

# Department of Commerce and Industry – Programs and Services

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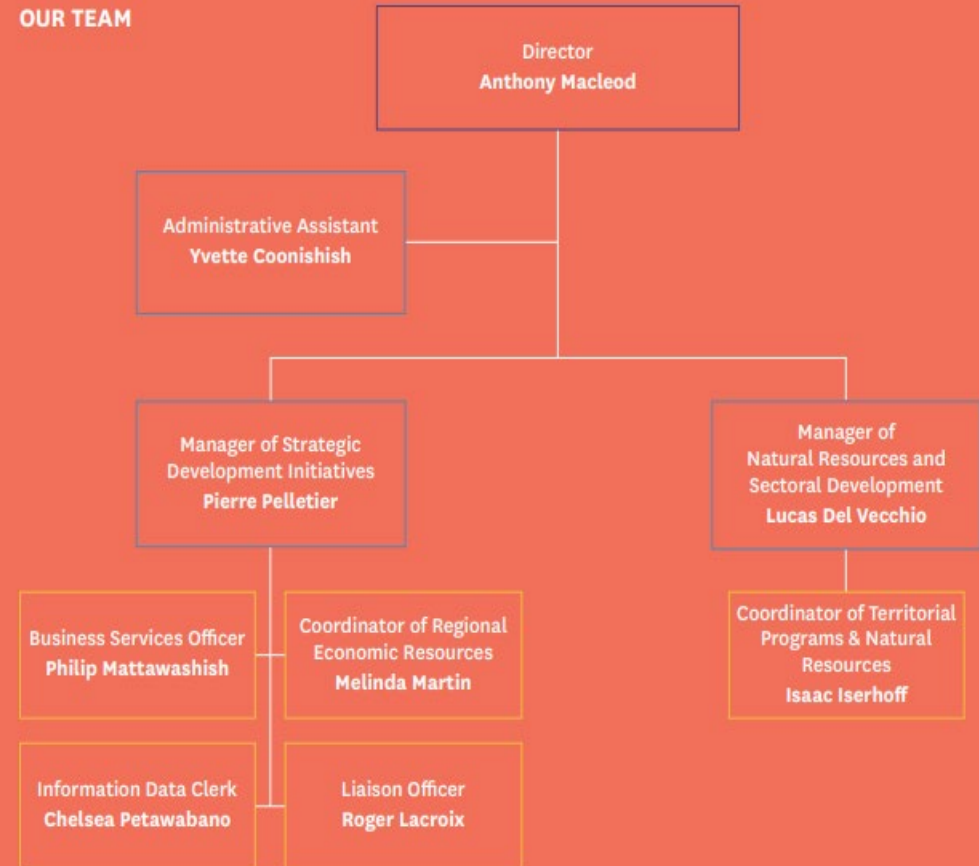


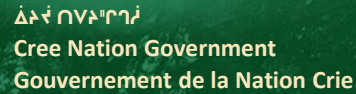
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# Our Team

## OUR TEAM

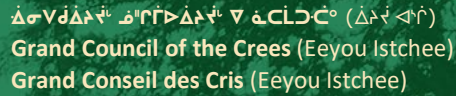




To support the economic growth and well-being of Eeyou Istchee so all Eeyouch and Eenouch may benefit from this prosperity without compromising our culture and values.

- DCI represents the Cree Nation Government in economic development issues throughout Eeyou Istchee, working closely with the various partners involved in these domains.
- DCI has been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the socio-economic aspects of agreements signed by the Cree Nation, whether these agreements be with governments (e.g. Paix des Braves), crown corporations (e.g. Hydro-Québec), or private companies (e.g. mining).





