Occupational Health and Safety Funding Program

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# Glossary

**Advanced Safe Workplace:** Employers who meet WSCC's Safe Workplace criteria and are accredited by a third party occupational health and safety program in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, such as Certificate of Recognition (COR).

**Co-operative Association:** A business owned and controlled by its members to provide goods or services to those members.

*Cultural Safety Training:* Education that focuses on understanding and addressing power imbalances, promoting respectful communication, and fostering inclusive practices to ensure equitable and culturally appropriate services and programming for Indigenous peoples.

*External Funder:* An organization that provides only financial or in-kind support to the applicant organization (no operational support for the initiative).

*Extra-territorial Corporation:* Under the *Business Corporations Act(s)* of Northwest Territories and Nunavut, these are organizations that are *based outside* of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut that plan to operate temporarily or on a term basis in either of these territories. They do not have to be incorporated to be called an extra-territorial corporation and can be a non-profit, a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a society, or a limited liability company.

*Governance Council:* The Board of Directors of the WSCC as constituted by section 84 of the *Workers' Compensation Acts.* 

Hamlet: A municipal corporation with the status of a hamlet established or continued under the Hamlets Act(s).

In-kind Support: Non-cash contributions of goods or services. Examples: donations of materials, labour, or facilities.

#### Indigenous Government:

- In the Northwest Territories: Entities that have, or are in the process of, negotiating self-government agreements with both the territorial and federal governments.
- In Nunavut: A formalized structure where Indigenous communities control the administration of their people, land, resources, and related programs and policies through agreements with federal and provincial governments.

**Northwest Territories/Nunavut Corporation:** A legal entity owned by its shareholders, whose liability is limited to the amount they have invested in the corporation. A corporation has a share structure and can raise capital by selling shares.

**Non-Profit Society:** An incorporated society that carries out activities for purposes other than the financial gain of its members.

**Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Initiative:** An applicant's proposed project or training opportunity to provide an OHS service. An initiative is a finite event or project.

**OHS Service Provider:** An organization that can provide OHS services to communities in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

**OHS Service:** An occupational health and safety service includes (but is not limited to) safety training and management supports for employers to create a safe workplace. *Examples*: Emergency Preparedness Training, Cultural Safety Training / Programs, and Return to Work Programs.

**Operating Partner:** An organization that provides support with preparing, promoting, delivering and/or measuring success of an OHS initiative. They may also provide financial or in-kind support to the applicant organization.

Partnership: A business having more than one owner, in which all owners are liable and jointly manage the business.

**Program Cycle:** Begins in July when the WSCC calls for funding applications. Ends on December 31 of the calendar year following the call for applications.

**Program Cycle Calendar Year:** The 12-month period when the OHS initiative is delivered, and funds are disbursed, beginning in January and ending in December.

**Proprietorship:** A business owned by a single individual.

**Safe Workplace Program:** A WSCC program that recognizes employers who demonstrate a commitment to making workplace health and safety a core company value.

Start-up: An organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, that has been operating for 24 months or less.

Town:

- In NWT: A populated area larger than a village but smaller than a city, with a local government and defined boundaries.
- In NU: A municipal corporation with a status distinct from a city or village, as defined by the Cities, Towns and Villages Act.

*Village:* A small, rural settlement that is larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town, as defined by the *Cities, Towns* and *Villages Act*.

*Workers' Protection Fund:* A common fund that all WSCC registered employers pay into to be covered with no-fault insurance. This fund protects individual employers against lawsuits related to workplace injuries and is used to pay benefits and provide services to injured workers.

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#### **Overview:**

# WSCC's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Funding Program

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's (WSCC's) Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Funding Program offers funding opportunities for providers of OHS services that are designed to improve workplace safety education and support employers in complying with OHS legislation in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The OHS Funding Program will help to advance the WSCC's vision of reducing work-related accidents, injuries, and illnesses. The goals of the OHS Funding Program are to:

- increase the *availability* of OHS initiatives in communities outside of the capitals, and
- increase *access to* OHS initiatives to more communities in the Northwest Territories (NWT) and Nunavut (NU).

