



**INDIGENOUS
YOUTH ROOTS**



TRC Call to Action 66 Pilot Project: Impact Data Report

(2019 – 2023)

**CIRNAC & IYR CFA –
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Who We Are

Founded in 2008, Indigenous Youth Roots (IYR) is a national Indigenous youth-led organization that collaborates with communities to provide programs, grants and opportunities that are grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing and being and designed to strengthen and amplify the voices of Indigenous youth aged 14-29. IYR envisions a future where Indigenous youth are empowered and connected as dynamic leaders in **vibrant and thriving communities**.

In an effort to maintain this vision, IYR ensures that 5 core pillars are **interwoven** into the fabric of IYR's programmatic frameworks. As such all programs and granting opportunities have been created to support participants, community and partnerships:

Core Pillars

- Self-Determination
- Capacity Building
- Cultural Revitalization
- Solidarity
- Networking

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The people we work with



IYR is fortunate to work with Indigenous youth (First Nation, Inuit, Métis, Status, Non-Status) aged 14-29 across Turtle Island living in remote, on-reserve, rural and urban communities, while reaching for regional diversity of participants. When obtaining demographic data, IYR defines program participants based on the following categories.

Definitions

Participants

Directly engaged by IYR staff through programming.

Advisory/Review Circles

Support the development of IYR programs, inform program decisions and provide feedback on IYR programming.

Indirect Participants

Engaged by activities led by IYR participants (e.g., Creation grantees and their project/activity participants).

Collaborators

Provide support to IYR staff during programs.

Digital Engagements

Social media regarding IYR programming, such as posts, livestreaming, and online surveys.



About Call to Action 66 Pilot

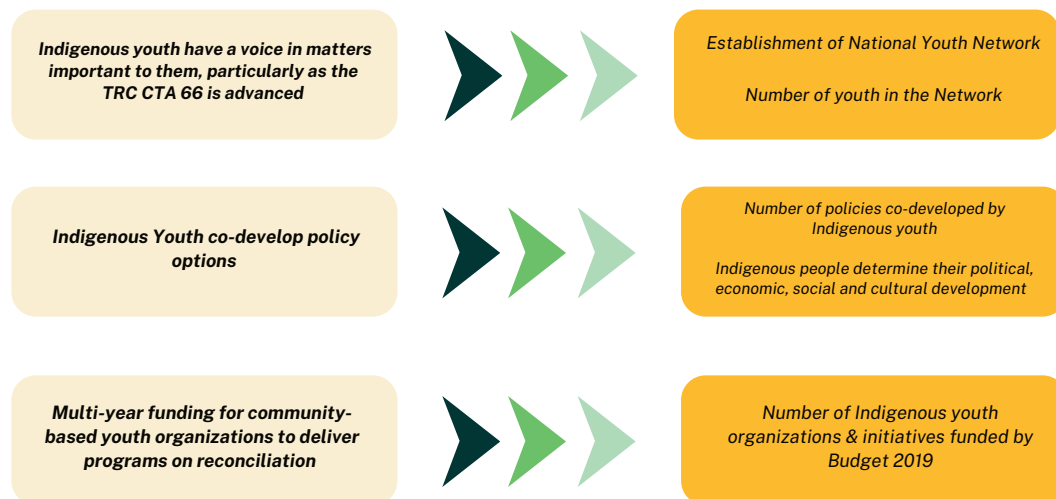
In the 2019 Federal Budget, the Government of Canada named IYR as a leading Indigenous Youth organization to take up TRC Call to Action 66 for reconciliation and committed federal funding for a pilot project of \$15.2 million over three years (2019/2020 - 2022/2023).

"66. We call upon the federal government to establish multi-year funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices."

Budget 2019 set the goal of the pilot project as ensuring that "the voices of First Nations, Inuit and Métis are heard and to support Indigenous youth reconciliation initiatives." Funding supports the establishment of a distinctions-based national network of Indigenous youth, helps ensure that Government of Canada policies and programs are informed by the diverse voices of Indigenous youth, and provides support to community events, gatherings for Indigenous youth and reconciliation-focused community-based Indigenous youth activities, etc.

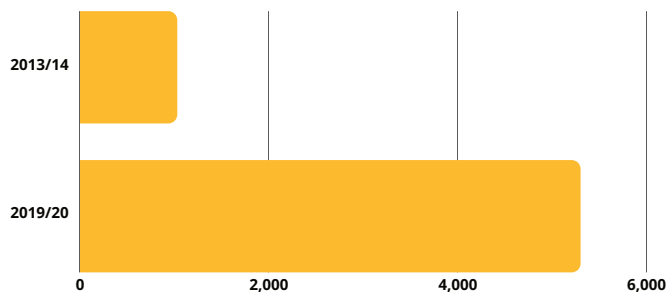
In 2022, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) committed \$12.5M in funding over two years to extend IYR's work on the TRC Call to Action 66 pilot project (2023/2024-2024/2025).

