



September 1, 2020

MR. KEVIN O'REILLY
MLA, FRAME LAKE

**Oral Question 268-19(2): Support for
Entrepreneurs and Economic Development Policy Funding Delays**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on June 1, 2020 regarding delays in the rollout of Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The Minister committed to confirming with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) whether portions of the \$4 million in total SEED funding are allocated to specific regions and to providing you with those allocations. I can advise that for 2020-21, the SEED Policy budget is currently allocated as follows:

Program/Region	2020-21
Film*	\$ 160,000
Arts and Crafts*	125,000
Prospector Support*	50,000
Strategic Initiatives*	750,000
COVID top-up*	134,000
ADM Hold*	125,000
Beaufort Delta	470,000
Dehcho	470,000
North Slave	484,000
NWT-wide	269,000
Sahtu	445,000
South Slave	518,000
Total	\$ 4,000,000

* funds held for transfer to regions as programs are accessed

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You also asked why the SEED policy and application form and has not been updated to reflect the COVID-19 response guidelines and the Minister committed to updating that immediately. ITI has advised me that the guidelines work within the existing framework of the program, so updates to the policy and application form are not required. However, it seems that the confusion may have been caused by the guidelines being difficult to find on the ITI website. That was promptly corrected and I appreciate your bringing it to the Minister's attention.

Thank you.



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