Applicants are invited to apply for funding for OHS initiatives they hope to accomplish in the following calendar year.

# Who can apply for funding?

The WSCC welcomes applications from both for-profit or non-profit organizations that provide health and safety services or training to communities in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Interested parties should review the eligibility criteria in the sections that follow to:

- Determine if they are eligible for funding before applying.
- Understand how to provide evidence of eligibility.

# **Eligibility: Lead Organization**

To be eligible for this funding, an organization must:

1. Demonstrate their initiative has a clear goal to provide OHS services in the Northwest Territories and/or Nunavut.

#### 2. Offer OHS services that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Supports the WSCC's Vision, Mission, and Values.
- Relates to job specific OHS requirements as required by OHS legislation.
- Provides training for control of hazardous substances (for example: WHMIS), Supervisor Regulatory Familiarization, or First Aid training.
  - **NOTE:** If you are an OHS service provider applying to provide First Aid or Supervisor Regulatory Familiarization Training, you must be approved as a provider by WSCC's Chief Safety Officer.

#### 3. Meet the following criteria:

- Organizations *based in* the Northwest Territories or Nunavut must provide documentation showing that:
  - The organization, if it reports payroll to the WSCC, is a Safe Workplace, an Advanced Safe Workplace, or is actively working toward becoming a Safe Workplace <u>according to the WSCC Safe Workplace Program</u>; and
  - The organization is compliant with the applicable *Societies Act, Business Corporations Act*, or *Co-operative Associations Act* of the territory(ies) in which it operates.
- Organizations *based outside* of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut must provide documentation showing that:
  - The organization has no outstanding financial liabilities with the workers' compensation board of their province or territory;
  - The organization is compliant in its province or territory with the equivalent of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut Societies Act, Business Corporations Act, or Co-operative Associations Act; and
  - Your organization has a commitment to being a safe place to work.

## **Evidence of Eligibility**

Once you have determined that your organization is eligible to apply to the OHS Funding Program, you will need to provide the following supporting documents along with a completed application form to demonstrate your organization's eligibility:

#### FOR ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES OR NUNAVUT:

#### 1. A Certificate of Corporate Registry

- 2. A) If your organization reports payroll to the WSCC, please provide:
  - i. A Safe Workplace or Advanced Safe Workplace Certificate (note: instructions for obtaining this certificate are at the end of this section), **OR**
  - ii. Provided evidence/information on action steps your organization is taking to achieve a Safe Workplace or Advanced Safe Workplace Certificate.

#### 2. B) If your organization DOES NOT report payroll to the WSCC (for example, sole proprietor):

- i. Provide suitable evidence of your organization's commitment to a safe workplace (for example: any documents you have that describe your OHS program or practices) **OR**
- ii. Reach out to the OHS Funding Program Administrator by email at <u>funding@wscc.nt.ca</u> or <u>funding@wscc.nu.ca</u> or by phone at (867) 920-3843. They can speak with you to determine your organization's commitment to a safe workplace.

#### FOR ORGANIZATIONS BASED OUTSIDE THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES OR NUNAVUT:

1. A Certificate of Corporate Registry from Corporate Registries in NWT or NU.

(Note: Except for licensed insurance companies, all extra-territorial corporations incorporated elsewhere but carrying on business in the Northwest Territories and/or Nunavut as defined in the Business Corporations Act must register with Corporate Registries. You are required to register regardless of how long you plan to do business in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut.)

- 2. A) Suitable evidence of your organization's commitment to a safe workplace (For example: any documents you have that describe your OHS program) **OR**
- B) Reach out to the OHS Funding Program Administrator by email at <u>funding@wscc.nt.ca</u> or <u>funding@wscc.nu.ca</u> or by phone at (867) 920-3843. They can speak with you to determine your organization's commitment to a safe workplace.
- 3. Proof of 'Good Standing' from your jurisdiction's workers' compensation board.