CTA 66 Pilot Outcomes



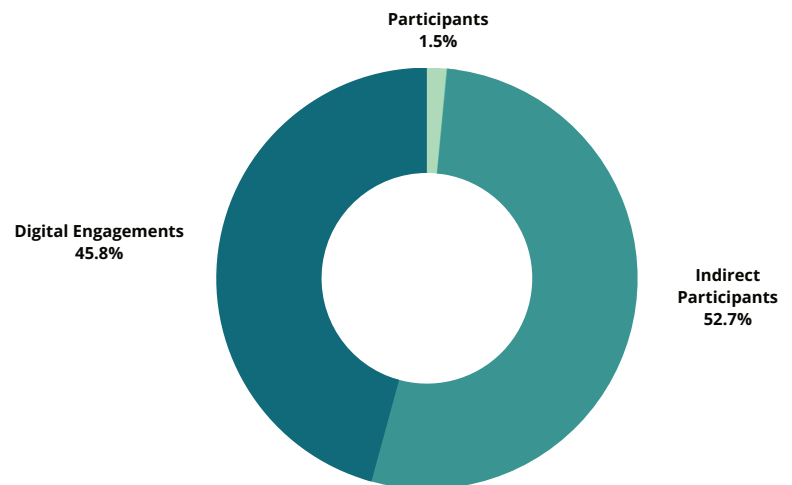
CTA 66 IMPACT DATA (2019-2023)

From a program perspective, the application of Call to Action 66 is continuously being fulfilled through a multitude of innovative programs that are grounded in rigorous data collection and Indigenous ways of knowing and being. There has been significant growth and reach since 2019 as evidenced in the data below!



2013/14 IYR reported having engaged about **1,030** youths across the country.

2019/2020 IYR engaged with over **5,300** youth. This is almost a 4-fold increase, over just **6** years!



Between **April 2019 - March 2023** and across **31** unique programs, IYR had:

5017 Participants	201 Collaborators
82 Advisory Circle Members	• 183 Youth
168,156 Indirect Participants:	• 183 Non-Youth
• 107,148 Youth	284,847 Digital Engagements
• 61,008 Non-Youth	458,303 Total Engaged

Number of Program Hours

Between **April 2019 - March 2023** and across **31** unique programs, IYR ran a total of **3,249** hours of direct engagement programming:

- 3,126 hours of participant programming
- 124 hours of advisory circle programming

In 2019/20 and across 7 programs, IYR had:

760 Participants
5 Advisory Circle Members
1,215 Indirect Youth Participants
58 Youth Collaborators
0 Digital Engagements

In 2020/21 and across 14 programs, IYR had:

1,271 Participants
12 Advisory Circle Members
86,786 *Higher than projected! Indirect Participants
 • **47,521** Youth
 • **39,265** Non-Youth
29 Collaborators
 • **25** Youth
 • **4** Non-Youth
33,023 Digital Engagements

*Indigenous youth have a **voice in matters important to them**, particularly as the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 66 is advanced*

In 2021/22 and 21 programs, IYR had:

1,155 Participants
31 Advisory Circle Members
44,272 *Projections based on funded projects Indirect Participants
 • **34,642** Youth
 • **9,630** Non-Youth
55 Collaborators
 • **46** Youth
 • **9** Non-Youth
125,174 Digital Engagements

CTA 66 IMPACT DATA (2019-2022)— CONT'D

In 2022/23 and 221 programs, IYR had:

1,831 Participants

34 Advisory Circle Members

35,883 *Projections based on funded projects

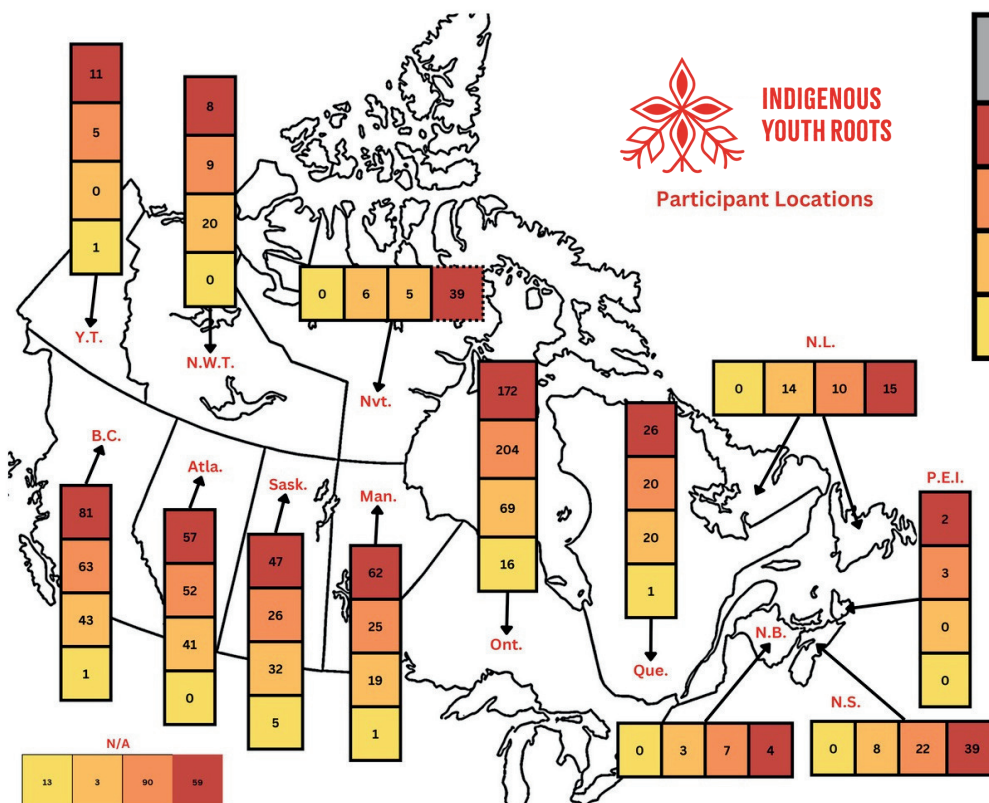
Indirect Participants

- 23,770 Youth
- 12,113 Non-Youth

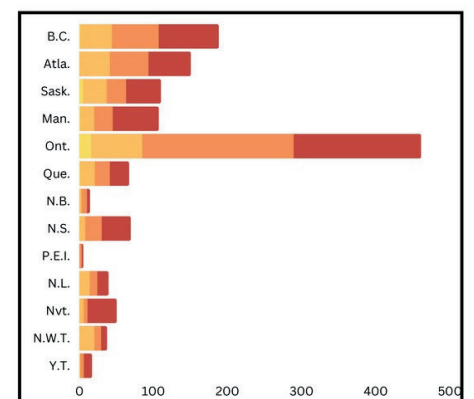
59 Collaborators

- 54 Youth
- 5 Non-Youth

126,650 Digital Engagements



Fiscal Year	Participants with Demographics	All Participants
22/23	622	1'831
21/22	541	1'155
20/21	278	1'271
19/20	38	760



Outcome 1: Indigenous Youth have a voice in important matters to them, particularly as the TRC CTA66 is advanced

THE NETWORK

Membership is open to First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth **ages 18-29** from across Canada, and organizations, community and youth groups that work with First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth **ages 14-29**. As of July 2022, **201 registrants** have joined Indigenous Youth Roots Networks thus far (**98** organizations, and **103** individuals).

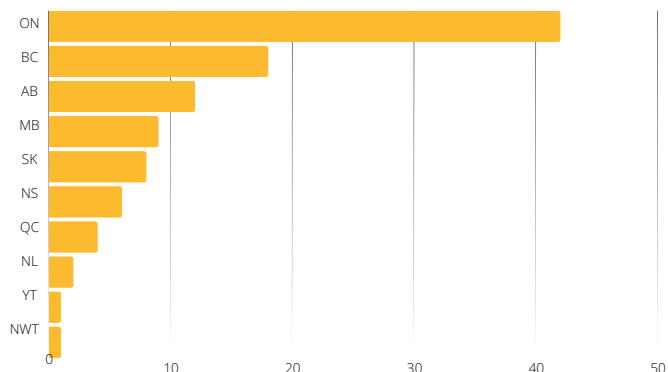
The following is a breakdown of Network individual participation:

73% of individual Network members identify as **First Nation**, **18%** identify as **Métis**, **3%** identify as **Inuit** and **6%** identify across **multiple Indigenous identities** (1% preferred to not share).

The age range of individual members is from **18-29**.

The average age of the members is 25 years old.

The provincial/territorial breakdown for individual membership



The following is a breakdown The Network Organizations counts by Region & Distinction.