# Our Funding Programs

- Cree Entrepreneur Assistance Fund
- Regional Development Fund
- Fonds d'appui au rayonnement des regions (FARR/Regional Outreach Fund)
- Venture Capital Fund
- Social Economy Fund



# Cree Entrepreneur Assistance Fund (CEAF)

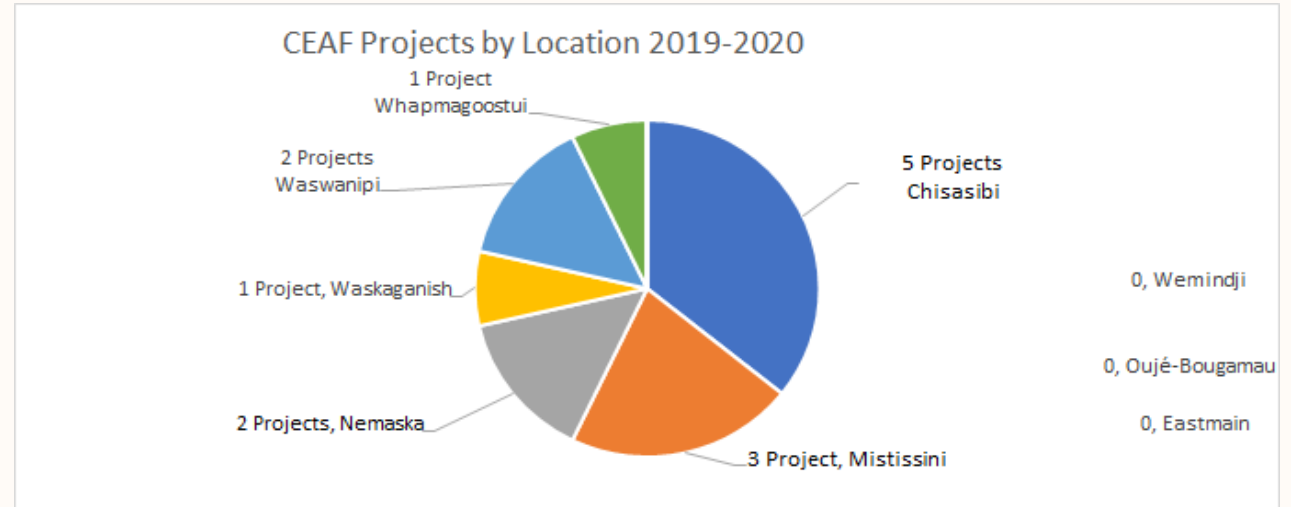
## Supporting Business Creation and Growth

- This grant funding is available for entrepreneurs looking to create new business enterprises, operating or modernizing existing business enterprises, or launching of other innovative initiatives that enhance our access to other economies.
- For Cree business start-ups as well as assistance for Cree Businesses to expand and upgrade technology/equipment.
- For new or existing small / medium businesses
- **Grant: Up to 25% (max. \$100K)** of the cost of the project
- Technical support and assistance in completing funding with other partners