**Note:** If you are approved for multi-year funding your organization will need to demonstrate that you continue to meet all eligibility criteria each year before the WSCC will release new funds.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A SAFE WORKPLACE OR ADVANCED SAFE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE:

Visit <u>the WSCC website</u> and click on the WSCC Connect E-Services tile. This will take you to WSCC Connect where you can log in to your organization's account. If you do not have access, you can request access from your organization's WSCC Access Administrator.

Next, under the OHS e-Services heading, click on **Safe Workplace Program** and then **Safe Workplace Dashboard**. Here you will have access to which criteria your organization meets and which you don't. Any unmet criteria will have a red drop-down arrow next to it. If you have any unmet criteria, you can follow directions on the site to meet the criteria.

Once you have achieved Safe Workplace or Advanced Safe Workplace status, you will see an option to print or download the Safe Workplace Certificate.

If you need assistance with this, or if you are not yet registered with the WSCC, the OHS Funding Program Administrator can provide assistance. Please reach out by email at <u>funding@wscc.nt.ca</u> or <u>funding@wscc.nu.ca</u> or by phone at (867)920-3843.

# **Organizations That Are Not Eligible**

You are not eligible for the OHS Funding Program if:

- You are an employer applying for funding to provide OHS initiatives that are only available to your own workers;
- Your core business operations do not include the design or delivery of OHS initiatives;
- · Your organization is a federal or territorial government department or agency;
- You are applying on behalf of a city as defined by either the *Northwest Territories* or *Nunavut Cities, Towns, and Villages Act(s)* and their related regulations; or
- Your organization is a partner or sub-contractor of an organization that is already receiving funds for the same OHS Initiative.

# **Conflict of Interest**

Applicants must declare any real or perceived conflict of interest.

Real or perceived conflicts of interest may occur, but are not limited to, when a WSCC employee or board member has:

- An ownership interest in the applicant business.
- Employment or business interests associated with the applicant business.
- An opportunity to influence a decision that leads to financial benefits from the funding program.
- A personal or professional interest in a specific outcome including as a spouse or family member of the applicant.
- Any other interest that could be perceived as a threat to the independence or objectivity of the evaluation of the funding application or, in the event of a successful application, the funding relationship with the WSCC.
- If you are aware of a conflict of interest related to the proposed initiative, you will need to declare this in the appropriate place on the application form, and briefly explain the circumstances of this conflict.

Stating a conflict of interest does not necessarily disqualify your application from consideration. However, nondisclosure of a conflict may eliminate your application and could affect the consideration of any future funding for you or your organization. If you are unsure whether you have a conflict, please contact the Program Administrator.

# **Operational Partners versus External Funders**

An organization may partner with another organization to prepare, promote, deliver and/or measure the success of proposed initiatives. This is considered an **Operating Partner**. An Operating Partner may also provide financial or in-kind support.

If an organization is providing only financial or in-kind support to the lead organization, they are considered an **External Funder**.

Applicants must disclose if they are receiving, have already received, or will be receiving funding from External Funders or Operating Partners to support their proposed initiative(s). Disclosure of the amount of funding received, and a description of the activities that are being or will be covered by this funding is required.

Note that receiving funding from other sources does not disqualify the application from consideration. However, *non-disclosure* of other funding sources that are related to the proposed initiative(s) could disqualify the application and could jeopardize the consideration of any future WSCC OHS funding for the applicant or the applicant's organization.

You may not be eligible if you have an Operating Partner who is currently receiving funding from the WSCC for a similar OHS initiative.

## **Eligibility: Categories of OHS Initiatives**

Please see the following list of categories and examples of OHS initiatives that may be accepted for funding.

