

## More Information About CEDI

### Introduction

The First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative CEDI program, is co-managed and co-delivered by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers ([Cando](#)) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities ([FCM](#)). This portion of the program is supported financially through a contribution agreement between Cando, FCM and Indigenous Services Canada.

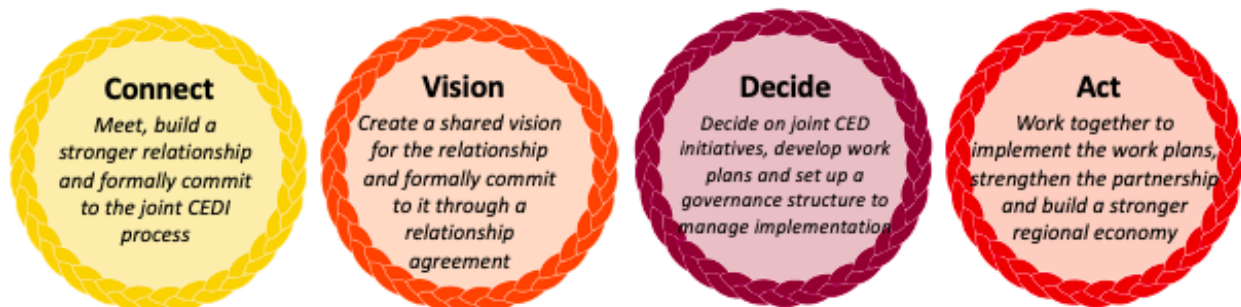
Since 2013 and through 4 cohorts, CEDI has supported a total of 28 First Nation – municipal partnerships to develop capacity and implement long-term joint planning for community economic development and land use, while building long-term, respectful relationships between elected officials, senior administrators, land management and economic development staff and the broader communities.

CEDI Phase IV is pleased to welcome an additional **six** new First Nation – municipal partnerships to participate in Cohort 3 of the **accelerated** CEDI Program participation model!

CEDI is a capacity development program that operates with two main program goals:

1. To support communities to **establish sustainable and resilient relationships** between elected officials, senior administrators, land management and economic development staff and the broader communities.
2. To **increase the capacity** of communities to engage in and develop collaborative, long-term land use and community economic development plans and initiatives.

### CEDI's Stronger Together Approach



As part of the CEDI program pilot phase (2013-2016), the [Stronger Together](#) approach was developed in collaboration with participating First Nation-municipal partnerships, creating a community-informed four-stage approach to First Nation-municipal partnership development and collaborative planning. The process is designed to strengthen the relationships among the communities through an ongoing cycle of convening, listening and uniting. The circle and braid hold the framework in place and represent how the weaving together of different communities makes them healthier, more resilient and stronger together.

The four stages of the Stronger Together approach are briefly outlined below.

**Stage A: Connect:** First Nations and municipalities meet, begin to engage in learning with and from each other, challenge assumptions and expand understanding, identify shared community development priorities, and commit to establishing a partnership.

**Stage B: Vision:** First Nations and municipalities continue to engage in shared learning, identify shared values and vision, engage their communities, and collaboratively define community economic development priorities.

**Stage C: Decide:** First Nations and municipalities decide on a joint community economic development initiative to work on together, develop a strategic plan and work plans as required, identify funding as required and set up a governance structure to manage implementation.

**Stage D: Act:** First Nations and municipalities work together to implement the joint community economic development initiative work plan, engage community members, stakeholders, and funders, create partnership agreements as directed by the partnership and joint initiative, and plan for partnership resiliency.

### Collaborative Community Economic Development

CEDI defines Collaborative Community Economic Development (CED) as a process by which neighbouring governments/community partners initiate and generate their own innovative solutions to their common economic problems, thereby building mutual long-term community capacity. Local knowledge is used for local solutions. This holistic approach integrates economic, social, and environmental objectives that benefit members of both communities, building stronger, and more sustainable communities and a broader regional economy.

There are many potential benefits of this collaborative approach to CED, including:

- A **stronger, united voice** for engaging with businesses and other orders of government.
- Increased ability to **access funding** from other orders of government.
- **Cost savings** and more efficient program and/or service delivery.
- More opportunities for **local business development and jobs**.
- **Coordinated planning** efforts to improve land use, land management and environmental/resource protection.

### Collaborative Community Economic Development Opportunities for First Nation-Municipal Partnerships

First Nations and municipalities have different legislation, jurisdictions and governance models and therefore have different responsibilities and opportunities to economic development and land-use planning. Since CEDI began in 2013, the program has witnessed a range of collaborative CED initiatives:

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| • Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan  | • Indigenous Employment Strategy                       |
| • Indigenous/Regional Tourism Strategy          | • Boundary Interface Protocols and Strategies          |
| • Collaborative Land Use Plans / Joint Planning | • Joint Active Transportation Plan                     |
| • Jointly managed Provincial Park               | • Joint Emergency Preparedness and Economic Resilience |

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