

Our Historic Advancements

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French and Michif Language Protection

PURPOSE:

- To support the revitalization of Michif language among Red River Metis.
- To ensure MMF information and documents are available in both English and French.



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Michif Language Protection Updates

- In previous years, organizations who wanted Michif program funding had to apply for funding from Canadian Heritage.
- Canadian Heritage has now approved a five-year Contribution Agreement and workplan that will transfer \$10M in Indigenous Language funding to the MMF for Michif programming.
- The MMF will distribute these funds, on a competitive basis, to parties who submit applications for Michif language revitalization projects over the next five years.



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Michif Language Protection cont...

- Canadian Heritage has communicated that the 2023-24 fiscal year is considered a “transitional” year where applicants can apply to either the MMF or to Canadian Heritage.
- After the 2023-24 fiscal year, Red River Métis citizens and Manitoba organizations who want to put on Michif programs for Red River Métis citizens will need to apply directly to the MMF.



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French Language Updates

- Currently, MMF translates *Le Métis*, MMF press releases, and key documents (such as the Constitution) into French.
- We are exploring ways to increase the number of MMF documents and information translated into French.



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Future Plans

- We are currently developing application forms and guidelines for organizations and regions/locals who will be applying for Michif revitalization programming funds.
- We will soon be hiring a Director of Michif Languages to coordinate the process of Michif funding applications and reporting.
- We are exploring funding opportunities that will allow us to increase the amount of French Language services we offer for Red River Métis citizens.



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THANK YOU!



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