# CEAF Statistics

## 2019-2020

### CEAF Projects by Location/Community

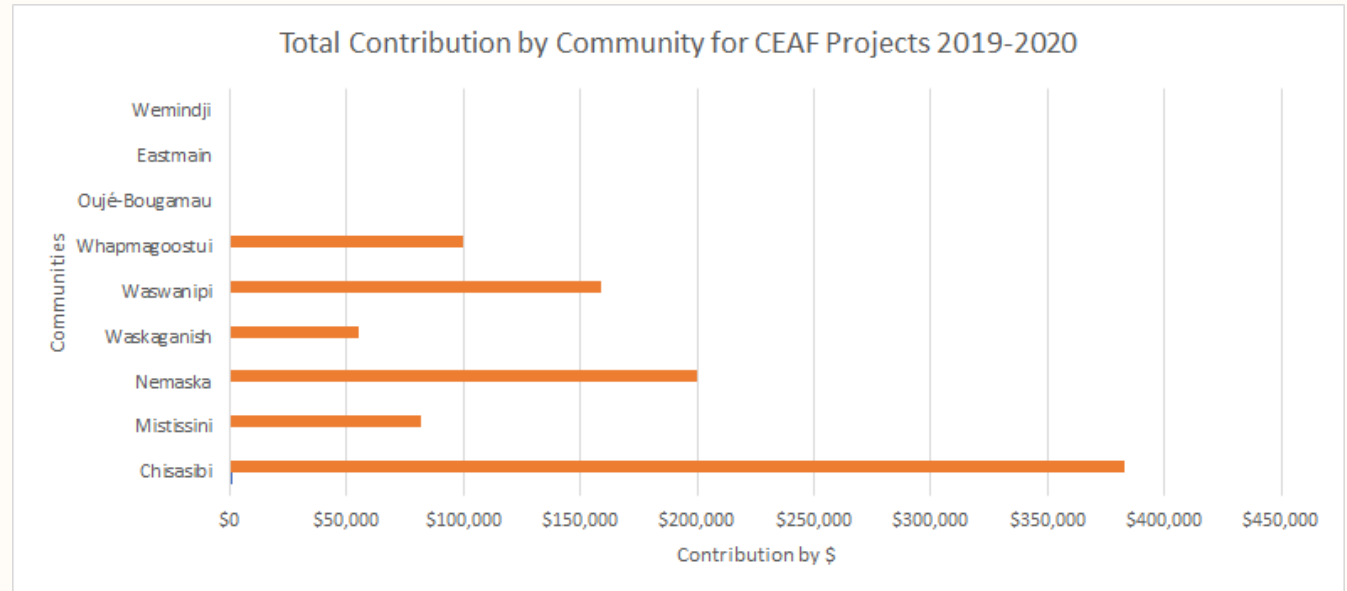


CEAF Projects by Location 2019-2020	
Community	Total # of Projects
Chisasibi	5
Mistissini	3
Nemaska	2
Waskaganish	1
Waswanipi	2
Whapmagoostui	1
Oujé-Bougama	0
Eastmain	0
Wemindji	0
Total	14

# CEAF Statistics

## 2019-2020

## Total Contribution by Community

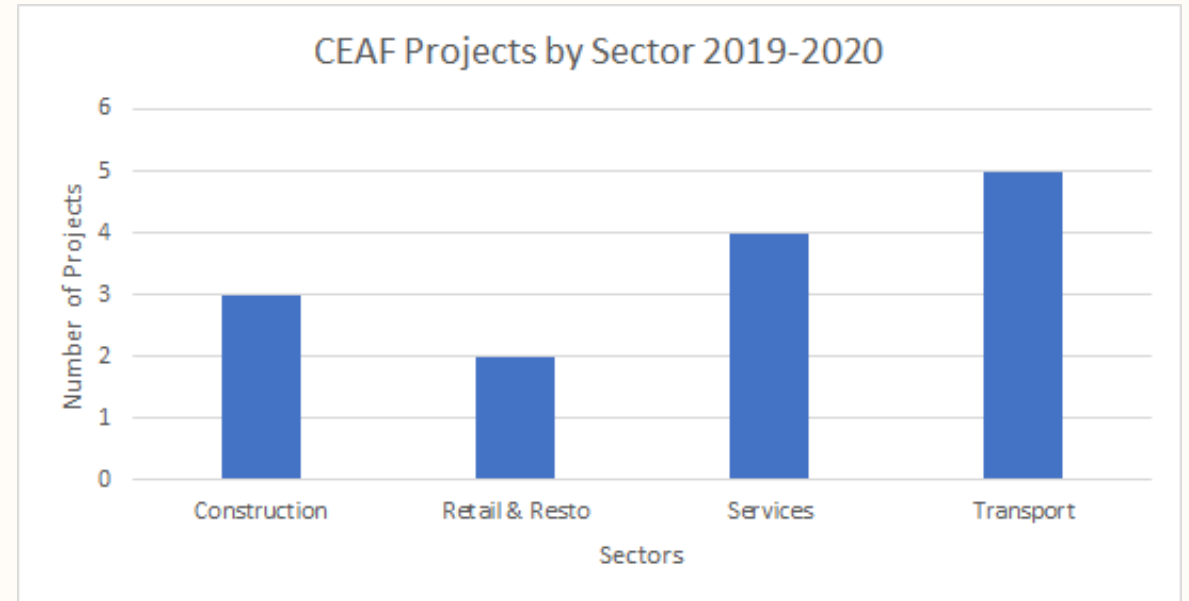


CEAF Projects by Contribution 2019-2020	
Community	Total Contribution
Chisasibi	\$ 383,000
Mistissini	\$ 81,717
Nemaska	\$ 200,000
Waskaganish	\$ 55,000
Waswanipi	\$ 158,731
Whapmagoostui	\$ 100,000
Oujé-Bougama	\$ -
Eastmain	\$ -
Wemindji	\$ -
Total	\$ 978,448

