Dene STEAM funding list

28 programs reviewed. Checked November 14, 2026.

This is the list we built while looking for funding for Dene STEAM. Every line comes from the funder's own page, opened on November 14, 2026. Amounts are in Canadian dollars. Deadlines and rules change, so always check the official page before you apply. Anyone in the community is welcome to use this list.

Open now or coming up (21)

Canadian Heritage: Indigenous Languages Component (First Nations Languages Funding Model)

What it funds: Projects that bring back and strengthen First Nations languages, including land-based learning, recording and documenting the language, and youth and Elder work.

Amount: No set maximum listed. Can cover up to 100% of eligible costs. Administration can be no more than 15%.

Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026, 3:00 PM Saskatchewan time (4:00 PM Eastern).

Who can apply: First Nations governments and organizations, and First Nations ad hoc groups formed for a language work plan. Proof of support from First Nations leadership (a Band Council Resolution, letter or email) is required.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Yes, as an ad hoc group, with a letter or BCR from leadership. We are working on our application.

Official page: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/indigenous-peoples/languages/application-guidelines.html

Northern Lights Community Development Corporation (NLCDC): Community investment grants

What it funds: Education, cultural development, language and cultural camps, youth and seniors, in the NLCDC area (which includes Meadow Lake Tribal Council communities).

Amount: Not listed for general projects. First Nations also have a yearly allotment of $10,000 for cultural activities and $10,000 for Elders activities.

Deadline: General intakes: March 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. First Nations cultural and Elder project forms have no deadline; send them at least one month before the event.

Who can apply: First Nations organizations and nonprofits inside the NLCDC area. New groups must register online at least two weeks before applying.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. It would go through an eligible, registered group.

Official page: https://www.nlcdc.ca/

SaskCulture (Sask Lotteries): Indigenous Arts and Culture Leadership Grant

What it funds: Indigenous arts and culture projects, with priority for northern, rural and First Nations-led work.

Amount: Small Project up to $15,000. Major Project over $15,000, up to $30,000.

Deadline: The 2026 intake closed April 23, 2026. The next deadline is not posted yet.

Who can apply: Registered Saskatchewan nonprofits with a cultural focus that have finished at least one fiscal year, or a First Nation or Tribal Council in good standing with Sask Lotteries.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. We would need to be incorporated for a year, or partner with a First Nation or Tribal Council.

Official page: https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/indigenous-arts-and-culture-leadership-grant

SaskCulture (Sask Lotteries): Small Grant Accessibility Program

What it funds: Small cultural projects with total costs of $5,000 or less. Priority for Indigenous, northern and first-time applicants.

Amount: Up to $2,000.

Deadline: January 11, 2027.

Who can apply: Saskatchewan nonprofits with a cultural focus, including unincorporated groups, if they have a bank account in the group's name and a waiver signed by two decision makers. First Nations and Tribal Councils can also apply.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Yes, once we have a bank account in Dene STEAM's name.

Official page: https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/small-grant-accessibility-program

Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund: Reconciliation Action Grants

What it funds: One-time Indigenous-led activities, events or projects. It does not fund ongoing programs.

Amount: $1,500 to $15,000, one time.

Deadline: December 9, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern (10:59 PM Saskatchewan time). Applicants hear back by March 2027.

Who can apply: Indigenous educators, cultural creators, community leaders, artists, Elders, youth and others. Groups that are not registered can apply through a trustee agreement with the Fund.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Yes. We are drafting an application.

Official page: https://downiewenjack.ca/the-blanket-fund/action/

Employment and Social Development Canada: Canada Summer Jobs 2027

What it funds: Wages for summer jobs for young people aged 15 to 30.

Amount: Not-for-profit employers: up to 100% of minimum wage plus required employment costs. Public and private employers: 50% of minimum wage.

Deadline: December 3, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific (1:59 AM December 4, Saskatchewan time). Jobs run between April 19 and August 28, 2027.

Who can apply: Employers with a CRA business number and payroll account, generally operating for two years. Not-for-profit Band Councils can apply.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. We do not have a CRA business number or two years of operation.