1. OHS training that is mandated by the safety legislation of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

For example:

- Supervisor Safety Training
- First Aid Training
- Training for Control of Hazardous Substances (for example: WHMIS)
- 2. Job-specific OHS requirements, as required by safety legislation.

For example:

- Asbestos Training
- Training of Firefighters

#### 3. Other OHS services that align with WSCC's mission to promote workplace health and safety.

For example:

- Emergency Preparedness Training
- OHS Accreditation Services
- General Health and Safety Training / Symposium / Conference
- Cultural Safety Training / Programs
- Promoting occupational health and safety to youth
- Delivering existing OHS services in Indigenous languages
- Return to Work Programs
- Injury Prevention Programs
- Hearing Safety / Hearing Loss Prevention Program

# How much funding is available?

Each year the WSCC will allocate 1% of employer assessment revenue from the previous year to the OHS Funding Program.

As an example, 1% of the employer assessment revenue for 2024 was: \$1,033,000.

**Note:** 10% of the total available funds for this program will be held back to accommodate rare but emerging OHS service needs outside of the official application period. For example, fireproofing or floodproofing related to a specific event.

In these cases, organizations are encouraged to reach out to the Program Administrator to ask about emergency funds before applying.

## **Funding Requests**

**Applicants can request between \$5,000 - \$250,000 per initiative**. This could be a single-year initiative, or a multi-year initiatives can range from 2-5 years.

Currently there is no limit on the number of funding applications an organization can submit in one calendar year.

## **Eligibility for Multi-year Funding Requests:**

Please note that first time applicants, or those who have no prior partnership history with the WSCC, are not eligible for multi-year funding. Multi-year funding requests will only be available to applicants that have a track record of partnership with the WSCC or have received funding in the past.

Multi-year funding applications must clearly show that there is a need for a multi-year commitment, and that their organization has the capacity to complete the initiative(s). The application form allows applicants to demonstrate their capacity by providing a realistic plan, timeline, and budget. Multi-year funding requires your organization to continue to meet all eligibility criteria each year before the WSCC will release new funds.

An organization can re-apply for subsequent funding (single- or multi-year) leading up to the conclusion of their funding term.

# **Eligibility for Advanced Funding**

If your organization is unable to carry out the goals of your proposed initiative(s) without receiving funding in advance of the stated payment schedule, you may be eligible to receive advanced funding.

To request advanced funding, select this option in the application form. Your request must include an explanation of why the proposed initiative(s) require funds upfront. You must also provide a copy of your previous year's audited financial statements to be eligible for advanced funding. If your organization is a start-up in your first year of

operations and/or you do not have any historical audited financial statements to submit with your application, the WSCC may conduct a credit check, with your consent.

Credit checks will not be conducted without the consent of applicants, however, failure to consent to a credit check request may prevent the processing of applications.

The advanced funding request cannot exceed 50% of the total amount awarded.

# What expenses will be covered by this funding program?

### **Eligible Expenses: All Applicants**

- Initiative Expenses, such as:
  - Professional fees or contract services (fees paid to external consultants, contractors, or service providers for specialized expertise, technical assistance)
  - Honoraria (payments that support program delivery for speakers or facilitators)
  - Rentals (facilities, venues, equipment, vehicle)
  - Materials and supplies
  - Advertising and promotion
  - Travel (airfare, hotel, transportation)

### **Eligible Expenses: Start-Ups & Non-Profits**

- Administrative expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the organization on a day-to-day basis. Note: These Expenses cannot exceed 15% of the total funding request.
- Administrative expenses include, but are not limited to:
  - Rent
  - Utilities
  - Telecommunications
  - Vehicle expenses (maintenance, registration, insurance, lease)
  - Office supplies
  - Salaries/wages

## **Non-Eligible Expenses**

- Expenses that will not be considered include (but are not limited to):
  - Vehicle purchase
  - New construction, major renovation, or alteration of facilities
  - Formal or elaborate meals, paid entertainment, and gifts

Once the WSCC has agreed to grant financial assistance, no major change can be made to the project without WSCC approval (in each case, the WSCC shall determine what constitutes a major change). Funds may only be used for the purposes specified in the budget section of the application form.

