



**Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.**

## **NUNAVUT HARVESTERS SUPPORT PROGRAM**

### **COMMUNITY HUNT PROGRAM POLICY**

*Approved by the Board of Directors in August 2021*

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The objective of the Nunavut Harvesters Support Program (NHSP) is to relieve poverty among the Inuit of Nunavut and to preserve and advance Inuit harvesting culture, heritage and traditional ways of life, in accordance with the Nunavut Harvesters Support Program Policy (the “NHSP Policy”).

NHSP Community Hunt Program (the “Program”) is to carry out the above objective by funding and assisting with community hunts in Nunavut.

#### **II. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

The Program provides funding and assistance to organizations or groups interested in participating in community hunts.

Eligible organizations (the “Applicant”) generally include incorporated entities such as hamlets, Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), Regional Wildlife Organizations or not-for-profit organizations. Unincorporated and informal groups of hunters are also eligible. For-profit businesses will not be eligible to receive funding under this program. Funding amounts are based on community size, nature of the proposed hunt, and number of harvesters involved.

To be eligible for funding assistance, an incorporated Applicant must:

- Be in good legal standing to operate in Nunavut;
- Provide a letter of commitment or an organizational resolution signed by a director or an executive officer indicating the organization supports the proposed hunt and indicating that the applicant understands that all or a substantial portion of the harvest (at least 50%) from the proposed hunt will be distributed to the community;
- Be able to obtain a harvesting permit, tag or appropriate allocation, if required, for the proposed species to be harvested.

To be eligible for funding assistance, an unincorporated group must:

- Be made up of at least five (5) individuals (“Organizers”) who are (a) 16 years of age or older, (b) enrolled under the *Nunavut Agreement*, and (c) will be participating in the proposed hunt;

- Provide a letter of commitment signed by all Organizers (additional participants do not have to sign the letter) and indicating that the applicant understands that all or a substantial portion of the harvest (at least 50%) from the proposed hunt will be distributed to the community;
- Be able to obtain a harvesting permit, tag or appropriate allocation, if required, for the proposed species to be harvested.

### **III. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

The Program will provide funding for the following expenses (to a maximum of \$5,000 per application for (a) and (b)):

- (a) Fuel for snowmobiles, ATVs/UTVs (Side-by-sides) or boats used by the Applicant for the community hunt at the following rates:
  - Snowmobiles, \$100 per day to a maximum amount of \$500 per skidoo per application/trip
  - ATV or UTVs (Side-by-sides), \$50 per day to a maximum amount of \$250 per ATV/UTV per application/trip
  - Boat, \$200 per day for a maximum amount of \$1,000 per boat per application/trip
- (b) Food for harvesters involved in the community hunt at a rate of \$50 per harvester per day to a maximum amount of \$250 per harvester per application/trip (only harvesters ten years of age or older can receive funding for food).
- (c) Approved Annual HTO Community Hunts. The annual HTO community hunt budgets will be approved by NHSP on an annual basis. Part or all of the community hunt budget may be used for gas subsidy for hunters in need on a first-come, first-serve basis, subject to the following limits:
  - One application per household per year
  - Maximum amount per application: \$250 for gasoline and \$100 for oil/naptha

Funds must not be used to pay harvesters for their time during a community hunt or for use of their equipment.

The Applicant shall provide the following information to the program administrator: names of families with whom the catch has been shared (or confirmation that appropriate contribution from the catch has been made to the community freezers (where available)); species and quantities caught. The information will be used for the program administration only and not for any other purposes.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY**

The Program will be overseen by the NHSP Secretariat at NTI, with the assistance of the NHSP Working Group, and delivered by the Regional Inuit Associations (RIAs) in accordance with the NHSP Policy, this Policy, NHSP Delivery Guidelines, and Community Hunt Program Guidelines that may be developed by the Secretariat in partnership with the RIAs and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Secretariat and RIAs may also develop and use additional material such as manuals, forms, instructions and templates that are consistent with approved policies and guidelines and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

## **V. REVIEW**

The Policy may be reviewed every five (5) years at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Secretariat from reviewing the Program on a more frequent basis.