final deadline.

2. **Eligibility** - Applicants are **NOT** eligible if they received funding in 2025 (not including Christmas Gesture).
3. **Confirmation** – It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that we have received your proposal.
4. **Trustee Review** - If your proposal is complete, it will be addressed at a special Trustee meeting to determine whether it meets the criteria. If your proposal does not meet mandatory criteria, it will be removed from the review process and you will receive a letter outlining reasons for denial of application.
5. **Final Decision** - Funding decisions made by Trustees will be final.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP AND INFORMATION

Contact Us:

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**Fax: 1-844-877-1395 OR
519-264-2628**

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The handbook is also available for downloading on our website:

Visit us at: www.thunderbirdtrust.ca

Thunderbird Trust Funding Application Form

SECTION A: – INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Please be advised where the applicant is under the age of 18 years, an adult is required to be the co-applicant and will be responsible for the management of funds received from the Trust and all reporting requirements.

A1 Name of applicant: _____ Name of Co-applicant (if necessary): _____

A2 Mailing Address of applicant (House # or 911 number):
Address: _____ Apt #: _____
City: _____ Prov./State: _____
Postal/Zip Code: _____

A3 Band Number (begins with 1660...): _____

A4 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____

A5 Identification: Two pieces of identity must be included, at least one must have your signature on it. Check if applicable and include copies with submission.

☐ Status Card (not expired) ☐ Letter from membership
☐ Driver's License ☐ Other: _____

***Please note we will not be responsible for providing proof of membership from any documents previously submitted to the Trust.**

SECTION B: INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Please attach an additional page if there is not enough room.

B1 Project Name: _____

B2 Project Description: Briefly describe your project outline.

B3 Location of Project: _____

B4 Amount of funding requested: \$ _____

B5 Project start date: _____

Project end date: _____

B6 Goals of the project:

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

B7 How will you, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and/or its members benefit from this project?

B8 Benevolent Purposes and Determining Factors

a) How does your proposed project or initiative support your personal well-being and contribute to the overall well-being of the community?
(Check all that apply)

☐ Improves mental health and emotional well-being

☐ Supports physical health and wellness

☐ Enhances access to education or personal development

☐ Strengthens cultural identity and connection

☐ Builds life skills or employment readiness

☐ Increases community safety or resilience

☐ Supports intergenerational learning or connection

☐ Creates opportunities for social participation and inclusion

☐ Encourages spiritual well-being or traditional practices

☐ Other (please explain): _____

B8 b) Which of the Trust's Benevolent Purposes does your project align with?
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Education (scholarships, skills training, learning supports)
- ☐ Health (physical, mental, traditional healing, health programs)
- ☐ Health Equipment (for community or personal health needs)
- ☐ Sports and Recreation (training, travel, equipment)
- ☐ Cultural Facilities or Programming (language, arts, traditions)
- ☐ Historical Research or Publications (Chippewa history, language)
- ☐ Repatriation (cultural artifacts, documents, or remains)
- ☐ Rights and Claims (research, legal support)
- ☐ Emergency Support (disaster relief, personal hardship)
- ☐ Elder Support
- ☐ Grave Memorials (basic memorials for family members)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

B8 c) Which of the following Determinants of Health does your project address?
(Check all that apply – based on the 14 widely recognized determinants)

- ☐ Income and Social Status
- ☐ Education and Literacy
- ☐ Employment and Working Conditions
- ☐ Social Supports and Networks
- ☐ Physical Environments (housing, safety, water, air)
- ☐ Healthy Child Development
- ☐ Health Services (access, quality, culturally relevant care)
- ☐ Gender Identity and Safety
- ☐ Culture and Language
- ☐ Indigenous Knowledge and Connection to Land
- ☐ Food Security and Nutrition
- ☐ Housing and Shelter
- ☐ Personal Health Practices and Coping Skills
- ☐ Spirituality and Belonging
- ☐ Other (please explain): _____

Provide further explanation (this is optional but does count for points in scoring)

B9 Detail how you will acknowledge the Trust for contributions made to your project.

SECTION C: INFORMATION ON FINANCES & BUDGET

C1 Please list what fundraising activities you have completed (if applicable).

Event	Funds Raised

C2 Have you received and/or requested any other funding? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please provide details on any funding received and/or requested.
Applicants must provide proof for matching or additional funding in order to be awarded more points on the evaluation sheet.

Name of Funder	Amount

Examples proof of matching funds: Letter from funder
Email from funder
Bank statement

C3 Are there any future fundraising activities planned for this project?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please list below:

D3. Budget Form

Please list all project costs by line items, if more space is needed please provide additional page(s). Quotes for budget items can be attached to application.

Project Cost Description	Amount \$
Total Costs	\$
Minus: Other Income Sources Received (if applicable)	\$
Sub-Total	\$
Total Request from Thunderbird Trust	\$

E. CHECK LIST:

E1 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

The following checklist is to assist you to ensure you have fulfilled all requirements of the application.

	Complete Application
	Copy of Status Card (not expired)
	Letter from Membership (if status card expired)
	Copy of 2 nd photo ID (signature required)
	Proof of funds optional (contribution or matching)
	Complete budget
	Consent & Declaration form signed (by both applicants where necessary)

E2 SUGGESTED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

The following checklist is a list of suggested documents that will give you additional points when your application is scored. Applications are scored based on content and not necessarily the quality of the scope of project. Score sheets are available upon request and will assist you in submitting the best possible application.

	Letter(s) of support
	Letter(s) of denial of funding
	Quote(s) from vendor(s)

E3 Consent & Declaration

To the Trustees of the Thunderbird Trust Agreement:

The statements herein and attachments hereto reflect an accurate description and estimated costs regarding the intended use of trust funds. By signing below, you consent to the following:

I (we) give consent to the representatives of the Trust to obtain and share with persons or organizations, public or private, any information necessary to complete the assessment of the project outlined.

I (we) certify that I (we) am (are) a member(s) of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and have provide verification by status card with application.

I (we) give consent to the Trust for my project information and any pictures for the purpose of publication through newsletter, website or social media platforms.

I (we) declare that all information provided is truthful to the best of my (our) knowledge and that I (we) have disclosed all other sources of funding procured at any time during the process up to date of completion should my (our) project be selected AND that all funds will be used for the sole purpose of this project as outlined in the budget.

Signature of Applicant 1

Date

Signature of Applicant 2

Date

Authorization for Release of Information

I (We), members of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, am (are) an applicant(s) for project funding from the Thunderbird Trust for:

Name of project: _____.

In conjunction with this application, I (we) have applied for funding for this project to:

Name(s) of organization or government department/agency:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I (We) hereby authorize each of the above named to provide the Thunderbird Trust with such information about my (our) application for funding and the results of such application, including, but not limited to:

- A copy of the application together with any supporting documentation; and
- If successful, the amounts to be provided or granted and the terms and conditions that are associated with the provision of the funding.

For so doing, this shall be your full and sufficient authority.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Applicant 1

Print Name

Signature of Applicant 2

Print Name