# When and How Can I Apply for OHS Funding?

### When

The application period for the OHS Funding Program is open for 8 weeks each year, from mid-July to mid-September. The specific date and time of the application deadline will be announced at the beginning of each application cycle.

#### How

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### Step 1: Confirm your organization's eligibility to apply for funding.

See section Eligibility: Lead Organization in this document for the eligibility criteria.

#### Step 2: Complete the Application Form

The Application Form is available on the **WSCC website**. It can be downloaded and completed or can be filled out online. The application form includes the following sections:

- A Contact Information
- B Organization Information
  - B Part 1: Lead Organization Information
  - B Part 2: Operating Partner Contribution and Information (if applicable)
  - B Part 3: External Funder Information (if applicable)
- C OHS Initiative Information
  - C Part 1: Description and Purpose

- C Part 2: Initiative Plan
  - Preparation
  - Promotion
  - Delivery
  - Measuring Success
- C Part 3: Timeline
- C Part 4: Delivery Team
- C Part 5: Budget Proposal Worksheet
- D Declaration of Conflict of Interest (if applicable)
- E Terms and Conditions of Application
- F Declarations
- G Signatures

If you need more space to complete any sections of the application form, please note on the application form that you are including extra pages with your submission.

After filling out all applicable sections of the application form, ensure that the application is signed by you and by the Chief Executive Officer or equivalent of your organization if the funding request is for more than \$50,000. Digital signatures are accepted.

An **application checklist** is available as part of the application package as an optional tool to help you ensure you have completed the required steps of the application process and have included all necessary supporting documents.

You can also add additional supporting documents that you feel will help with the evaluation process of your initiative(s). For example, additional letters of support; evaluations from past participants; surveys or questionnaires you will use to evaluate your initiative.

If applying for **multiple initiatives**, please complete a separate application form for each initiative.

#### Step 3: Submission

When you are ready to apply, submit your complete application (the signed form, any extra pages and all supporting documents) one of the following ways:

- Email: Attach your complete application to an email. Send the email to the OHS Funding Program Administrator at funding@wscc.nt.ca or funding@wscc.nu.ca.
- **Mail:** If you are mailing your application, be sure to send it well before the due date to ensure it arrives in time for consideration.

#### Address: Attention: OHS Funding Program Administrator

Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission PO Box 8888, 5022 49th Street 5th Floor Centre Square Tower Yellowknife NT, X1A 2R3

- Fax: If you prefer to fax your application, WSCC's Fax number is 1-867-873-4596. Applicants submitting by fax are encouraged to confirm their application has been received by contacting the Program Administrator by email at **funding@wscc.nt.ca** or **funding@wscc.nu.ca** or by phone at (867) 920-3843.
- In person: Available upon request. Please arrange this with the Program Administrator by email at funding@wscc.nt.ca or funding@wscc.nu.ca or by phone at (867) 920-3843.

Note: Applicants will be notified that their application has been received within 5 business days of submission.

# **Application Support**

If you have any questions or require support completing any sections of the application form(s), please contact the Program Administrator in advance of the deadline by email at **funding@wscc.nt.ca** or **funding@wscc.nu.ca** or by phone at (867) 920-3843.

# How will the WSCC review and approve funding requests?

## **Initial Review**

The OHS Funding Program review and approval process starts with intake of submissions by the Program Administrator. The Program Administrator will conduct a preliminary review to verify that:

- your organization meets all eligibility criteria,
- all required fields are completed in the application form, and
- all required supporting documentation is included in the submission.

# **Funding Evaluation Committee Review**

All eligible applications will be reviewed by the WSCC Funding Evaluation Committee.

