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## **The Catherine Donnelly Foundation will Invest in Northern Leadership Programming for the Next Three Years**

(TORONTO) — The Catherine Donnelly Foundation (CDF) has recently approved a \$60,000 grant over the next three years to a program meant to foster and cultivate a new generation of leaders and community builders in the Yukon, Northwest Territories (NWT) and Nunavut. “Emerging Northern Leaders”, a project of Tides Canada, is creating opportunities for emerging leaders to develop their institutional and advocacy capacity, to better understand options to foster climate change resilience, and build movements towards sustainable livelihoods and wise resource stewardship. These leaders share a true desire to reclaim and reinvigorate their identity as Indigenous peoples and to fulfil their responsibilities as the champions and caretakers of their environment and their culture. This program will support leadership building and community action providing participants with the tools and the resources that will enable them to be agents of positive social change.

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation was inspired to partner with this program as it touches upon key sector priorities for the Foundation including Climate Change and Adult Education for Social Transformation. Additionally, the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is committed to supporting projects that build on a vision of reconciliation and true partnership with Canada’s First Nations Communities. This initiative will support the work and operations of Our Voices (Yukon), Dene Nahjo (NWT), and Qanak (Nunavut) through the successful shared-services platform of Tides Canada. By providing this funding, the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is also joining other like-minded funders interested in investing in Northern leadership development and shared program learning.

### **About the Catherine Donnelly Foundation**

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation is a private charitable foundation based in Toronto that provides grants to charities addressing issues related to Adult Education, Housing and Environment (Climate Change).

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