Regions	Count (n=98)	%	Counts of Organizations by Indigenous Distinctions Groups Served					% Also Serving Non-Indigenous Youth
			FN	Inuit	Métis	FNMI	N/A	
Ontario	45	45.91	12	1	1	21	10	20
British Columbia	12	12.24	1	1	-	6	4	16.66
Saskatchewan	9	9.18	1	-	-	6	2	44.44
Alberta	9	9.18	4	-	-	4	1	11.11
Manitoba	6	6.12	3	-	1	2	-	33.33
Quebec	4	4.08	-	-	-	1	3	50
Prince Edward Island	4	4.08	3	-	-	1	-	-
Yukon	3	3.06	1	-	-	2	-	-
Northwest Territories	3	3.06	-	-	-	3	-	-
Nunavut	1	1.02	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	1.02	1	-	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	1	1.02	-	-	-	1	-	-

GATHERINGS

In February 2020, **over 350 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth from coast to coast to coast** attended the 8th Annual Gathering, presented in partnership with Concordia University and the Musée des beaux arts in Montreal. **55 sessions** were offered over **3 days** and included panels, open forums, cultural teachings, featured speakers, film screenings, networking activities and self-directed spaces to support Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in the spirit of Reconciliation. **Supporting these youths were nearly 100 staff, volunteers and partners.**

In April 2023, over **150 total attendees including 95 Indigenous youth** convened at IYR's Indigenous Youth Gathering in Banff, AB at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Participants came from **11 provinces and territories** (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Yukon and Quebec). Over the course of **4 days**, **56** event sessions were held over the course of **63** event hours.

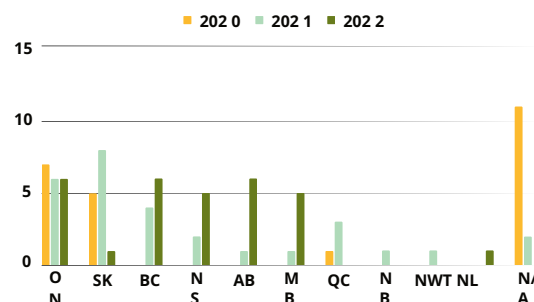
INDIGENOUS YOUTH POLICY SCHOOL (IYPS)

Two programs connect change-oriented, solutions-focused Indigenous youth (18-29) to ensure their priorities are advanced and reflected in government policies and programs. The Indigenous Youth Policy School is intended to **enhance the skills and capacity of Indigenous youth to become interested in making Canada's government more relevant to youth, who are often left out of the policy-making conversation**. Over the course of nine months, they will learn from a variety of guest speakers about policy development, government advocacy, and systems change. They will be provided with the skills and opportunities to impact policy decisions that matter to them. The school will provide space for Indigenous youth to engage with peers through interactive online sessions on a local and national level.

700 Indigenous youth have participated in policy programming since January 2020. **30 Indigenous youth** have been offered employment opportunities with the federal government and other agencies, and 6 of these youth decided to pursue careers with the federal public service.

In total, IYR has run over 731.50 program hours geared towards engaging Indigenous youth in policy and research.

Indigenous Youth Policy School Participant Counts by Regions (2020 & 2021)



INDIGENOUS YOUTH RECONCILIATION BAROMETER 2.0

The Canadian Youth Reconciliation Barometer was a new social research study intended to establish benchmark indicators for the state of reconciliation among the country's youth, as well as provide a foundation for monitoring progress over time. Since 2020, IYR has been revisiting this work and diving deep into the more complex nature of Indigenous youth and their views of Reconciliation.

Outcome 2: Indigenous Youth co-develop policy options

POLICY & INNOVATION HUB

With a central focus on Indigenous-led policy co-development, the Innovation Hub seeks to foster positive, meaningful and reciprocal engagement initiatives with various key stakeholders and build long-lasting partnerships. The physical location operating in Ottawa, Ontario on Algonquin Unceded Territory was funded separately from Budget 2019. "the Hub" has hosted online workshops with **8 Indigenous youth** as panellists and over **107 audience members**. **While these engagements were funded separately, it is important to note that the capacity developed internally at IYR to build a Policy & Innovation Hub, as well as create a framework for engagement, would never have been possible without the contributions of Budget 201 to build a Policy & Innovation Hub, as well as create a framework for engagement, would never have been possible without the contributions of Budget 2019.9.**

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION READINESS

Program Sunset by August 31 2022

(Peer) programs respond to transitional gaps that Indigenous youth (18-29) in urban, rural, and remote communities across Canada face when preparing for postsecondary education or employment. **54 Indigenous youths** are enrolled in the four-year Peer Program (Cohort 1, 2 & 3).