The Committee will use a criteria-based evaluation and scoring process to ensure that all applications are evaluated objectively and consistently.

Applications will be reviewed against criteria such as, but not limited to:

- Alignment with the goals of the Funding Program: to **increase availability** of OHS initiatives in communities outside of the capitals, and to **increase access** to OHS initiatives to more communities in the NWT and NU.
- Alignment with WSCC priorities and vision, mission, and values.
- The location of the organization's headquarters (priority will be given to NWT/NU organizations).
- The capacity and competency of the organization to support and complete the initiative.

- The clarity of the initiative's description and purpose.
- The demonstrated need for the OHS service(s) being provided through the initiative.
- A clear, organized, and feasible plan for preparing for promoting, delivering, and measuring the success of the initiative
- The experience and expertise of the team responsible for the delivery of the initiative.
- The clarity and reasonableness of the proposed budget.

## **Governance Council Review and Final Decision**

The Evaluation Committee will send a package of evaluated and scored applications to the WSCC Governance Council (GC) who will then review the recommendations and make the final decision on which initiatives will receive funding.

The GC may decide to approve only a portion of the amount requested, or only fund some of the initiative activities proposed in the original application.

# **Notice of Decision**

Each year, all applicants will receive a Notice of Decision from the WSCC by November 1, or the next business day if November 1 falls on a weekend.

- Notice of Regret: If your application is unsuccessful, you will receive a Notice of Regret. You may contact the Program Administrator to ask about your score and learn why your application was not approved.
- Notice of Award: If your application is successful, you will receive a Notice of Award. After this, the Program Administrator will work with you to complete a contribution agreement.

# How will I receive the funds?

Successful applicants will receive funding based on the conditions defined in the applicant's contribution agreement with the WSCC. The following four steps must be completed for an organization to receive payments:

#### **STEP 1: CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Successful applicants must sign a contribution agreement with the WSCC before any funds can be released. The contribution agreement is a key component of a successful applicant's initiative(s), as it will outline all factors related to receiving funds, including deliverables, reporting requirements, and payment schedules.

The Program Administrator will work with the OHS Funding Program recipient to finalize the contribution agreement.

Applicants must agree to and sign the agreement no later than December 15 or the Monday after that if it falls on a weekend.

**Note:** The WSCC may withhold or reduce any payments if the successful applicant operates outside of the terms of their contribution agreement.

#### **STEP 2: WSCC VENDOR ACCOUNT SETUP**

After the contribution agreement is finalized and signed, the Program Administrator will ensure you have a vendor account set up with the WSCC. A vendor account is required so your organization can be issued a purchase order (PO) which will reflect the full value of the funding award.

The WSCC issues funding payments by direct deposit. You will be provided with a direct deposit form to complete.

If direct deposit is not an option for you, please contact the Program Administrator to discuss alternative payment options.

#### **STEP 3: COMPLETE DELIVERABLES, SUBMIT REPORTS**

Funding recipients are required to report on their initiative(s) **twice** in each program year of their funding term: once mid-way through, and once at the end of the year. More information on what applicants are required to report on can be found below in the "Reporting Requirements" section of this guide.

#### STEP 4: RECIPIENT ISSUES INVOICE(S) TO WSCC

After the Program Administrator has reviewed and approved the required performance and financial reports, you will then issue invoices to the WSCC against your PO up to the maximum amount of the funded contribution.

For example: If an applicant applies in the 2025 application period and is successful, funds will be released after the interim performance and financial reports have been submitted and reviewed.

## **Advanced Funding Payments**

Organizations that have been approved through the application process to receive partial funding in advance must have a signed contribution agreement, vendor number, and purchase order number. They can then issue an invoice to the WSCC to initiate the release of advance funds.

**For example:** If an applicant is approved for a \$30,000 initiative and for \$15,000 advanced funding to pay for immediate expenses, they can invoice the WSCC for \$15,000, referencing the PO number.

