



APTN PROGRAMMING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LICENSING

January 14, 2022

Indigenous Language Programming – Series 2021-2022

Deadline for submissions: February 25, 2022 by 5:00 pm PT/CT/ET

APTN is sharing our Peoples' journey, celebrating our cultures, inspiring our children and honouring the wisdom of our Elders.

Introduction

This document constitutes a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) by APTN for licencing. This RFP is limited to:

- Indigenous Language programs (see eligible genres under Submission Specifics)
- Project proposals which will be submitted to the 2021-2022 Indigenous Program (IP) of the Canada Media Fund (CMF).

Although the CMF has yet to release their guidelines for their 2022-2023 fiscal, APTN will operate on the assumption that there will be **one IP Fund deadline**.

- APTN will not issue any other RFP's for Indigenous language projects for this fiscal year.
- APTN recognizes the CMF's decision to support a shift towards equal representation of gender in Canada's screen-based industries. The CMF's goal is to increase the amount of women-led productions, and are encouraging projects to add women to the enumerated cumulative Producer, Director and Writer positions to attain 40% of total number of positions held by women.

Submission specifics

Please see schedules B, C & D for programming general terms & conditions, eligibility and content priorities. Failure to comply with the conditions set out in these schedules will result in automatic rejection of your proposal.

Note: The Indigenous Language, and English or French version **must be delivered at the same time** in order to launch within the completion period.

Children & Youth Series, Documentary Series and Music, Variety and Performing Arts Series (Indigenous Language(s) with an English and/or French version)



Children & Youth Series

Language: Indigenous and English/French

Target Audience: 2-5 years, 6-8, 9-12 years, and 13-17 years

13 x 30 minutes

Budget Range TV: \$800,000 - \$1,200,000

All Children & Youth proposals must contain a DM Component (line 85 of the production budget.)

Documentary Series

Language: Indigenous and English/French

Target Audiences: 20-34, 35-49

13 x 30 minutes

Budget Range TV: \$800,000 - \$1,400,000

Music, Variety and Performing Arts Series

Language: Indigenous and English/French

Target Audience: 20-34 years

13 x 30 minutes

Budget Range: \$800,000 - \$1,400,000

Request for proposals open: January 14, 2022

Deadline for applications: February 25, 2022 by 5:00 pm **PT/CT/ET**

Decisions to Producers: March 2022

What APTN is looking for:

APTN is looking for bold and unique series ideas. Got an exciting story to tell and a fresh way to tell it? Then we want it. We love complicated and compelling characters (just like you) and we want to watch them stumble and thrive. The environment and setting can be anywhere provided the storyline and production follow Canadian content regulations. If the characters and themes are strong, we want to hear about them!

Audiences love to be introduced to new worlds, and to see familiar worlds presented with a new point of view. The more dangerous and challenging the situations the better, both physically and mentally. There are so many unique, inspiring and compelling Indigenous Peoples across the country, and we want to support you in telling their stories.

We are looking for those special and moving projects with universal themes. Think big characters, personalities and stories, while remembering humour, drama, conflict, and joy. We are very excited to see what you've got.

Please Note:

- Producers must deliver **ALL** versions of the program simultaneously (Indigenous and French/English), and all versions must include described video (In English or French, as applicable):
 - the Indigenous language version must be subtitled in either French or English; any English or French language segments in the Indigenous language version are to be translated and delivered with Indigenous language voice over. Subtitles must



be delivered in separate files. DO NOT BURN-IN SUBTITLES. Please visit the APTN Technical Specifications for more information.

- the French or English version must be closed captioned.
- In accordance with the CMF 2021-2022 Indigenous Language guidelines if applicable, Eligible DM Costs must be submitted as line item 85 within the Television Component's application budget and, along with the TV Component's Eligible Costs, will be treated as one set of Eligible Costs.
- In accordance with the CMF 2021-2022 Indigenous Language guidelines, "on average, at least 20% of the original Indigenous version of the Television Component's on-screen dialogue and/or narration must have been originally shot in an Indigenous language".
- The Indigenous language version should be a complete viewing experience.
- Producers must ensure that they have sufficient voice talent for the Indigenous language version to provide a distinct voice to each subject (ie: actors, narrators, interview subjects). Producer should strive to have the voice reflect the
- age of the original speaker.