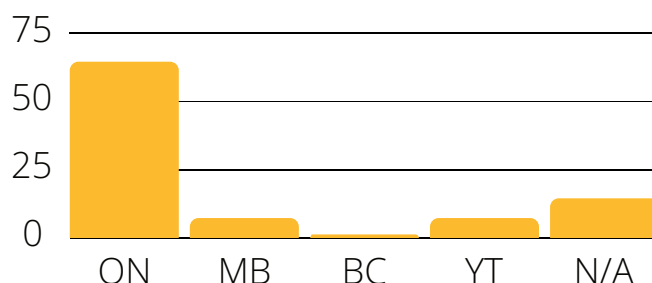
21 capacity-building workshops organized;

27 peers from Cohort 1 & 2 graduate as mentors

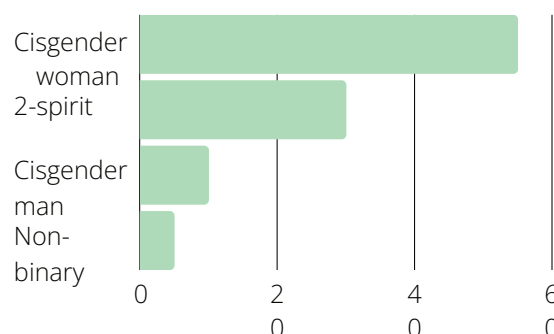
17 peers continuing their post-secondary education

150 hours of professional development sessions.

2020/2021 Provincial/Territorial Breakdown for Peer Program Cohort 1 Participants



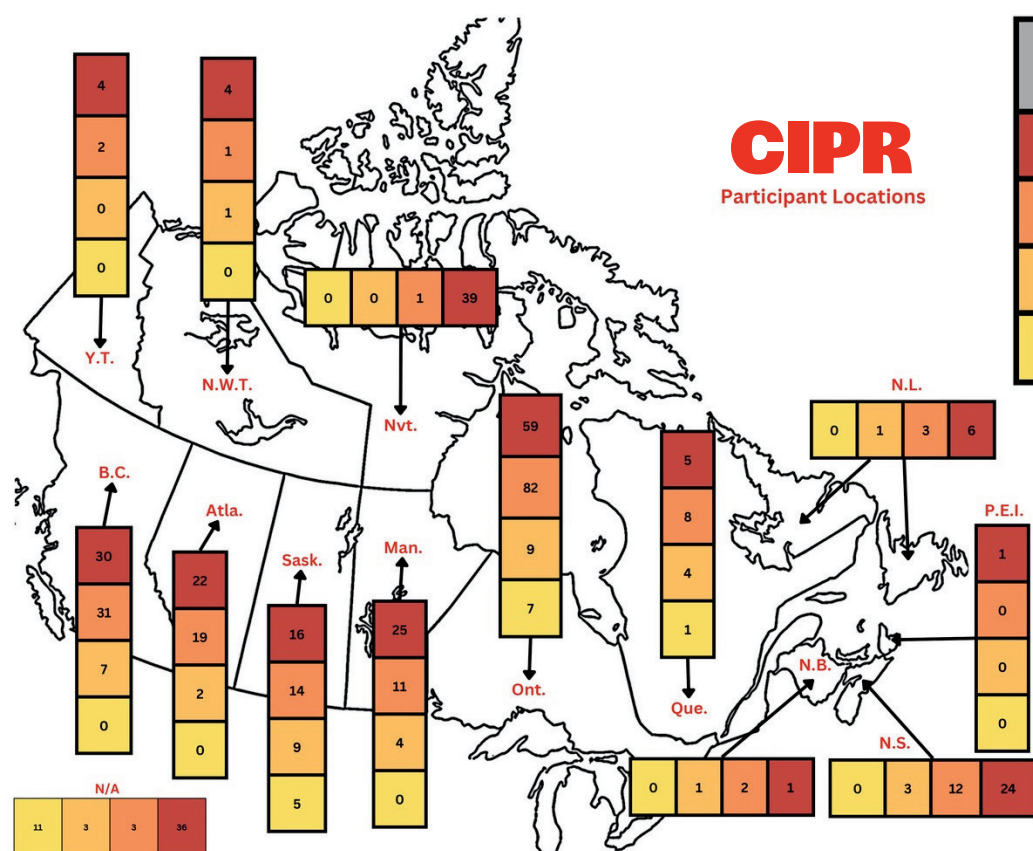
2021/2022 Cohorts 2 & 3 Participant Gender



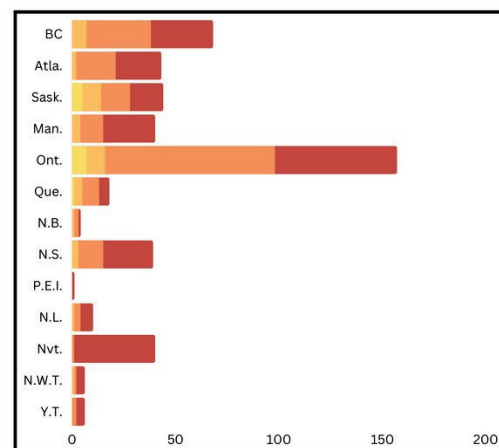
2021/2022 Provincial/Territorial Breakdown for Peer Program Cohorts 2 & 3 Participants



CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS POLICY AND RESEARCH— PARTICIPANT LOCATIONS



Fiscal Year	Participants with Demographics	All Participants
22/23	272	280
21/22	189	392
20/21	44	71
19/20	24	84



BLACK & INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY

25 Young Black/Indigenous/Afro-Indigenous youth participants from across the country participated in the Black & Indigenous Solidarity programs, from January 2021 to February 2021 and September 2021 to December 2021 to learn about Black and Indigenous solidarity.