It's important to note that the advanced release of funds does not automatically guarantee that the remaining funds or difference owing will be provided to the recipient. The receiving organization will still need to submit all necessary performance and financial reports according to the schedule in the contribution agreement.

# What if I don't spend all the money?

If you do not use all of the funding provided under your contribution agreement, the remaining money must be returned to the WSCC within 60 days after submission of the final reports.

# Other Requirements for Successful Applicants

### **Insurance Requirements**

Funding recipients will be required to obtain, maintain and pay for applicable insurance. Examples of types of insurance may include:

- Workers' compensation insurance
- Employer's liability insurance
- Motor vehicle, watercraft, and snow craft standard liability insurance
- Commercial General Liability Insurance
- Professional Liability Insurance

More details on the exact type and amount of insurance and what the WSCC will require as evidence of insurance will be outlined in your contribution agreement.

## **Reporting Requirements**

To receive funds, organizations must submit performance and financial reports as per the agreed upon schedule listed in their final contribution agreement. The Program Administrator will provide performance and financial report templates to funding recipients, and will be available to assist with the reporting process.

- **Performance reports:** This report will include the results of the initiative(s) based on the plan for measuring success that was outlined in your contribution agreement.
- **Financial reports:** This report will detail all the eligible expenses incurred while meeting your agreement objectives. These expenses must align with the budget and expense categories in your approved submission.
- Note: When carrying out the objectives outlined in your contribution agreement, it is important to track and record all eligible expenses. While you will not be required to submit receipts to the WSCC, you are required to retain your receipts for at least three (3) years after the funding term ends, as all agreements may be subject to an audit by the WSCC.

It is important to note that the WSCC will disburse payments only *after* the submission and review of these documents. If you fail to provide any required reports it may result in the withholding of payments until they are submitted. If you are unable to demonstrate in your performance reports or financial reports that you have met your

agreed-upon objectives outlined in the contribution agreement, or you did not submit a change request to the Program Administrator in advance, the WSCC may not release the funding.

Not meeting reporting requirements may result in ineligibility to apply for future funding opportunities and will be kept as a matter of record when evaluating future submissions.

# **Funding Acknowledgment Requirements**

Acknowledgement is a way for you to publicly recognize that your project is supported by WSCC funds.

The following message should be included on all publicity related to your funded activities:

# This project was made possible, in part, with funding from the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC).

A partnership logo and guidelines for usage on marketing materials will be provided to all successful applicants.

# How do I provide timely feedback about the OHS Funding Program?

We're always looking for ways to improve our programs. At the end of the funding term, funding recipients will be sent an OHS Funding Program Survey that is designed to find out how the WSCC may improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the OHS Funding Program. The Program Administrator will send funding recipients this brief survey.

You can also directly email the OHS Funding Program Administrator with your concerns, comments, and suggestions at **funding@wscc.nt.ca** or **funding@wscc.nu.ca** or call (867) 920-3843.

# How will the information I submit be used or shared?

Personal information that is collected for this process is required to communicate with funding applicants and to help determine their eligibility for the OHS Funding Program. All personal information collected is protected and managed in accordance with the applicable NWT or Nunavut *Access to Privacy and Protection of Information Act (ATIPP)*.

It is important to be aware that the WSCC, for reasons of accountability and transparency, will post your name, the contribution amount and information on the initiative to the relevant section of its website.

You have the right to the correction of, access to, and protection of your personal information under the *ATIPP*, as well as the right to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner(s) of NWT or Nunavut regarding the handling of your personal information.

By signing the application form, the applicant authorizes the WSCC to disclose any information received in the application within the WSCC or to outside entities for the following purposes:

- to reach a decision on the application,
- to administer and monitor the implementation of the initiative,
- to perform audits in the event of successful applications, or
- to evaluate the results of the initiative after completion.

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If you have questions regarding the privacy of your personal information, please contact the OHS Funding Program Administrator.

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