# CEAF Statistics

## 2019-2020

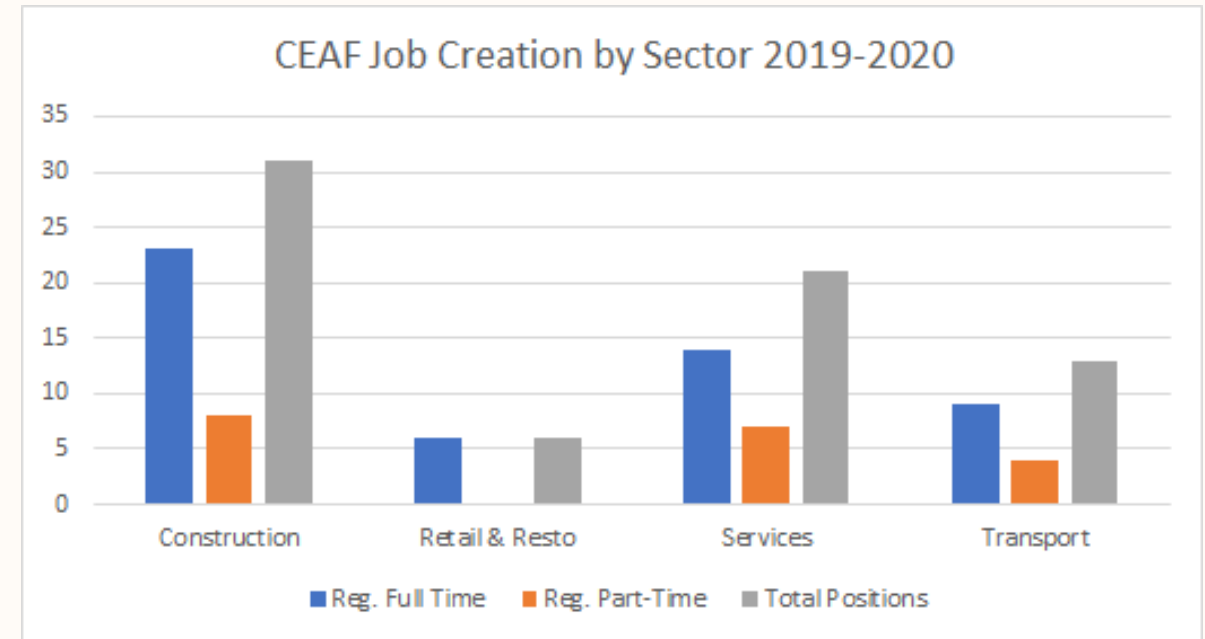
### CEAF Projects By Sector



CEAF Projects by Sector 2019-2020	
Sector	Total # of projects
Construction	3
Retail & Resto	2
Services	4
Transport	5
Total	14



## CEAF Job Creation by Sector



CEAF Job Creation by Sector 2019-2020			
Sector	Reg. Full Time	Reg. Part-Time	Total Positions
Construction	23	8	31
Retail & Resto	6	0	6
Services	14	7	21
Transport	9	4	13
Total	52	19	71

The illustrations are the potential and estimated jobs that were created by funding investment into entrepreneurship in Eeyou Istchee. These figures represent business start-ups and expansions with projected employment opportunities by employers across Eeyou Istchee.

# CEAF Statistics

## 2019-2020

# CEAF

## Successful Projects that have been funded:



Project name:  
Blackned Excavation

Entrepreneur:  
Tyrone Blackned

Community: Waskaganish

Approved amount: \$55,000



Project name:  
Kevin Blacksmith Transport

Entrepreneur:  
Kevin Blacksmith

Community: Waswanipi

Approved amount: \$58,731



# CEAF

**Successful Projects and  
examples that have been  
funded:**

## Other CEAF Projects

- ADELS Restaurant | Mistissini | \$34,385
- Wachiya Contruction Inc | Chisasibi | \$62,50
- Spencer Enterprises Reg'd | Eastmain | \$75,000
- Waswanipi Eeyou Forestry | Waswanipi | \$100,000
- Roderick's Place | Chisasibi | \$43,500
- GB Auto | Mistissini | \$22,082
- Winiibekuu Snow Removal & Landscaping | Eastmain | \$62,500
- Donner Transport | Eastmain | \$100,000



# Regional Development Fund (RDF)

- Financing economic diversification projects and regional development projects that benefit the territory of Eeyou Istchee.
- The Regional Development Funds (soon to be called 'Territorial Development Funds') was created with the intent of supporting the expansion of Cree economies within Eeyou Istchee. Generally, these funds are implicated in large scale projects.



