

Gaagige Zaagibigaa's Dagwaagin 2022 Sovereign Household Support Program Application

Indigenous Households in Northern Ontario can use this Word document to apply for financial support to increase their household food self-sufficiency, security and sovereignty! Applications in this round are to support fall and winter seasonal food activities for approximately 250 households. Another spring/summer focused round of applications will occur in early 2023.

Informed Consent:

Gaagige Zaagibigaa is a grassroots Indigenous led organization that seeks to support Indigenous well-being through food. The sovereign household support program (SHSP) is intended to help us learn more about Indigenous household food sovereignty and how best to support and foster it. This means that we use application information to learn about what households are needing, what their priorities are, and how we can make accessing support as easy and effective as possible. This information helps us communicate positive outcomes to decision makers, funders and others who have an impact on household food sovereignty.

We sometimes reach out to applicants (successful or not) to learn more on a subject. By applying, you are NOT required to participate in those conversations if you don't want to (although there are some storytelling requirements for successful applicants). We rely on the feedback and conversations we have with successful applicants to learn about how the supports are helping households and how we can deliver them better. We do not share personal information with third parties. All applications are anonymized before applications are reviewed by our team.

- I understand that Gaagige Zaagibigaa will use anonymized application information to learn about household needs and improve how supports are delivered to Indigenous households in northern Ontario. I understand that personal identifying information is never shared with third parties without explicit and prior consent.*

Are you willing to be contacted in the future for evaluation and educational purposes?
(You will NOT be disqualified for choosing "No thanks")

- Yes please
- No thanks

Application Information

1. Have you received the Sovereign Household Support Program (SHSP) from GZ before?

Note: If you have received a SHSP before, to be successful for the Dagwaagin 2022 application you must have submitted a story about how you used your previous support(s). If you haven't submitted a story yet, you still can and we will consider your application!

- No
- Yes, in 2021
- Yes, in Ziigwan 2022
- Yes, in both 2021 and Ziigwan 2022

2. What are you specifically hoping to use the Sovereign Household Support for and how will this help your household be more food self-reliant and sovereign?

Our hope is this support will increase your household's ability to access food through dagwaagin activities like hunting, fishing, trapping, harvesting, processing, preparing and/or storing food.

Example: You want to build a family smoking unit, but you need lumber and supplies. Or you need equipment to support you while hunting as a family (i.e. safety supplies, ammunition, gas, etc.) to support your family to do this better and ultimately put more traditional healthy foods in your bellies. Tell us exactly (with details) what you hope to do.

3. What is your project budget?

Remote First Nations applicants (accessible only by air, water or ice road) are eligible for \$2,000. Applicants living in urban or rural settings are eligible for \$1,000.

For your budget, please do your homework – look for costs of the equipment/service/training you hope to purchase, complete a small budget (we can help). We can give to more households if costs are broken down. See the example budget below:

Family Budget – Hunting Project	
Item to be purchased	Cost of Item
Gun Licence - Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) - One member of family	\$365.00
Family Gun Registration	\$60.00
Hunting Equipment – Decoys, Orange Vests, Bullets, Knives for processing	\$431.00
TOTAL	\$856.00

NOTE: If your proposed project will cost more than the eligible amounts, let us know how you plan to make up the difference.

A) Based on where you live, what type of grant are you eligible for?

- Urban/Rural (\$1,000)
- Remote (\$2,000)

B) We want to see that you have looked into what your project will cost. Let us know what your budget is (a point form budget is just fine!).

4. Tell us about your household (family)—we want to know about your household (family) and the food activities that you currently and ancestrally have done and how this support will help all of you to do those things better.

This is your opportunity to tell us the number of people in your home (i.e. how many children and what age are they, how many elders and their age, etc.), who are you and the people undertaking the writing of this application. What does your family value about the activity you are applying for? (i.e. I always picked berries with my Kokum). What are your family's food traditions? (i.e. we have fished in this river for generations).

We want to understand who this support will impact and how this supports your family in reclaiming ancestral food ways.

5. How will this support impact your extended family and/or the broader community or other families/households?

The expression "An abundance in one household means an abundance in the community" is something GZ strongly believes in. Help us understand how this work will benefit others, both in and beyond your household!

Tell us how your project will impact the wellbeing of your family and extended family (i.e. Will you feed your family more? Will you spend more time together and on the land? Will you spend more time together or share more with each other?).

- *Example: Our family will be able to teach our kids the way my grandfather taught me to fillet fish the old way, to get the most meat out of the fish; we are reclaiming/remembering old techniques and doing it as a family). Tell us your beautiful stories, please!*

We also want to know how your project will impact or support other households or people such as aunts, uncles, cousins, elders, community, environment, non-human beings.

- *Example: We always lay semaa and only take what we need when we pick blueberries (environment); My aunt is not mobile so our family always brings her some berries when we pick so she can enjoy and get those nutrients.*

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Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Sovereign Household Supports program!

We expect to notify all applicants of the status of their applications between September 21 - 23, 2022. Until then, we thank you for your patience.

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We believe that the household is one of the places where Indigenous Food Sovereignty lives and thrives. We are hoping to support households (families) increase their ability to feed themselves and others in ways that align with rights and teachings of their culture.

The Sovereign Household Support Program is meant to increase your household's/family's ability to grow, hunt, harvest, process and store food.

This could include but is not limited to:

- Equipment or supplies for harvesting, butchery, processing and storing food (pressure canners, smokers, reverse osmosis, vacuum sealers, etc)
- Training & workshops for the development of food skills (PAL, Wilderness First Aid, Safe Food Handling, etc)
- Hunting & Fishing (rods, hooks, nets, guns, lumber, etc)

"Abundance in one household is abundance shared with relations throughout the community"

Gaagige Zaagibigaa will be advertising the application process via Facebook & Instagram, interested parties can also email admin@gaagigezaagibigaa.ca

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 21ST TO AUGUST 28TH**