Official page: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/applicant-guide/who-can-apply.html

Cameco: Community investment and sponsorship

What it funds: Education, youth, literacy, wellness and community development, with priority for northern Saskatchewan.

Amount: Not listed.

Deadline: Rolling. Apply before the project starts.

Who can apply: Nonprofits and communities. Not individuals, operating costs or capital items.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. A First Nation or registered nonprofit is the practical applicant.

Official page: https://www.cameco.com/community/sponsorship

Orano Canada: Donations and sponsorships

What it funds: Health, education, access to water and economic development in communities near Orano sites in Saskatchewan's north.

Amount: Not listed.

Deadline: Rolling, reviewed every three months.

Who can apply: Nonprofits or recognized community organizations. Not operating costs or individuals.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. A recognized community organization would apply.

Official page: https://www.orano.group/canada/en/our-commitments/community-engagement

First Nations Trust: Gaming profit distributions to Saskatchewan First Nations

What it funds: Money shared with each Saskatchewan First Nation every three months. Each Nation decides how to use it, for things like education, youth and seniors programs, and culture.

Amount: Decided by each First Nation.

Deadline: Usually June, September, December and March.

Who can apply: Saskatchewan First Nations. There is no public application for community groups.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No. This is a Chief and Council decision.

Official page: https://www.firstnationstrust.com/

Actua network (SCI-FI Science Camps at the University of Saskatchewan, and First Nations University of Canada Science Outreach): Indigenous youth STEM camps and workshops

What it funds: Hands-on science, technology and engineering camps, workshops and clubs, delivered in partnership. This is programming help, not a cheque.

Amount: Not listed.

Deadline: No deadline. This is a partnership.

Who can apply: Actua's university and college members deliver the programs with communities.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Partnership only, not a grant.

Official page: https://actua.ca/network

SaskTel: Community Investment Program (sponsorships)

What it funds: Events and programs about technology, diversity including Indigenous people, youth, rural communities and the environment.

Amount: Not listed.

Deadline: Rolling. Ask at least 30 days before the event.

Who can apply: Saskatchewan nonprofits and charities. Not travel, capital, research or operating costs.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. A registered nonprofit or First Nation would apply.

Official page: https://www.sasktel.com/about-us/Community/Sponsorships/Sponsorships

Sask Lotteries: Community Grant Program

What it funds: Sport, culture and recreation. Local governments and First Nations apply and share the money with local volunteer groups.

Amount: Based on population. Northern communities get at least $500.

Deadline: Northern communities: April 1 and October 1. Next: April 1, 2027.

Who can apply: Municipal governments, First Nations and northern settlements.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No. The First Nation applies and can share funds with local groups.

Official page: https://www.sasklotteries.ca/trust-funds-grants/

Government of Saskatchewan, First Nations and Métis Relations: First Nations and Métis Sponsorships

What it funds: One-time events about education, jobs, learning, cultural celebrations, and honouring veterans and Elders.

Amount: Examples on the page: $1,000 for a community event, $2,000 for a cultural celebration, up to $5,000 for a province-wide event.

Deadline: Open until the 2026-27 money is used up.

Who can apply: Registered Saskatchewan nonprofits, First Nations, Tribal Councils, FSIN, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan bodies, municipalities and school divisions.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. Unincorporated groups cannot apply.

Official page: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/first-nations-citizens/saskatchewan-first-nations-metis-and-northern-initiatives/first-nations-and-metis-sponsorships

RBC and RBC Foundation: Community Investments

What it funds: Skills for the changing world of work, including technology and AI. General language learning is not a focus.

Amount: Average about $40,000 a year. Larger requests need audited statements.

Deadline: Rolling. RBC aims to reply within 90 days.

Who can apply: Registered charities, qualified donees and nonprofits where RBC does business.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet.

Official page: https://www.rbc.com/our-impact/apply-for-funding/community-investments-canada.html

NSERC: PromoScience

What it funds: Ongoing programs that get young people into science and engineering, including programs for Indigenous youth.

Amount: Up to $200,000 a year for three years, usually up to one third of a program's funding.

