

Harvester Support Grant

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Supporting Harvesters and Community Food Security

The Harvester Support Grant is a federal program created in 2019 at the request of Inuit. Its goal is to support harvesters and increase sharing of food in communities.

Makivvik's Department of Environment, Wildlife, and Research manages the funds and ensures the program reflects Inuit values and customs.

The Harvester Support Grant can fund both harvesting projects, as well as equipment and small infrastructures for broader food security initiatives in your community.

Who Can Apply

- Northern villages
- Anguvigaq & Anguvigait
- Landholding corporations
- Other non-profit organizations (e.g., men's associations, family houses)

PHOTO (FRONT COVER): RACHEL GUINDON
PHOTO: QARMAPIK FAMILY HOUSE



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Harvesting PROJECTS

These projects provide direct support to harvesters and support community sharing of country food.

Funding Criteria

Projects should:

- **Support harvesters** and sustainable harvesting (respect animals, use all parts, no waste)
- **Increase food sharing**, especially to people and families with limited means
- **Be open to anyone** able to safely participate, with the option to focus on those who have fewer opportunities to go on the land

Highly recommended: Involve youth to pass on Inuit knowledge

Highly recommended: Include activities like butchering, food prep, collecting down, skinning, or making Inuit clothing with community partners

Examples of Harvesting Projects

- Community hunts for geese, caribou, or beluga, including youth participation
- Fishing trips for elders, widows, or people with disabilities
- Summer camps or regular outings for youth to learn harvesting skills and on-the-land safety

- Organized outings for berry picking, mussels picking, and plant gathering.
- Local vouchers for gas, food, and materials to support families going hunting, fishing, or berry picking
- Purchase, maintain, repair, or upgrade harvesting infrastructure (see Equipment & Infrastructure Projects on next pages)

Examples of Eligible Expenses:

- Gas, naphtha, propane
- Food supplies
- Equipment rental
- Transportation and accommodation
- Camping gear and clothing
- Freezers and generators for cabins
- Safety equipment (e.g., satellite phone, life vests)
- Materials to build or repair cabins
- Honorarium for knowledge keepers, guides, helpers, cooks, or labor for cabin construction

Additional items to be agreed upon.

Not eligible:

- Salaries and wages for harvesters (honorarium for guides/helpers/knowledge keepers are allowed)
- Additional funding under the local Hunter Support Program to purchase meat, fish, or seafood
- Alcohol and cigarettes
- Junk food, candies and pop should be avoided

Equipment & Infrastructure PROJECTS

These projects support equipment and infrastructure that strengthens food security in communities.

Funding Criteria

Projects must:

- **Be part of a broader food security initiative or program**
- Be owned and managed by the organization
- Achieve at least one of these goals:
 - Support harvesters following Inuit values
 - Help youth to go on the land safely and learn harvesting knowledge
 - Support elders, widows, or people with disabilities to harvest
 - Increase food sharing to people and families with limited means
 - Increase local food production

Equipment and infrastructure should benefit **as many community members as possible.**



Examples of Equipment & Infrastructure Projects

- Cabins, small boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, trailers, event tents, or community repair spaces
- Freezers for boats or cabins
- Kitchen upgrades, appliances, or additional food storage for non-profit food programs
- Community greenhouses (non-profit model)

Examples of Eligible Expenses:

- Setting up or repairing cabins (materials, gas, food, equipment rental)
- Freezers and generators for cabins
- Event tents
- Food processing equipment (dehydrators, meat grinders)
- Kitchen appliances (fridge, stove, freezer)
- Materials to build or retrofit kitchens or greenhouses
- Labour or honorarium for project work
- Shipping costs for materials and equipment
- Short-term maintenance linked directly to the project

Additional items to be agreed upon.

Not eligible:

- Personal equipment or infrastructure
- Research-only equipment
- Large capital construction projects
- Vehicles for private use
- Salaries and wages for harvesters



PHOTO (BACK COVER): GERALDINE GOUIN
PHOTO: RACHEL GUINDON

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted **any time during the year**. Send your completed form to **HSG@makivvik.ca** or call **Deseray Cumberbatch** at **1.800.361.7052** or **Léa Laflamme** at **418-522-2224 ext. 3**

- Applications are usually processed within 3–4 weeks, though additional information may be requested
- Makivvik executives make the final decisions on project approvals
- Upon approval, your organization will sign a funding agreement with Makivvik
- After completion, a report and financial summary must be submitted

Important Notes

- **Schools:** Before requesting funding for harvesting project or kitchen retrofits/appliances, contact KI first. KI has separate funding specifically for school food programs.
- Requests for equipment, boats, or freezers under the Hunter Support Program must be communicated to KRG first.
- For projects over 500K, proponents must contact program coordinator to evaluate eligibility and funding options.

Scan this QR code or visit www.makivvik.ca/harvester-support-grant to start your application





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