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A FOURTH EDITION OF THE NIKANEWIN BURSARIES TO ENCOURAGE FUTURE FIRST NATIONS ENTREPRENEURS

Wendake, February 27, 2024 – The First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Economic Development Commission (FNQLEDC) is proud to announce that the application period for the fourth edition of the Nikanewin Bursaries begins today. These grants will help stimulate entrepreneurship among First Nations people and help them realize their business ideas.

The Nikanewin Bursaries will be awarded to First Nations people with business projects, aged 18 and over, who live in Quebec (inside or outside the communities).

Thanks to a partnership with Hydro-Québec, ten (10) \$2,500 grants will be awarded to the winning projects, for a total amount of \$25,000. All grant recipients will also be able to benefit from the support of the FNQLEDC's Entrepreneurship Advisors during the different developmental stages of their projects (e.g., business plan, financial forecasting, search for financing, etc.).

The application submission period will close at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2024. For more information on the eligibility criteria as well as what must be included in the application file, please visit <u>nikanewinbursaries.org</u>

About the FNQLEDC

The FNQLEDC's mission is to advise, accompany and support the First Nations in achieving their socioeconomic objectives.

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