Programs that receive a licence fee commitment must commence principal photography before **June 30, 2023**, and have interim financing or similar funding arrangements in place.

APTN is unable to confirm at this time when first payment can occur. If a project is recommended for licencing, APTN will contact the producer to discuss potential payment drawdowns. APTN strongly suggests that producers forecast and budget for interim financing for a minimum period of 12 months.

All payments will be payable in 60 days following receipt and approval of the invoice and deliverables.



APTN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING – SERIES 2020-2021 APPLICATION FORM

Submission Date: _____

Program Title: _____

Window Offered to APTN: _____

Applicant Production Company Name: _____

Region of Production: Eastern (NB, NL, NS, NU, PE, QC)

Central (SK, MB, ON, NT)

Western (AB, BC, YT)

Cycle: _____ Episode #: _____ to _____

Genre:

- Children & Youth**
- Documentary Feature
- Performing Arts
- Variety
- Scripted Feature film
- Feature Docs

Target

Audience:

- 0-5 years**
- 6 – 12 years
- 13 – 17 years
- 18 – 34 years
- 35+ years

**Broadcast
Length Per**

Ep.:

- 30 minutes**
- 60 minutes
- 90 minutes
- Other

Form:

One-off

- Pilot
- Mini-Series # of Episodes: _____
- Series # of Episodes: _____

Total Broadcast Length: _____

Short Synopsis: _____

Original Language: Indigenous - Please specify: _____

Dialect - (if applicable) Please specify: _____

Versioning: English French

Specify Version Language(s): _____



Closed Captioning is required and must be included in the budget.

Is closed captioning accounted for? No Yes

Descriptive video is required and must be included in the budget. Is descriptive video accounted for?

No Yes

Applicant Information:

Legal Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Website: _____

Indigenous Partner/Owner: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Non-Indigenous Partner/Owner (if applicable): _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Indigenous Declaration:

APTN requires applicants to specify the Indigenous group to which they belong.*

Please indicate which percentage of the Applicant Production Company is Indigenous-owned:

Name of Shareholder	Percentage of ownership	Inuit	First Nations	Métis	Non-Indigenous
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total					

* Where the applicant is an individual, an Indigenous individual is defined to include a First Nations, Métis or Inuit individual who resides in Canada. Where the applicant is a production company, an Indigenous production company is defined as a sole proprietorship, a limited company, a co-operative, a partnership or a not-for-profit organization in which Indigenous persons have at least 51% ownership and effective control; or a joint venture consisting of two or more Indigenous businesses or an Indigenous business and a non-Indigenous business, provided that the Indigenous business(es) has at least 51% Indigenous ownership and effective control of the joint venture. APTN requires statistics in these areas for reporting requirements to the Board of Directors. Consistent with our founding objectives, APTN gives preferential treatment to Indigenous individuals and production companies in the selection of production proposals.



Please list key creative and Indigenous affiliation:

Title	Name(s)	Gender F/M/X	Inuit	First Nations	Métis	Non- Indigenous
Executive Producer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Producer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Host/Actor			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director of Photography			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Editor			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Composer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are 40% of the key creative roles held by women? Yes or No _____

What aspects of APTN's Programming Mandates are reflected in the proposal?

- Indigenous Context
- Indigenous Director
- Indigenous Producer
- Indigenous Talent
- Other (please specify) _____



INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE VERSION:

Please list key creative and Indigenous affiliation: (See "What to submit with your proposal" #22 for reference)

Title	Name(s)	Inuit	First Nations	Métis	Non-Indigenous
Translator/Oral		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translator/Written		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participant (If Applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indigenous Graphics Creator		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Host (If Applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice Over Actors (If Applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice Over Actors (If Applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Voice Over Actors (If Applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: please specify:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Indigenous Training Plan:

Does your project have a training plan to develop the skills of Indigenous team members?: Yes No

If so, please list the positions and names (if possible) of Indigenous Trainee(s) and Mentor(s) below. Feel free to attach a description of this training initiative with your application:

