Why our group exists: To partner with people in northern Manitoba to create healthier, stronger communities through healthy foods and resilient local economies. As a good partner, we try to learn about and understand northern cultures, values, strengths and challenges through respectful, mutual sharing of stories and ideas.

How to Apply:
1. Tell us about your project! Call or email:
   a. Becky Cook  
      becky.cook@tidescanada.org, 1.866.843.3722 ext. 4963  
   b. or Julie Price  julie.price@tidescanada.org  204-452-3611.
   We will work with you to see if your idea fits with this funding opportunity, which granting stream is best for your project, and we can provide examples if needed. An application will be sent after we talk to each other.

2. Complete an Application. Describe your community and the project and activities that you would like to do. Create a budget showing the money required and how it will be spent. Becky or Julie can help you complete this application if needed.
   There are three types of grants: Regular Project Grants, Small Grants, and Project Planning Grants.

3. Email your completed application to Becky or Julie by December 16th, 2016. Remember, we can help you record your ideas and complete the application if you would like some help, but you need to contact us at least before the application deadline!

Applications should be emailed to julie.price@tidescanada.org by December 16th, 2016.
For more information please go to: www.nmfccc.ca
Important Information

Food-related Community Economic Development is the focus of this collaborative. Your community project should involve food and community economic development (see page 3 for a definition).

Are you in the north? The project must be north of the Indigenous and Municipal Relations Boundary (see map).

Does your project benefit a group of people? We support groups of people and believe in the strength of community. Minimum of 15 families/households participating is required.

Do you have an organization to administer the funds? We can only give grants to charitable organizations or ‘qualified donees’ as defined by the CRA. Individual bank accounts cannot be used to administer funds. Call us and we will work with you to figure out a way to administer funds.

Grant types & amounts. There are three types of grants for 2016.
- Regular project grants: $5,000 - $25,000.
- Small grants: $1,000 - $5,000.
- Planning grants: $1,000 - $10,000.

Project start & completion dates. Grants will be awarded in February 2017 and spending should be completed by December 1st, 2017. Reports due December 15th, 2017. Extensions are possible, just be sure to talk to us.

Your responsibilities: If you receive a grant, we will ask the following things of you and your community.
1. Financial Responsibility. Spend the money as planned and provide documentation. Talk to us if your plans change.
2. Story Sharing, Pictures & Evaluation. Tell us what happened! We want to know why the project is important to your community, what worked well, and what was difficult. Together we become stronger.
3. Sharing with others. Please share the skills, knowledge and ideas you have with other communities. Additionally, we will host conference calls to share stories with others who partner with us.
4. Hosting Visitors. You may be asked to help host us in your community. We like to visit and learn!

Our Responsibilities. These are the things you can expect from us:
1. Respectful Partnership. We will be respectful and clear. We want to partner with your community or organization and walk with you on your journey. We want to learn from and with you.
2. In-kind Support & Information Sharing. We support your work financially; by telling others the story of your project; providing other grant opportunities; facilitating gatherings to benefit your work; and by supporting travel to conference and meeting opportunities.
3. Listening. We will listen to your ideas and to your questions, comments, concerns and challenges. We want to learn what we can to better help communities.
Background Information

What is Community Economic Development? We follow the Neechi Principles of Community Economic Development. See [http://www.arch.umanitoba.ca/greenmap/pages/GrnMapPl_msNeechi/](http://www.arch.umanitoba.ca/greenmap/pages/GrnMapPl_msNeechi/) for a full description of each principle. The CED Principles as developed by Neechi Foods Working Co-op include:

- Use of locally produced goods and services
- Production of goods and services for local use
- Local re-investment of profits
- Long-term employment of local residents
- Local Skill development
- Local decision-making
- Public Health
- Physical environment
- Neighbourhood stability
- Human dignity
- Support for other CED initiatives

The Partners: The Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative is the cooperative effort of more than a dozen funding organizations and northern people. Below are some pictures of our group!

Northern Manitobans providing advice, support and guidance are Hilda Dysart, Ervin Bighetty, Sofia Rablauskius, Jim Beardy, and Moneca Sinclair. Funding and expertise provided by ten organizations from across Canada.


NMFCCC Background:
Northern Manitoba is a region where communities currently struggle with high rates of poverty, food insecurity, and related health issues. But it was not always this way. The Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative wants to help address these issues by partnering with locally-led and inspired projects.

By sharing the experiences, resources, wisdom and desire for supportive change, and focusing our energies on northern Manitoba, we expect to take part in creating a sustained and positive change in the north, witness the blossoming health of northern people, economies and food systems, and the development of local capacity and community champions. The Collaborative brings together previously active northern support organizations while critically involving new support organizations in the work.

Tides Canada is proud to be the host organization and provide support to the NMFCCC.

For more information please go to: [www.nmfccc.ca](http://www.nmfccc.ca)
MAP: Your community must be located north of the Indigenous and Municipal Relations Boundary Line (That is the RED squiggly line near the bottom of the map.)