



## **Return to Written Question**

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**Asked of: Honourable David Akeeagok, MLA  
A/Minister of Family Services**

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**Subject: Departmental Grants and Contributions**

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### **Questions:**

- 1. How much funding was provided to the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years?**
- 2. What reporting requirements were in place with respect to funding provided to the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years?**
- 3. With respect to funding provided by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years, what expenditures were undertaken by the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society?**
- 4. How much funding was provided to the Rick Hansen Foundation by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years?**
- 5. What reporting requirements were in place with respect to funding provided to the Rick Hansen Foundation by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years?**

6. With respect to funding provided by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years, what expenditures were undertaken by the Rick Hansen Foundation?
7. In addition to funding provided to the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society and the Rick Hansen Foundation, what other grants and contributions were provided by the Government of Nunavut during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years for the purpose of supporting persons with disabilities?

**Responses:**

1. Funding provided to the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years:

**2018-2019:**

<b>Amount in \$</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>
100,000.00	Family Wellness
141,880.50	Career Development
315,100.00	Career Development

**2019-2020:**

<b>Amount in \$</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>
100,000.00	Family Wellness
141,880.50	Career Development
132,250.00	Career Development

2. Reporting requirements in place with respect to funding provided to the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society (NDMS) during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years:
  - a. Mid-year unaudited financial report
  - b. Within 90 days of the end of the GN's fiscal year, to submit to the Department of Family Services an annual report that outlines activities undertaken throughout the year, achievements, and resource material generated, Statement of income and expenditure
  - c. Year-end audited financial statement with the Management Letter and detailing any allowable retained surplus and/or any recoverable surplus. NDMS funded amounts for the two fiscal years 2018-2020 did not have surplus amount.
3. With respect to funding provided during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years as outlined above, according to the work plans submitted by the Society,

expenditures undertaken by the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society included:

### **2018-2019**

Delivery of twelve (12) week Employment Program training initiative with a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week. Program was incorporated on-the job learning through co-op based education based on individual needs.

Delivery of Drop In/ One-on One Support. The total number of clients served was approximately thirty (30) individuals.

Delivery of three Employer Engagement Events and developed tools to support employers with different and challenging situations. The engagement event was offered in each of the Nunavut regions and was determined upon community meetings and consultation with Family Services.

Delivery of the Employment Program. The program was an intake of approximately five (5) to ten (10) participants per session. Two employment engagements was hosted in the same community to compliment the Employment Program. These events was focused on developing connections, identifying resources and tools to support inclusive hiring and employer in put regarding an online tool kit.

Delivery of workshops focused on specific skill development and sector specific interests. Workshop topics included: computer literacy and coding, pre-apprentice and mining entrance exam tutoring, WHIMIS, CPR etc

### **2019-2020**

Development of Job Coach and Mentorship Initiative, objectives of this role include: enhancing workplace learning opportunities, increase employment opportunities and enhance sustainability, promote long term employment, provide support to employees who require additional on the job support.

Developed a Mentorship Model/Training to offer job coaches and mentors across the territory- this incorporated online learning modules including best practices, supporting difficult employees, how to provide support to employers and tracking information.

Conducted pre and post evaluations and monitored progress of the mentors/mentees and employers.

Provided funding for job coaches/mentors and accessibility devices.

4. Funding provided to the Rick Hansen Foundation during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years:

**2018-2019:**

Amount in \$	Source of Funding
\$20,000	Family Wellness

**2019-2020:**

Amount in \$	Source of Funding
\$20,000	Family Wellness

5. Reporting requirements in place with respect to funding provided to the Rick Hansen Foundation during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years:
- a. Within 90 days of the end of the project or end of GN's fiscal year, to submit to the Department of Family Services a program activity report that describes the individual projects that were funded during the year,
  - b. A financial statement (unaudited) showing the total expenditures of the project detailing any unpaid/expected bills for the project and clearly identify any surplus, if applicable, owing to the Department.
6. With respect to funding outlined provided during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years as outlined above, expenditures undertaken by the Rick Hansen Foundation included:

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- a. Mobility devices/equipment
  - b. Attendant care and travel services
  - c. Accessibility Renovations and home modifications
  - d. Accessible technologies
7. Other grants and contributions (supports) provided during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years for the purpose of supporting persons with disabilities include:

**Family Services**

**2018-2019**

Nunavut Literacy Council Niqitsialiurniq Program \$352,051.00

(Rankin Inlet) An embedded literacy program with a focus on traditional and contemporary food preparation. Participants developed skills for employment and certificate level training in the food industry.

Nunavut Literacy Program Miqqut Program \$378,930.00  
(Cambridge Bay) An embedded literacy program with a focus on traditional and contemporary sewing.

Inclusion Café \$208,000 (Iqaluit)  
Participants learn the necessary skills to find and sustain employment in the Territory by targeting the many food service businesses. Modules were embedded in essential skills and workplace skills to prepare participants for hands on employment.

Performance Management Consultants \$257,370.00  
(Cape Dorset) This an employment readiness and resiliency training program with a focus on life and essential workplace skills, financial literacy and small business/retail fundamentals. The program was competency based, grounded in Inuit Culture, has strong community engagement, has stakeholder and sponsor involvement, and builds employer relationships.

Performance Management Consultants \$257,370.00  
(Kugluktuk) A Disability specific employment readiness and resiliency training program with a focus on life and essential workplace skills, financial literacy and small business/retail fundamentals. The program is competency based, grounded in Inuit Culture, has strong community engagement, has stakeholder and sponsor involvement, and builds employer relationships.

Performance Management Consultant \$267,720.00  
(Iqaluit) A Disability specific employment readiness and resiliency training program with a focus on life and essential workplace skills, financial literacy and small business/retail fundamentals. The program was competency based, grounded in Inuit Culture, has strong community engagement, has stakeholder and sponsor involvement, and builds employer relationships.

## **2019-2020**

Nunavut Literacy Council \$850,000.  
(Iqaluit, Arviat, Rankin and Cambridge Bay) A non-formal, culture-based learning programs supporting the residents of Nunavut in their efforts to increase the literacy and essential skill levels in the desired language and culture and to facilitate a better quality of life through lifelong learning.

Piruatigiit Resource Centre \$297,045.  
(Iqaluit – Pilot) A Community Caregiver Respite Training Certificate Program. The program was a specialized training program that provides pre-employment skills training and specialized training that also promoted the wellbeing of families in Nunavut caring for a loved one with FASD and other high needs.

## **Department of Health**

Since the population of Nunavut is relatively small and community populations even more so, needs are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Health works with Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) to ensure that people with disabilities have the supports they require to live a good life. Health's Extended Health Benefits (EHB) program provides the same benefits as NIHB to non-indigenous Nunavut residents. Health works with other organizations (Child First/Jordan's Principle and the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth) to address any gaps in care.

All health centres in Nunavut are wheelchair accessible. When people with disabilities need to travel for care, they are provided with the escorts they require, including health staff if necessary. Health also has a home care program that provides care in the home as well as housekeeping support.

Currently the only disability related work ongoing within the Department is related to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Programming is provided by the Piruqatigiit Resource Centre and funded by Inuusivut. Campaigns and programming are focused on education and prevention.

## **Department of Finance**

### **Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief**

Disabled persons and senior citizens are eligible to apply for property tax relief in each taxation year to be considered exempt.

The Minister responsible for finance may exempt the eligible property of a senior citizen or disabled person in the general taxation area where the senior citizen or disabled person is the owner or part owner of the eligible property and ordinarily resides in it.