Title	Name(s)	Trainee or Mentor T/M	Gender F/M/X	Inuit	First Nations	Métis
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list budget items attributable to Indigenous Trainees, Mentors and include number of days budgeted:

Budget Code	Description	Number of Days	Rate	Total Amount
Total Training Budget				



Finance Structure

Please indicate if financing is committed or pending:

Financing source	Dollar amount expected	Percentage of total budget	Confirmed or pending?
APTN licence			
CMF Indigenous Program			
CMF - English Performance Envelope			
CMF - French Performance Envelope			
Other Broadcaster Licence Please Specify: _____			
Federal Tax Credits			
Provincial Tax Credits			
Other Sources Please Specify: _____			
Other Sources Please Specify: _____			
Other Sources Please Specify: _____			
Other Sources Please Specify: _____			
Total budget amount			

Declaration of Related-Party Transactions

During the production titled _____, will the production company _____ perform any transactions (including fees, salary, rental of goods or services, administration fees or miscellaneous expenses) with the following companies and/or individuals?



Type of Related Parties	YES	NO
Parent company	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subsidiary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Companies under common control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shareholders of parent company	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shareholders of subsidiary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Members of immediate family (husband, wife and children)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management and/or employees of parent company	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management and/or employees of subsidiary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered yes to one of the questions above, then please complete the table hereunder:

Name of the Related Company of Individual	Type of Relation	Budget Code	Description	Amount
Total				

Definitions

Related parties exist when one party has the ability to exercise, directly or indirectly, control, joint control or significant influence over the other. Two or more parties are related when they are subject to common control, joint or common significant influence. Related parties also include management and immediate family members.

A related party transaction is a transfer of economic resources or obligations between related parties, or the provision of services by one party to a related party, regardless of whether any consideration is exchanged. The parties to the transaction are related prior to the transaction. When the relationship arises as a result of the transaction, the transaction is not one between related parties.

Control of an enterprise is the continuing power to determine its strategic operating, investing and financing policies without the cooperation of others.

Significant influence over an enterprise is the ability to affect the strategic operating, investing and financing policies of the enterprise.



What to Submit with your Proposal(s) - Checklist of Attached Materials for Production

When submitting ensure that components are organized and numbered in the following order:

- 1. Signed **INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING - SERIES 2021-2022: APPLICATION FORM.**
- 2. Signed [Proposal Submission Agreement for Producers Form.](#)
- 3. Completed **Declaration as to Indigenous Descent Form.**
[Individual](#)
[Company](#)
- 4. Series short synopsis (one paragraph only).
- 5. Series long synopsis (one page maximum).
- 6. Pitch deck including (but not limited to):
 - Program format
 - Short and long synopsis
 - Key details: genre, running time, number of episodes, original language of shooting
 - An overview of how the story is structured, how it will be told, its focus, and how it will be treated in its visual and audio presentation. An understanding of what drives the team to tell this story, and how they are connected to it.
 - Treatment (5 to 15 pages), including, as applicable, episode synopses, shooting locations, list of potential guests, and description of the host/narrator.
 - Creative materials (such as storyboards, sketches, photos, DEMO/SIZZLE reel available online via Vimeo or YouTube in support of project, links of Director and/or Producer's previous works)
- 8. Identify your target audience and outline the program's relevance and appeal to APTN's audience. Highlight how your project achieves some of our objectives to: Entertain, Inform/Educate, Celebrate/Revitalize Culture, and Inspire Action.
- 9. Proposed production schedule, including start of principal photography, rough cut delivery, fine cut delivery and master delivery for each episode and target dates for confirmation of funding, completion of production and proposed broadcast.
- 10. Finance Plan. If confirmed sources are in place, include letters confirming financial commitments.
- 11. Dated and signed complete budget.
- 12. Cashflow statement. All payments will be payable in 60 days following receipt and approval of deliverables and invoice.
- 13. Description of interim financing.



