Financing Agreement

Making sure the new Déline Got'ine Government (DGG) has the funding it needs to take on its responsibilities is a shared responsibility described in the Financing Agreement.

What is the Déline Financing Agreement?

The Déline Financing Agreement (FA) is a contract between the DGG, the Government of Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). It describes how the DGG will be funded and how much funding the DGG will receive to fulfill its obligations and responsibilities under the Déline Final Self-Government Agreement (FSGA). The FA lasts for five years and will be renewed every five years. This is a more reliable way to get funding because currently governments and organizations in Déline can only plan based on the funding they receive one year at a time.

What is in the Déline Financing Agreement?

The Agreement has six parts.

The first part describes in a general way how the DGG, Canada, and GNWT will work together to ensure the FA works. It includes:

- how funding will be determined,
- how the DGG will report on how the funding is used, and
- how the DGG, Canada, and the GNWT will resolve issues and ensure that if emergencies or unforeseen situations occur, the DGG will have enough funding to carry out its responsibilities.

The other five parts of the Agreement – called "schedules" – explain in detail how Canada and the GNWT will provide their funding, how funding amounts will increase each year, and how the DGG will contribute to funding its own operations through contributions from its Own Source Revenues (OSR).

Schedules A and B: Canada's funding to the DGG

Schedules describe:

- how much base funding Canada will provide to the DGG,
- how the funding must be used, and
- how the funds will be calculated and provided to the DGG every year.

Schedules C and D: GNWT's funding to the DGG

Schedules describe:

- which local services that will be funded under the FA,
- how funding for local services will be provided to the DGG by the GNWT, and
- how the funding provided will be adjusted each year.

Schedule E: The DGG's contribution

Schedule E describes how the DGG will contribute its own funds to its operations through "Own Source Revenues" (OSR). OSR includes:

- revenue the DGG raises through taxes,
- business income (when this is transferred to the DGG from a business),
- fees, charges, fines and penalties, and
- revenue from the DGG'S property and investments.

Any revenues received by the DGG on behalf of beneficiaries and deposited into the Dene Gha Gok'ə rəhkw'ı (Beneficiaries Board) accounts are not considered as OSR. However, the Board can decide to have that money from Board accounts transferred to the DGG to fund a public program that benefits beneficiaries as well as non-beneficiaries. Any moneys transferred in this way will be counted as OSR.

How will the DGG's OSR affect what Canada and GNWT provide to the DGG for its administration and programs?

The OSR provisions of the FA will not affect the GNWT funding to the DGG.

OSR will affect the funding that is provided to the DGG by Canada, but only after the first five years, and possibly then only in a small way. For the first five years, the DGG's OSR will not affect the amount of funding that Canada will provide to the DGG.

What is the total yearly funding to the DGG under the FA?

The DGG's negotiated base funding under the FA is:

Total base funding for DGG (annual)	\$4,333,410*
GNWT local services funding	\$2,711,068
Total federal funding (ongoing)	\$1,622,342

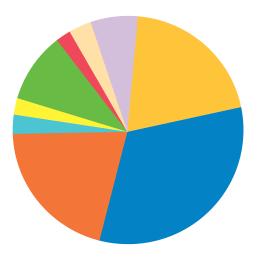
Total federal one-time implementation funding \$1,482,710*

*These amounts will be "price adjusted" prior to Effective Date, and the annual base funding amount will be price-adjusted each year based on a formula that has been agreed upon.

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Yearly	\$7,500,000
Land claim services	\$450,000
Other programs/projects	\$225,000
GNWT property grant	\$35,000
GNWT programs	\$835,000
Canada programs	\$175,000
Local revenue	\$100,000
Tax revenue	\$1,310,000
GNWT (municipal)	\$2,711,000
Canada (base)	\$1,622,342



One time implementation funding: \$1,482,710.00 (Not included in diagram)

What does it all mean for Déline?

The Financing Agreement is intended to make sure that the DGG has the funding it needs to operate and deliver the programs and services it is responsible for. Overall, self-government will mean a significant increase in funding compared to what the Déline First Nation, the Déline Land Corporation and the Charter Community receives now.

Today

The First Nation, Land Corporation and Charter Community receive about **\$5.3 million** per year to run their operations, programs and services.

Under self-government

The DGG will have total revenues of approximately **\$7.5 million** each year to run its operations, programs and services.