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# Regional Development Fund (RDF)

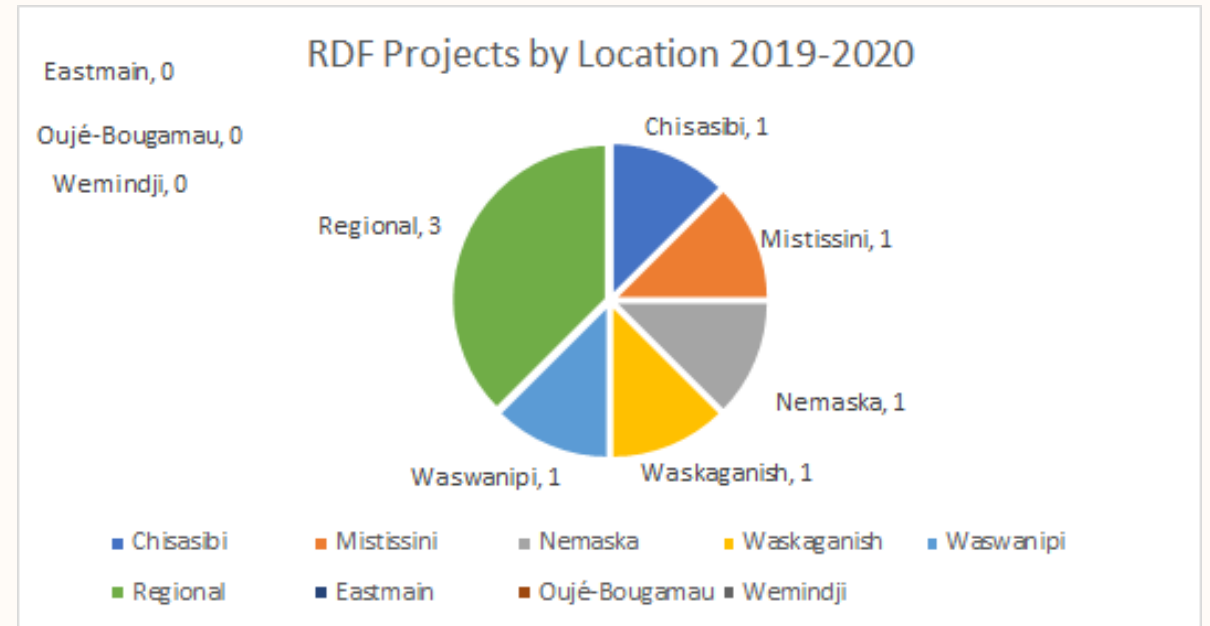
## Funding Program

- Grant program
- Type of projects: regional-based, community-based
- 50% for-profit projects or up to a maximum of \$1,000,000;
- 80% not-for-profit projects or up to \$1,000,000;
- Total Government funding not to exceed 80%
- Contribution from the applicant must not be less than 10%