- 14. Detailed calculation for Federal and Provincial tax credit.
- 15. Corporate information (including past production experience/broadcasting credits). APTN will not consider licencing proposals submitted by individuals or companies that do not have relevant production experience.
- 16. Incorporation documents for all Producer(s), Production Companies and Parent Company(ies), wholly-owned subsidiaries where relevant or other involved corporate entities that have a substantial involvement in the production, as applicable.
- 17. Shareholder register and ownership share.
- 18. List and resumes of key creative personnel/principal crew members
- 19. Complete Chain of Title identifying the following:
 - Writer's agreements, option/purchase agreements, transfer of rights agreements and all other agreements demonstrating that the producer(s) holds the rights to the following:
 - The creative material and concept.
 - The rights to produce, distribute and exploit the project.
- 20. A detailed and comprehensive training plan for Indigenous personnel clearly outlining the professional and mentorship components as well as the expected outcomes for these individuals.
- 21. Promotional Implementation Delivery Strategy. Please see the APTN Program Delivery Technical Specifications for details regarding what promotional materials are mandatory and optional to factor in your budget. [APTN Technical Standards](#)
- 22. List and resumes of the following working on the Indigenous language version: Translator/Oral, Translator/Written, Participant (if applicable), Indigenous Graphics Creator for Open and Close credits, titles, graphics, Host (if applicable) and Voice over Actor(s) (if applicable).

PLEASE NOTE: Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted or considered and incomplete submissions will be automatically declined by APTN.



Where to Submit Proposals

Proposals must be submitted in PDF format via the producer's Dropbox (or other online server APTN can access for secure download) by **February 25, 2022 by 5:00 pm PT/CT/ET:**

We will not accept submissions sent by courier, mail, e-mail or fax. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted or considered and incomplete submissions will be automatically declined by APTN.

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SCHEDULE B

General Terms & Conditions

Applications are not accepted via courier, mail, e-mail or fax.

Failure to provide all documentation will result in automatic rejection of the proposal. Please note that APTN will not return materials so please retain a copy for your files. APTN is not responsible for damaged materials. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted or considered.

A committee of APTN Programming Department members will meet to review complete proposals (outside readers may be engaged to review treatments/scripts for complete applications). This process takes anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks. The committee will recommend the selection of a limited number of programs for licencing.

APTN is not obliged to select all proposals that are considered and reserves the right to extend the deadline for proposals or add, delete, and/or change the terms of this RFP and issue corrections and amendments to this document. APTN has made every effort to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in this document. APTN also reserves the right to contact producers to discuss their proposal and to conduct negotiations with a producer.

EXCEPT as provided in the Proposal Submission Agreement, producers who submit proposals will not acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges whatsoever until a formal licence agreement is signed with APTN.

APTN requests applicants to voluntarily self-identify. APTN requires statistics in these areas for reporting requirements to the Board of Directors and the CRTC. An Indigenous person is defined to include a First Nations, Inuit or Métis person who resides in Canada.

APTN will contact producers whose programs have been selected and, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, will extend an invitation to enter into a formal agreement with APTN.

Please note:

- There are no automatic broadcast licences for programs that are currently in development with APTN. Developed proposals are considered year-round.
- APTN requires E&O insurance for all projects. This must be included in the budget (Five (5) years for all genres).
- Program is to otherwise comply with [APTN Technical Standards](#)



SCHEDULE C

APTN is seeking content that celebrates, challenges, uplifts, educates, and entertains our communities. We want to showcase the most important stories, the most hilarious personalities, the most visionary storytellers in our communities.

We are always open to new types of content, but the below content categories are what we are most commonly looking for. Our largest commissioning category is documentary series, but we are also looking at other formats via development, second window applications, and selected RFPs. By watching APTN and speaking with the Original Programming Managers, producers can get a sense of subjects from the below list that are not being fully explored by our current slate of shows in production. Pitches that can fit in one or more of the following categories may be more competitive, as they can be programmed with a wider variety of our shows.

APTN programming provides a service to our audiences. In order to stand out, new pitches should strongly serve audiences in at least two of the following ways:

- Educate/Inform
- Entertain
- Revitalize/Celebrate Culture
- Inspire Action

Documentary Series

In addition to being exciting shows that we believe will attract our audiences, these shows should:

- Have a clear and unique POV, expressed through shooting style, approach to content, tone, casting, etc.
- Be action-driven. We need to see characters in unique scenarios, doing things that create story.
- Hosts can be present, but they need to be part of the action of the show. Traditional stand-ups should rarely be part of the format.
- Must be CMF-able (IP or PE)
- Must have strong potential for ongoing seasons.

