



IMPORTANT INVITATION TO ALL BC FIRST NATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

To: Local Government Mayors, Chairs, and Administrators
BC First Nations Chiefs and Administrators

From: UBCM Executive and First Nations Summit Task Group

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RE: FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2006/2007 PROGRAM

The Union of BC Municipalities and First Nations Summit are pleased to announce that funding for local government and First Nation Regional Community to Community Forums is available again this year. **This is an exciting opportunity and we invite you to respond by organizing an event in your area.**

A Community to Community Forum is an event bringing together First Nation and local government community leaders for the purpose of encouraging dialogue and understanding on areas of common responsibility and issues of mutual interest. Creating opportunities for dialogue is vitally important for improving government-to-government relationships.

The **Regional Community to Community Forum Application Kit** is attached (also available at www.civicnet.bc.ca and www.fns.bc.ca) and provides:

1. information on how to plan and organize an event; and
2. guidance on how to apply for funding, including a sample application and budget.

Funding through the Regional Community to Community Forum program can cover up to 50 percent of the total costs of holding an event; the other 50 percent of funds must be provided in kind or in cash by the applicant.

For any questions, please contact Harmony Folz at UBCM at 604-270-8226 ext 110 or hfolz@civicnet.bc.ca.

First round applications must be received at the UBCM Office by November 15, 2006 and events must be held by March 31, 2007.

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