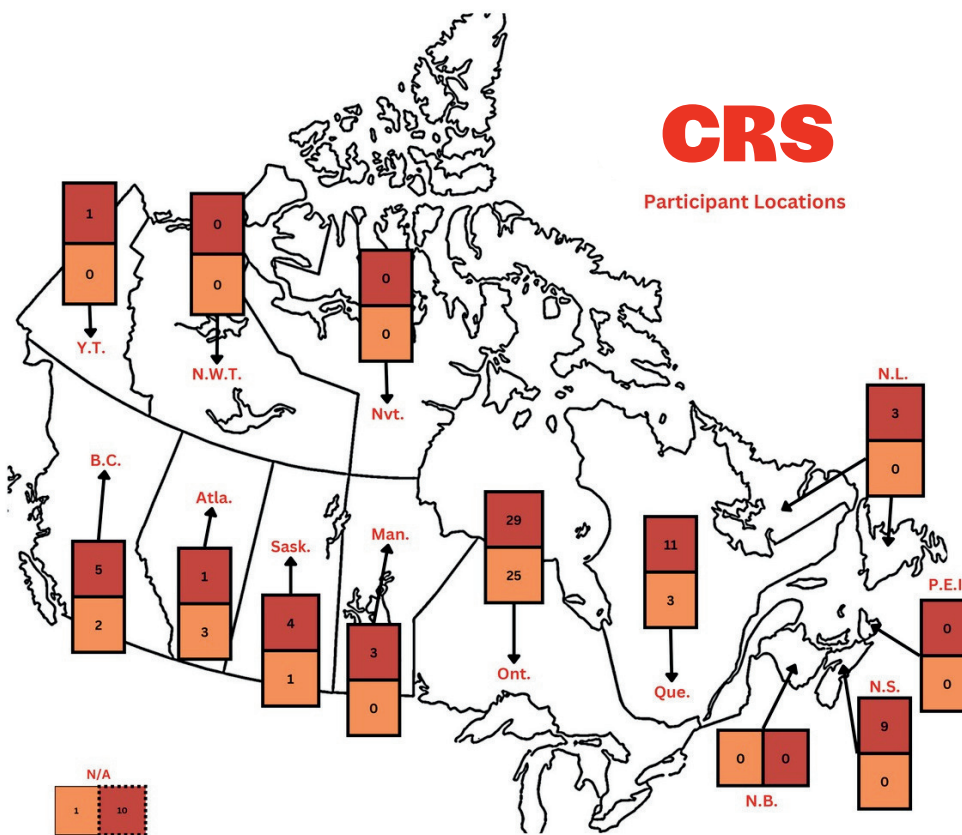


CULTURE & WELLNESS

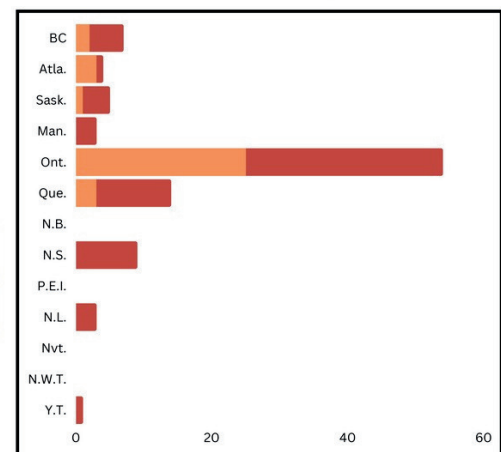
To provide workshops, ceremony, traditional teachings, Indigenous healing, non-verbal arts-based activity and to develop strong boundaries, healthy relationships and identity among Indigenous youth. **1622 Indigenous youth participated in 16 Culture and Wellness Program workshops** with the aim to revitalize Indigenous languages and culture through art and craft-based activities.