# RDF Statistics

## 2019-2020

## RDF Projects by Location/Community

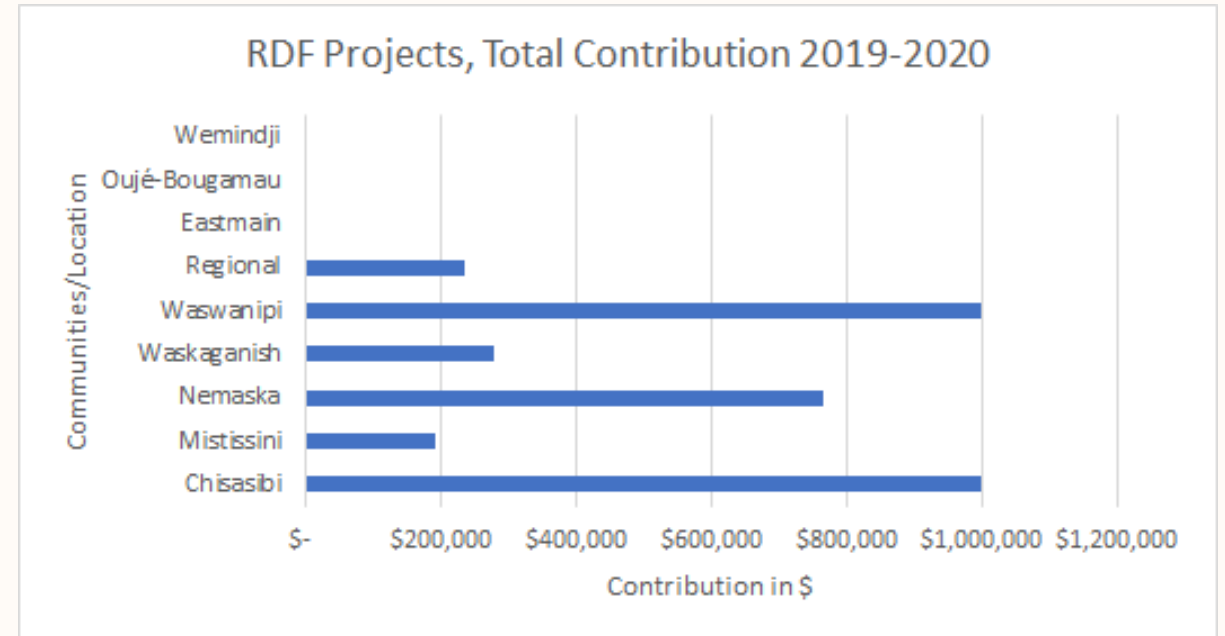


RDF Projects by Location 2019-2020	
Community	Total # of Projects
Chisasibi	1
Mistissini	1
Nemaska	1
Waskaganish	1
Waswanipi	1
Regional	3
Eastmain	0
Oujé-Bougama	0
Wemindji	0
Total	8