Documentary Series topics & themes include (but not limited to):

- Comedic doc series (or comedic takes on subject matter)
- Food
- Indigenous workplaces
- Indigenous people at play (hobbies, sports, unique passions)
- Supernatural & Spiritual
- Indigenous Histories
- Sports & traditional activities
- Health / Healthy living
- Living/Being on the Land
- Reclamation and community
- Sex & relationships
- BIPOC & LGBTQ+
- Arts
- Politics/activism



Indigenous Language education

- Indigenous language education pitches arrive primarily via RFP.

Drama

- Unless part of an RFP, Drama pitches arrive via development or a second window application.

Scripted Comedy

- Unless part of an RFP, Comedy pitches arrive via development or a second window application.

Kids

- Unless part of an RFP, Kids shows arrive via development or a second window application.

Talk/Current events

- Unless part of an RFP, Talk/current events pitches arrive via development or a second window application.

SCHEDULE D

Eligibility and Evaluation of Proposals

Eligibility Guidelines

In order for proposals to be eligible for consideration the following conditions must be met:

- 1) Program selection must be of interest to a national Indigenous audience.
- 2) The producer must:
 - a) be an Indigenous Person, if an individual, which is defined to include a First Nations, Métis or Inuit individual who resides in Canada;
 - b) be an Indigenous Production Company, which is defined to include:
 - A sole proprietorship, a limited company, a co-operative, a partnership or a not-for-profit organization in which Indigenous Persons have at least **fifty-one (51%) percent ownership and control; or**
 - c) have submitted a proposal that otherwise qualifies for funding or licensing under the APTN Licensing and Acquisitions Policy.
- 3) The production company must be in compliance, and not in default, with any previous contract(s) with APTN. In the event of a coproduction or new company established between two or more existing companies, all companies must be in compliance with any previous contract(s) with APTN. APTN reserves the right not to review proposals from any company involved in a project that does not meet this requirement.
- 4) APTN requires programs in Indigenous languages to be subtitled in either French or English.



- 5) APTN requires closed captioning for the hearing impaired on all English and French programs, as well as described video for programming drawn from the following CRTC program categories: 2(b) long form doc; 7 drama and comedy; 9 variety; 11(a) general entertainment & human interest; 11(b) reality TV, and/or may be programming targeting children.
- 6) All projects accessing CMF funding will require an ISAN number.
- 7) APTN will not licence proposals submitted by individuals or companies that do not have relevant production experience.
- 8) For any licenced program APTN will require a [CRTC Certificate of Canadian Program Certification](#) (no CAVCO number) for all programs over 5 minutes in duration. The program must satisfy all Canadian content requirements of the CRTC. APTN will require a Canadian content certificate from the CRTC for the original language version of the program, as well as separate CRTC Canadian content certificate(s) for the Indigenous language version and/or any other official language version (which certificate should allow for additional 25% time credit from the CRTC for programs dubbed in Canada).

Evaluation Criteria

Notes:

Among various criteria, proposals are rated upon (but not limited to) the following conditions:

- APTN requires that ALL PROGRAMS be delivered in the form of digital files.
- Canadian source (please note that for any licensed program APTN will require a [CRTC Certificate of Canadian Program Certification](#) (no CAVCO) for all programs over 5 minutes in duration)
- Creative content including originality, production value, track record of creative team
- Level of Indigenous participation:
 - Executive Producer, Producer, Showrunner, Director, Principal Writer
 - Crew
 - Talent
- Indigenous mentorship/training commitments
- Number and value of licenses previously granted
- Secured funding
- Shelf life
- APTN window
- Production schedule (target availability for broadcast)
- Primary and Secondary Audience
 - National
 - Regional
- Provide DM component if applicable

Proposals are evaluated on many criteria, including the vision of APTN; our desire to attract and engage our audience; the terms of our license with the CRTC; the finite financial resources of the network; the quality of the proposal; and the credentials of the production team.

APTN receives more than 250 project proposals each year and is only able to proceed with a small number of these. A rejection of your proposal is not always a creative judgment on your work but merely a reflection of how much we can commit to at any given time.