

GWA'SALA-NAKWAXDA'XW TRUST GRANT PROPOSAL

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Proposal Name: Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Daycare Breakfast and Lunch Food
Name of Trustee Applicant: Reed Allen-Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Daycare
Associated Band Department: Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School/Education
Associated Band Department Contact Information: Box 1154, (250) 949-9838
Amount Requested for 2025: \$16, 800
Estimated number of Band members to benefit: up to 36 children daily

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Summary: Briefly describe the project (3 or 4 sentences), including a high-level description of what will be done.

With this proposal the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Daycare will have the necessary funding to purchase food to provide our children with a daily breakfast and lunch program.

Programs will provide a variety of healthy foods and beverages with the goal to provide one-third of the recommended number of Canada's Food Guide servings per day for specific age groups. Our food will be fresh, flavourful, and as much as possible locally sourced.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Background: Outline the context for the project. Provide necessary background to understand why the project is being undertaken.

With the construction of the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Daycare and new kitchen, it's the program goal to ensure that children are provided with nourishing food on-site, helping meet their nutritional needs and fostering their ability to learn and develop. All programs offer snack time, while some provide breakfast and lunch, as well as celebrations and feasts for the families.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Project Purpose: Explain the purpose of the project by describing what this project is aiming to achieve. What is its vision? What need or opportunity will it address?

A healthy breakfast and lunch program provides many benefits. The simple fact is that children who eat better learn better. Daycare meals offer an incentive for children to attend and remain in daycare. Not only does the prospect of receiving food at daycare encourage children to attend, but transfers in to better learning. They are better able to concentrate, have more energy, their memory and problem-solving skills are better and they exhibit less disruptive behaviour. Daycare meals improve all aspects of children’s health and well-being. Especially for the youngest children, adequate nutrition provided in early childhood care and development centres has a huge impact on fostering healthy child development. Children of all ages abenefit from consistent, nutritious meals in daycare.

The purpose of this funding is to ensure the program has the funding for the food to keep the project happening.

3. Budget

Project Costs: Identify applicable cost categories such as: wages, consulting costs, materials, project management, equipment costs, etc.

Expenditures Total

\$16, 800 (\$1400 per month)

Funding Timeline: In what month(s) will you require the Trust funds requested in your proposal.

2025/2026 Year or the year timeline of the trust calendar

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project Management Team: Identify the individuals who will be responsible for managing the project and provide their contact information.

This project will be managed by the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Daycare Manager, Reed Allen.
(250) 949-9838 or daycaremanager@gwanaknations.ca

REPORTING STRUCTURE

Identify the reporting structure for the proposal

Reports can be made available to the trust committee or community when required. Unsure of what will be expected but in the past I have submitted final reports for all trust proposals.

5. OTHER

Are there any potential risks that might threaten the successful completion of the project? Indicate how these risks will be mitigated.

If the funding isn't approved it would put the food programs at the daycare are in jeopardy.

Is there any other information relating to the proposal that the Trust Committee should be aware of?

For the daycare it is important and very helpful that trust proposals be accepted, reviewed and voted on annually at the same time. It has been difficult undertaking some projects not knowing when funding is approved or available.

Where the proposal requires the purchase of supplies, equipment or services, indicate how best values for money will be ensured. Indicate where the Applicant has a procurement policy in place.

We have opened a Sysco account to ensure the best value for food costs.

6. TRUSTEE APPLICANT

How have project costs been reviewed /verified for accuracy, completeness and reasonableness? Explain.

Our chef currently has a contract with the school for the 2022-2023 school year and his wages have been set.

In addition to the funding sources identified above, has the Applicant approached/applied to any other funding programs? If yes, indicate organization and the status of those applications. If no, please explain.

We also supplement this grant with a Breakfast Clubs of Canada grant.

Submitted by:

Trustee Applicant: Reed Allen-Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School

Associated Band Department Representative: Education