Workshops	Focus	Participants
2 Spirit of the First Nations Youth Sharing Circle	Identity, Traditional Teachings	24
2 Spirit Pine Needle Basket	Identity, Traditional Teachings	15
2 Spirit Regalia Making and Beading	Arts-based activity, Identity	28
Skills Seeds in Motion	Traditional Teachings	
Arts in Motion	Non-verbal arts-based activity, Identity	46 21
Powwow Fitness	Fitness, Traditional Teachings, Non-verbal arts-based activity	17
Beading Circle for OCAD Indigenous Centre	Non-verbal arts-based activity	19
Healing Cultural Camp (Montreal, QC)	Traditional Teachings	13
Words in Motion – Intro to Anishinaabemowin, Inuktitut, Kanien'keha & Mi'kmaq	Identity, Language	43
Indigenous Voices Panel (Champlain College)	Identity, Language	15
Indigiqueer Night Out	Identity	21
Craft Cafe	Arts-based activity	
Healing & Teachings – Spider Web, Four Directions, Green Corn Tree, Medicine Wheel, water, Medicine bags, teachings and walk	Traditional Teachings, healing	3 33
Trainings – Creative writing, Cultural Exchange, Freedom Panel and Others	Arts-based activity, Traditional Teachings	675
Winter Legends – Storytelling Workshop	Non-verbal arts-based activity	535
Friday Drop In (4 Series) & Individual Youth Check-ins	Non-verbal arts-based activity, Identity, Traditional teachings	114
Total		1622

CULTURE & WELLNESS— PARTICIPANT LOCATIONS



Fiscal Year	Participants with Demographics	All Participants
22/23	76	482
21/22	35	317
20/21	N/A	770
19/20	N/A	13



Outcome 3: Multi-year funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation.

CREATION COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Creation Community Grants Program is a multi-level funding program that supports strengths-based, community-focused and youth-led projects taking place in communities across Canada. **Creation aims to empower and support Indigenous youth to take ownership over the wellness of their peers.** This program helps increase available resources for both incorporated organizations and grassroots collectives that seek to create impactful community change and enhance the wellness, resiliency, and engagement of Indigenous youth. IYR provides capacity-building for youth-led organizations in the form of innovative mentorship, educational resources, and workshops.

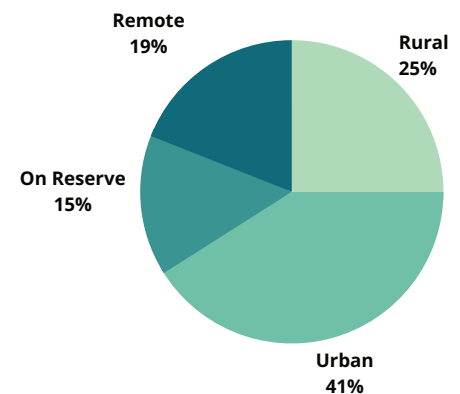
Creation was designed with two purposes:

1. To support Indigenous and reconciliation-focused grassroots groups and organizations; and
2. in response to Call to Action 66, to understand how governments, corporations, and foundations can better fund programming that supports Indigenous youth.

Over **\$5.2 million** in funding has been mobilized to youth-led organizations and grassroots groups. Creation has funded **308 projects led by 885 youth leaders** to run community projects. **Projects have been run in 234 communities** in all 13 Provinces and Territories. Completed projects have reached over **97,00** Indigenous youth and community members directly. An additional **99,000** digital engagements were completed by grantee projects (through initiatives such as online resource packages, language video series, etc).

Over **90 Capacity Building Sessions** for recipients have taken place, with **1,095 youth participants in attendance**, as well as **8 Relationship Building Sessions** with **376 youth participants in attendance**.

From 2020/21 to 2022/23, **42%** of projects have been funded in Urban Communities, **24%** in Rural Communities, **17%** On Reserve and **17%** Remote communities. From 2020/21 to 2022/23, **29%** of projects have been funded in Ontario, **15%** in Alberta, **15%** in British Columbia, **9%** in Manitoba, **9%** in Saskatchewan, **9%** in the Territories, **8%** in Atlantic Provinces, and **6%** in Quebec.

