

**FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM
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2021 CHRT 41 Capital Projects Tendering Policy

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This bulletin serves as a reminder regarding tendering requirements for First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program capital projects funded under 2021 CHRT 41. These requirements are detailed in Section 4 of the FNCFS chapter of the [Capital Assets Guide](#).

Tendering requirements

FNCFS capital projects located on-reserve and administered by a First Nation must comply with the [Tendering policy for federally funded capital projects for First Nations on reserve](#). This requirement applies to contracting for construction services and professional services for all project phases, including but not limited to: project management, pre-capital needs assessment/feasibility/planning, design, construction, and operations and maintenance.

Cost thresholds detailed in the tendering policy determine what type of tendering approaches may be used for construction services and professional services, depending on the value of the contract. In situations where First Nations have developed their own tendering policies, the minimum requirements in ISC's tendering policy, including these thresholds (see below), remain applicable as a minimum standard for FNCFS-funded projects.

CONTRACT VALUE THRESHOLDS			CHOICE OF TENDERING PROCESS
Professional Services (Needs Assessment/ Feasibility, Design, Project Management)	General Contracting (Construction)	Construction Management - competitively awarded portion (Construction)	
over \$500,000	over \$1 million	over \$200,000	• Open tender, publicly advertised
\$100,000 to \$500,000	\$200,000 to \$1 million	\$50,000 to \$200,000	• Open tender, publicly advertised • Invited tender, minimum 2 bids solicited
under \$100,000	under \$200,000	under \$50,000	• Open tender, publicly advertised • Invited tender, minimum 2 bids solicited • Sole source, if conditions warrant

Sole source (non-competitive) tendering is not permitted based solely on cost falling within the permitted threshold; funding requests must still demonstrate why the use of open or invited tenders are not suitable. Refer to [Section 5.6](#) of the Tendering Policy for all conditions that warrant the use of sole source tendering.

FNCFS agencies and First Nation off-reserve projects

The Capital Assets Guide requires that federally funded capital projects administered by FNCFS agencies align with public sector tendering practices. While the ISC tendering policy does not specifically address capital projects administered by FNCFS agencies, or by First Nations for off-reserve projects (including in the Yukon), ISC encourages alignment with tendering thresholds in the ISC tendering policy.

If you have questions about this bulletin, please contact your ISC regional office.