Deadline: September 15 each year. The 2026 competition is closed.

Who can apply: Registered nonprofits with ongoing programs, colleges and universities, and science centres.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet. We need to be incorporated and running ongoing programs.

Official page: https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/promoscience

SaskPower: Business Initiatives (community contributions)

What it funds: Initiatives about electrical safety, energy conservation, the environment, Indigenous relations and business relations.

Amount: Not listed.

Deadline: Rolling. Answer in 4 to 6 weeks.

Who can apply: Saskatchewan nonprofits or charities with a registration number. SaskPower will not be the only funder.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Not yet.

Official page: https://www.saskpower.com/about-us/community-contributions/financial-support/business-initiatives

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation: FEF Grant

What it funds: Environmental education and green spaces that are open to the public. Solar panels and other capital costs are not funded.

Amount: No set amount. Most grants are $2,000 to $8,000.

Deadline: Winter: December 15, 2026. Summer: June 15.

Who can apply: Registered charities, schools, municipalities, and Indigenous groups and communities.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? Possibly, for a land-based environmental learning project only.

Official page: https://www.td.com/ca/en/about-td/community-giving/apply-for-funding/fef-grant

Community Initiatives Fund (Saskatchewan): Community Grant Program

What it funds: Community-led programs. Programs that mainly benefit people living on-reserve are not eligible, because First Nations Trust covers on-reserve work.

Amount: Up to $35,000 for a local or regional program.

Deadline: April 1, 2027 at 4:00 PM. New applicants register by March 15, 2027.

Who can apply: Incorporated Saskatchewan nonprofits, First Nations, municipalities, schools and others.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No, for on-reserve programs.

Official page: https://www.cifsask.org/grants/community-grant-program/

Community Initiatives Fund (Saskatchewan): Summer Grant Program

What it funds: Summer programs for people under 18, from June 1 to August 31. The same on-reserve rule applies.

Amount: Up to $7,500.

Deadline: February 1, 2027 at 4:00 PM. New applicants register by January 15, 2027.

Who can apply: Same as the Community Grant Program.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No, for on-reserve programs.

Official page: https://www.cifsask.org/grants/summer-grant-program/

Indspire: Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries and Scholarships

What it funds: Money for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students in college, university, trades and technology programs.

Amount: Varies by student.

Deadline: August 1, November 1 and February 1. Next: February 1, 2027.

Who can apply: Individual Indigenous post-secondary students. Not organizations.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No. Youth can apply on their own when they go to school.

Official page: https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/

Mastercard Foundation: EleV partnerships and Mastercard Foundation Fellows

What it funds: Partnerships with Indigenous-led groups, including language, culture and STEM. Fellows supports Indigenous youth aged 22 to 34.

Amount: Fellows: up to $50,000 per Fellow. Partnerships: not listed.

Deadline: No open call right now.

Who can apply: Partners are chosen by the Foundation. Fellows calls will be announced.

Can a new, unincorporated group like Dene STEAM apply on its own today? No open call.

Official page: https://mastercardfdn.org/en/where-we-work/canada/

Closed or ended (7)

We list these so nobody spends time on them.

Indigenous Services Canada: Innovation in Education Program

Ended April 1, 2026.

https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1488201235288/1531315804884

Indigenous Services Canada: First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy (Skills Link and Summer Work Experience), 2026 to 2027

Call closed March 6, 2026.

https://sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1773148923410/1773148944304

Canadian Heritage: Youth Take Charge

Applications closed.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/youth-take-charge.html

Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund: Capacity Building Grants

2026 window closed May 31, 2026. Next window not posted.

https://downiewenjack.ca/the-blanket-fund/capacity/

RBC: Future Launch Community Challenge

No longer taking new ideas.

https://www.rbc.com/our-impact/apply-for-funding/community-investments-canada.html

Indspire: Nurturing Capacity

Ended in 2019.

https://indspire.ca/programs/

Canadian Heritage: Indigenous Languages Component, multi-distinction and urban organizations stream

Closed for 2027-2028.

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/indigenous-peoples.html