



MONEY MATTERS

AN INTRODUCTION TO COSTING

A well-structured fiscal relationship or funding relationship can help to ensure that:

- Rightsholders and their designated representatives have full control of how money is allocated and spent (autonomy and self-determination);
- a future government won't be able to pull the rug out from under First Nations by arbitrarily reducing funding (predictable and sustainable);
- funding will increase as the population grows, costs increase and needs change (sufficient and keeping pace); and
- federal and provincial government bureaucrats are removed from the process, and can no longer dictate how money is spent and how programs are delivered.

- **To support North Shore First Nations in achieving the autonomy and fiscal relations they need for Child Well-Being, the Koognaasewin project team has hired financial experts who are helping North Shore First Nations reimagine their fiscal relationships with the federal and provincial Crowns.**
- **This spring, the Koognaasewin financial experts have been busy looking at the amount and types of funding the province, federal government and provincial agencies are spending on all aspects of Child Well-Being. We are also starting to work with North Shore First Nations to help them determine what they will need for programs, services, buildings, equipment, training, capacity building, and other needs.**

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What are we hearing about funding needs?

- Jordan's Principle will still be needed
- Long-term stable operating funding for primary services
- Long-term stable operating funding for wrap-around services
- Salary levels that attract workers to our occupations
- Training institution and programs to prepare our youth and adults
- Funding for capital facilities and equipment
- Funding for repair, replacement and maintenance over asset lifecycle
- Start-up funding should cover both transition and capacity building
- Investments in case management, data, common systems
- Investments in communications tools and system navigators
- Funding for kinship care, including housing and other care-related costs
- Funding for community youth programming and enhanced prevention-focused programming for youth, parents and other caregivers.



**"FOCUS ON
THE
STRUCTURE
OF THE
FUNDING- NOT
THE AMOUNT"**

**-Cindy Blackstock, First
Nation Caring Society**

