

Taking Action on Climate Change

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Outline

- ❖ Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources: Our Story
- ❖ Think, Plan, Know- Steps for successful proposal writing
- ❖ CIER Climate Change Tools



CIER is a First Nations directed national environmental non-profit organization

- ❖ Founded by a group of First Nations leaders in 1994
- ❖ Vision: sustainable First Nations and a healthy environment
- ❖ Participatory, partnership approach to projects





WATER



INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE



FOOD



BIODIVERSITY



YOUTH



CLIMATE CHANGE & HEALTH

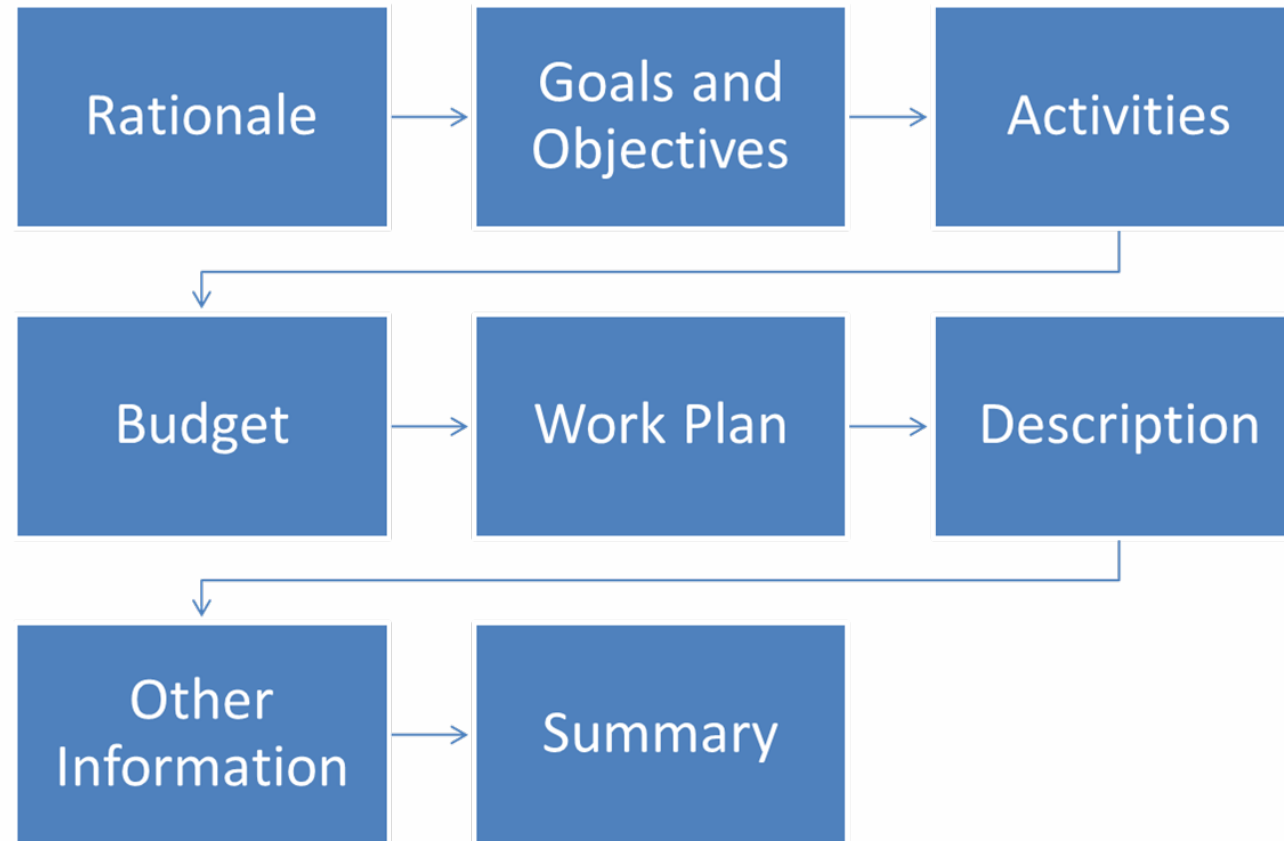
CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Essentials of Proposal Writing

- ❖ Read the call for proposals
- ❖ Talk to the funder
- ❖ Look for common ground
- ❖ Simple and straight forward
- ❖ Repetition and consistency
- ❖ Write, read and rewrite



Proposal Process



SMART Goals

- ❖ **Specific** - State the goal in as exact of terms as possible. Describe the result in positive terms.
- ❖ **Measurable** - Use solid criteria that can be tracked as the goal is reached. Use numeric amounts when suitable.
- ❖ **Attainable** - Consider available resources and pick a goal that can be achieved. Successful goals will empower.



SMART Goals

- ❖ **Relevant** - Pick goals meaningful to the community and/or Call for Proposals. The project will be better supported.
- ❖ **Time-framed** - Decide when the goal will be completed. Set a deadline that you can meet.



10 Rules to Creating a Budget

1. Create two budgets: one for planning purposes, the other for the funder.
2. Create a budget item for each major activity.
3. Be realistic with each activity.
4. Give yourself enough time (salary hours) and equipment to complete each activity
5. Include a detailed description of each item.



10 Rules to Creating a Budget

6. Reserve some funds in case activity costs are more than expected (contingency).
7. Get help and ask questions if you are unsure about an activity.
8. Look for in-kind support.
9. Double check your math.
10. Follow the budget, let the funder know when you may need to make changes.



Tools to Build a Stronger Community: Accounting for Climate Change

- Six guidebooks to ‘walk’ you through the process
- Some community planning steps also included
- Can jump into the process where best fits



<http://www.yourcier.org/climate-change-planning-tools-for-first-nations-guidebooks-2006.html>



Planning for the Future



1. Starting the Planning Process



2. Recognizing the Climate Change Impacts



3. Determining Vulnerability & Understanding Local Sustainability



Planning for the Future



4. Identifying Solutions



5. Adaptive Co-management



6. Monitoring Progression



**For additional CIER Climate Change Tools
visit:**

<http://www.yourcier.org/building-sustainable-communities.html>

Reports

**Managing the Risks of
Climate Change**

Climate Change Community Assessments



Find CIER Online at:



Thank You!

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