# RDF Statistics

## 2019-2020

### Total Contribution by Community

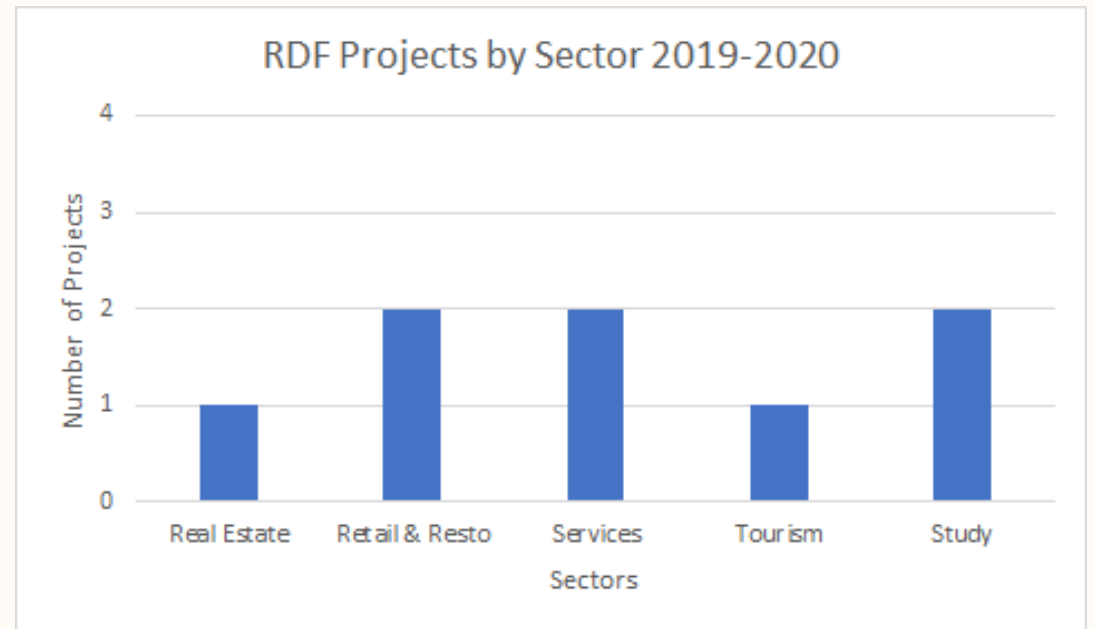


RDF Projects, Total Contribution 2019-2020	
Community	Contribution
Chisasibi	\$ 1,000,000
Mistissini	\$ 190,960
Nemaska	\$ 767,000
Waskaganish	\$ 279,983
Waswanipi	\$ 1,000,000
Regional	\$ 234,840
Eastmain	\$ -
Oujé-Bougama	\$ -
Wemindji	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,472,783

# RDF Statistics

## 2019-2020

### RDF Projects by Sector



RDF Projects by Sector 2019-2020	
Sector	Total # of Projects
Real Estate	1
Retail & Resto	2
Services	2
Tourism	1
Study	2
Total	8





# Regional Development Fund

Successful Projects and  
examples that have been  
funded:

## Other RDF Projects

- Chisasibi Commercial Centre | \$1,000,000
- Waskagnish Community Radio | \$279,983
- Mistissini Lodge | \$263,752
- Mistissini Regional Telecom Tower | \$1,000,000
- Ouje Tower | \$965,000
- Wiinipaawk Tours | \$223,968
- Nibiischii Corporation | \$190,906
- Waswanipi Commerical Centre | \$1,000,000
- Nemaska Smart Farm | \$767,000

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# **Regional Outreach Fund (FARR - Fonds d'appui au rayonnement des regions)**

## **FARR**

- A program managed by the Ministère des Affaires Municipales et de l'Habitation. It is active in all of Quebec's regions, except for Capitale-Nationale and Montreal.
- The Fund finances development projects that are aligned with the priorities identified by each region and projects that have a significant impact on regional outreach.



# FARR - Regional Outreach Fund

## Priorities for Eeyou Istchee

1. Development and implementation of a strategic housing plan that provides tangible solutions to housing and living conditions in our communities
2. Raising economic and employment activity through the private sector
3. Supporting Cree-owned businesses
4. Developing the Cree workforce
5. Fostering connections and partnerships within Eeyou Istchee
6. Tying economic development with Cree nation-building



# FARR - Regional Outreach Fund

## Projects Funded

- Annual budget for this year under this program is \$750k, of which about \$250K is already committed for ongoing multiyear or previously approved projects.





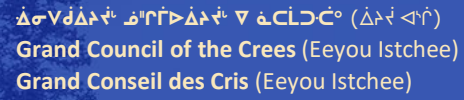
# Social Economy Fund

- Social Economy funding agreement between the Cree Nation Government and the Government of Quebec.
- The funding is intended to support economic activity with social aims.

# Social Economy Fund


## Social Economy Fund Principles:

- The goal of the enterprise is to satisfy the needs of its members or of the community;
- The rules applicable to the enterprise provide for democratic governance by its members;
- The enterprise aspires to socio- economic viability not necessarily geared to major profits...
- Projects: 2nd hand clothing store, community kitchen &/or soup kitchen, consumer groups, micro economy initiatives (school canteen, elders food deliveries, shuttle services, ...)
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- Membership and Elections
- Natural Resource development



# Membership and Elections

## JBNQA Beneficiary Database

- The department of Commerce and Industry manage and maintains the Cree James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) Beneficiary database.
- Provide support to Cree clients when requesting information regarding beneficiary registry;
- the demographic list of the Cree population, data of members residing in or out of the community, to register a new beneficiary number, or modify an existing one.
- Lastly, assist local membership clerks when needed.





# **Natural Resources & Sectoral Development**

- Agreement Negotiations and Implementation in accordance with Cree Nation Policies
- Stakeholder relations
  - Communities
  - Mining Proponents
  - Government
- To come: More active role in Mining Exploration, tracking trends within Eeyou Istchee, administration of sector specific funding programs

## Contact info

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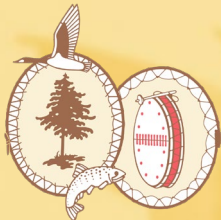
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