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Hello Andrea,

I am pleased to advise you that the McConnell Foundation has approved \$50,000 for your project: *Indigenous Evaluation Network Summit*. We are pleased to have the chance to support and learn from your work, and the first in-person gathering on Indigenous evaluation led by, and with, Indigenous Peoples.

Your staff contact for this funding is Brian Jackson. Feel free to reach out to Brian at [bjackson@mccconnellfoundation.ca](mailto:bjackson@mccconnellfoundation.ca).

This project advances McConnell's Reconciliation focus area by enabling new, emerging, and experienced Indigenous evaluators and program service providers to connect, network, build capacity and engage in mentorship. Specifically, it will expand the field of Indigenous evaluation by providing a central resource and support in multiple sub-pathways of the National Indigenous Economic Strategy under the People Vision, namely enabling Indigenous peoples to expand their networks.

Accordingly, an EFT payment will be issued in the coming days to your fiduciary, Kocihta, in the amount of \$50,000. As a private foundation, we do not require an official receipt.

Funds that the McConnell Foundation contributes to this project must be used solely for charitable purposes. Relatedly, any substantial changes to the project or the use of these funds need to be agreed to in advance by the Foundation. Indigenous Evaluation Network's books and records must be sufficiently detailed to allow it to track the use of funds and provide a detailed accounting to the McConnell Foundation in its reporting. Please also note that McConnell only renews funding in rare circumstances.

We are really interested in learning from your work. We also know that reporting to funders can be burdensome, so we aim to be flexible. At a minimum, we will require a description of how the funds were spent. If you have a few minutes to share more, we have a short set of reflection questions you can answer upon the end of this funding. You can answer these directly in the online portal (<https://mccconnell.fluxx.io>), if you have not already done so, please register to receive your login and password. If you prefer, you can answer these questions via a call with Brian. We'll send an email with more about this at the end of the funding agreement (in October 2024).



Date	Report Due	Payment Amount
December 15, 2023	N/A	\$50,000
October 31, 2024	Summary of how funds were spent and final reflection questions	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>

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We are supporting this work through our discretionary Program Development Funding. This type of funding allows us to support work that aligns with our focus areas, but that is early stage or outside of our core funding strategies. If you would like to publicly recognize or acknowledge the McConnell Foundation for this funding, please contact the communications team at [communications@mcconnellfoundation.ca](mailto:communications@mcconnellfoundation.ca).

We hope to continue learning about your project. Please share any new materials (e.g., reports, videos), as well as links to related media stories. We may feature newsworthy items on our social media outlets, such as our monthly newsletter, Facebook page, and Twitter feed (@jwmccconnell). We also encourage you to subscribe to the Foundation's newsletter, which is a good way to stay informed about our work: <https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/news/>.

On behalf of the Foundation Board and team, let me wish you every success with this project.

Yours sincerely,

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