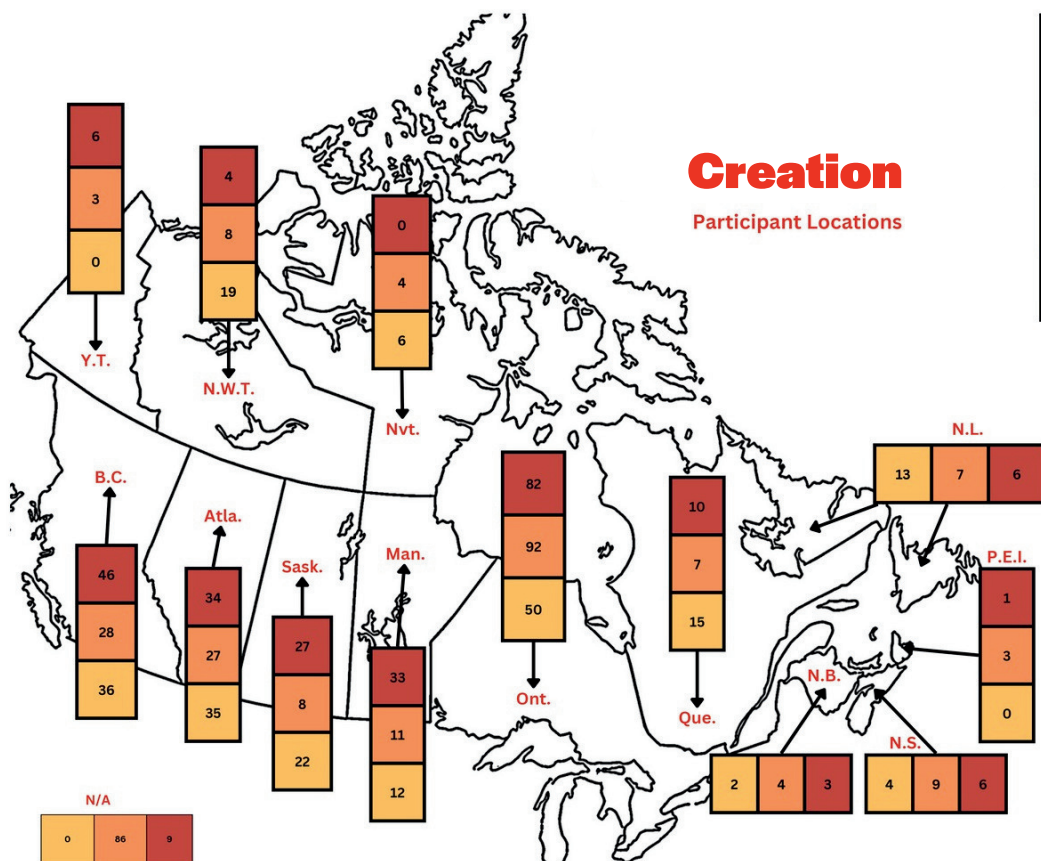


Since 2020, Creation has worked alongside Advisory Circles and Review Circles comprised of 43 Indigenous youth and community members who provide strategic direction, leadership and guidance around the granting program, including reviewing and recommending groups for funding. The following is a breakdown of the Call to Action 66 Pilot's Financial Contributions through the Creation Community Grants Program from 2020/21 to 2022/2023.

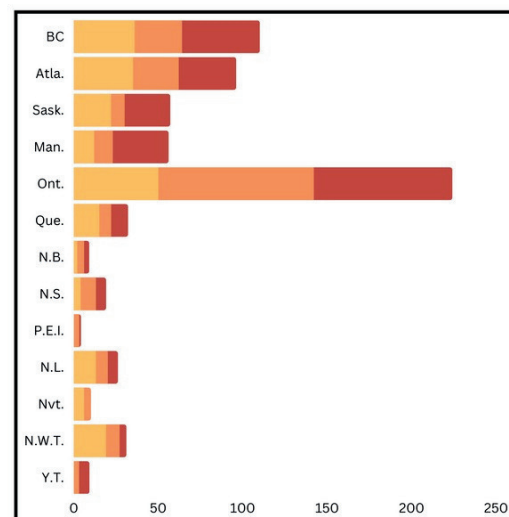
Table to the right: Breakdown of the Call to Action 66 Pilot's Financial Contributions through the Creation Community Grants Program from 2020/21 to 2022/2023

2020/2021 \$1,018,400 in funding through 95 grants		
Stream	Funded Amount	# Of Grants
Community Support Fund	\$388,400	59
Medium Project Stream	\$575,000	25
Youth Empowerment Stream	\$55,000	11
2021/2022 \$2,083,400 in funding through 125 grants		
Stream	Funded Amount	# Of Grants
Youth Empowerment Stream	\$154,900	36
Medium Project Stream	\$483,500	23
Large Project Funding	\$638,500	8
Community Support Fund	\$130,000	26
Land and Food Sovereignty Stream	\$258,000	11
Shared Struggle and Solidarity Stream	\$265,000	10
Arts-Based Projects Stream	\$153,500	11
2022/2023 \$2,157,250 in funding through 93 grants		
Stream	Funded Amount	# Of Grants
Youth Empowerment Stream	\$96,750	21
Medium Project Stream	\$625,000	22
Large Project Funding	\$471,000	7
Digital Sharing and Storytelling	\$180,000	9
Education and Training	\$99,500	5
Land and Food Sovereignty	\$275,000	11
Shared Struggle and Solidarity	\$150,000	6
Small Project Funding	\$160,000	11
Core Funding Partnerships	\$100,000	1

CREATION COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM— PARTICIPANT LOCATIONS



Fiscal Year	Participants with Demographics	All Participants
22/23	267	1'057
21/22	297	393
20/21	214	338



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