

FIRST NATIONS–MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



Join a growing number of First Nations and municipalities that are working together to create stronger communities.

First Nations and municipalities across the country share many common hopes and challenges. By partnering, neighbouring communities can develop a shared vision for their economic future.

About CEDI

Funded by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) facilitates partnerships between neighbouring municipalities and First Nations. We help them find new ways to work together to address regional issues and build a stronger, more sustainable economy for their citizens.

“...It takes time, patience and resilience to build successful partnerships. As municipalities we have a lot to offer and more to receive.”

— Vicki Blanchard, Economic Development Manager, Municipality of Sioux Lookout, ON

CEDI is implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Cando, a national organization that trains, certifies and provides support to economic development officers working in Indigenous communities across Canada.

Benefits Include:

- A united voice when engaging with the private sector and other orders of government.
- Cost savings through more efficient service delivery.
- Business development and job creation opportunities.
- Improved land use and management through coordinated planning.

“Muster your courage; take that leap of faith. If we can pool our resources and our knowledge, we can come up with some unique solutions.”

— Chief Roland Twinn, Sawridge First Nation, AB

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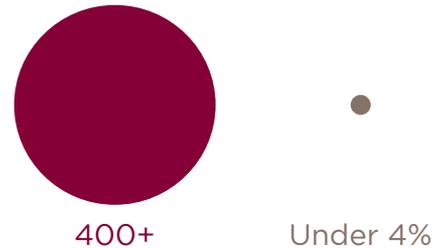
Impacts of CEDI

Nationally implemented by Cando and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) helps build capacity to create sustainable partnerships and improve success of joint economic development planning and initiatives among First Nations and municipalities.

Strong Demand for CEDI

Since 2013, demand has exploded across Canada and is still growing – far outpacing current support resources. This significant unmet demand for CEDI signals the need for additional resources.

Requests for Service Partnerships Supported



Engaging Communities and Implementing Practical Economic Reconciliation

A new study shows the effectiveness of CEDI as a contributor to improved economic reconciliation by facilitating First Nation-municipal collaboration on practical objectives with common goals - building stronger regional relationships, investment climates and economies. CEDI enables communities to establish the groundwork for long-term, sustainable partnerships and economic reconciliation.

Key Impacts

Based on assessment of just 4 of 15 partnerships¹, the study found that CEDI has helped contribute to:

1.	\$10 Million Private Investment	2.	\$20 Million Public Investment ²
3.	\$10+ Million Fiscal benefits to FN governments	4.	650 - 700 Jobs



¹ The four partnerships are located in Prairie, Central and Atlantic regions. Total cost for CEDI support of these partnerships was about \$900k.

² Sources include Infrastructure Canada, FedNor, ISC, CIRNAC and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.



The CEDI Experience

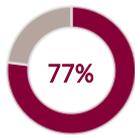
Benefits experienced by participating communities, by proportion of respondents³:



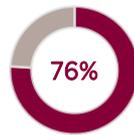
greater capacity to develop strong relationships and robust partnerships



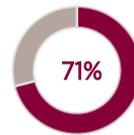
contributes to practical implementation of reconciliation



improved land use planning and coordination



creation of economic development opportunities



positive social impacts

Projected Benefits

The study found CEDI activities within 4 sample partnerships are estimated to contribute to significant additional long-term future benefits from planned projects:



\$43.6 million

Private investment



\$24.2 million

Increase in labour income



\$10+ million

Public investment



\$4.7 million

Annual increase in labour income



350 - 400 jobs

Increase in employment

Improved Investment Readiness

CEDI contributes to improved regional investment climates:



Enhanced investor information & attraction



Improved services & agreements



Deeper relationships



Improved governance & capacity



Better planning & communication



Reduction of systemic gaps: fiscal, credit infrastructure, education, trade, and investment facilitation

Build Back Better with CEDI

Canada wants to “build back better” to support more environmentally and economically sustainable regions and communities post COVID-19. By bringing First Nations and municipalities together voluntarily and strategically, CEDI can be a vital part of accelerating the resilience of regionally autonomous, inclusive economies in a post pandemic environment for all peoples in Canada.

For more information on CEDI please visit www.edo.ca/cedi and www.fcm.ca/en/programs/community-economic-development-initiative

³ Based on survey responses from representatives of 16 CEDI participating communities (34% response rate).