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TRACKING YOUR FUNDING JUST GOT EASIER

Introducing the Strategies North Funding App

After years of navigating the complicated funding landscape, we realized that clients need a better way to see all of their funds at a glance and save valuable time while doing so.

Today we're introducing the SN app, a 'one stop shop' web-based tool that is ready to be tested by real communities.

The app lets **SN proposal subscription clients** search for funding opportunities, track the status of their proposals, and work on funding reports in a simple interface.

"It's important to know that this isn't meant to replace our existing processes or our relationships with clients," says Austin Glover, who has been leading development of the app. "This tool just improves the process and it will make your work easier."

WANT TO TRY IT? BE A BETA TESTER!

The SN app will be available for all clients to add-on to their subscription for a fee by late 2022. **Until then, we need your help to create the best experience possible.**

We're looking for communities with proposal subscription contracts to be our first beta testers! For a full year, you'll get free access to the app and all its features, including:

Tracking the status of your proposal projects:

Cut down on email clutter by logging in to see whether your fund has been submitted, approved, rejected, or is still in progress.

Tracking your reporting to funders:

Never fall behind on all those looming funding reports by tracking when they're due and who they're for.

Find and flag funds you want to apply for:

For everything from cultural events to business development, the app search function allows you to search over 700 available grants and narrow them down by category, location, deadline, and dollar value. Once you've found one, you can flag it for your Strategies North client rep to see.



In return for free early access, we'll check in periodically to get your thoughts and see if you have any ideas for improving the experience. As a beta tester, you'll play an important role in helping to improve the app for communities all across the country.

"We're excited to be able to tailor it to communities' needs and experiences," says Austin. "We want to meet users where they're at."

Want to find out more about being a beta tester? Have any questions about the app?

Just click the red button at the top of this email or email Austin directly at a.glover@strategiesnorth.ca.

RIGHT: Sneak peak at an activity log for a funding application. **BELOW:** The app allows you to see all your applications at-a-glance with their status, requested amount, and client contact.

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Community Youth Initiatives
SMP #00

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Records

Fund

Last known application
SMP last applied for this fund on Jan 16th, 2019

Activity Log

BCR requested due June 2nd
The content for this BCR has been sent to Myrtle Banton via email

Project Submitted
This is project was submitted on May 10th, 2022

Project Created
This project was created on Feb 2nd, 2022

@ Contact Project Lead

| PROJECTS | REPORTS | PRIORITIES | CONCEPTS | | |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="text" value="Search"/> | <input type="text" value="Funder"/> | <input type="text" value="Year"/> | <input type="text" value="Quarter"/> | | |
| Action | Project | Fund | Status | \$ Acq/Req | Client Contact |
| 1 pending <small>due Jun 2nd</small> | Community Youth Initiatives SMP #00 | Youth Support Fund Funding Services Canada | Submitted On May 10th | \$0 CAD \$200k CAD | Myrtle Banton |
| 2 pending <small>due Jun 14th</small> | Greenhouses and Community Planters SMP #01 | Greenery Initiatives Funding Forestrics Resources | In-Progress Due Jul 15th | \$15k CAD \$30k CAD | Myrtle Banton |
| | Elder Housing Renovations SMP #02 | Structure Program Housing Initiatives of Canada | Approved On Mar 6th | \$75k CAD \$75k CAD | Bailey Arbour |
| | Tourism Relief SMP #03 | Tourism Relief Fund Government of Yukon | Approved On May 15th | \$50k CAD \$60k CAD | Myrtle Banton |
| | Store Renovation SMP #05 | Infrastructure Funding Plan Government of Yukon | Approved On May 23rd | \$130k CAD \$130k CAD | Bailey Arbour |
| | Equipment Grant SMP #04 | Equipment Grant Program National Equipment Co. | Deferred On May 15th | \$50k CAD \$60k CAD | Myrtle Banton |



Visiting the Kamloops Head Office

**BY DAVIS LEGREE,
RESEARCH ANALYST**

Talk about weird.

After working with Austin Glover for over a year, through a computer screen, I had the pleasure of meeting him for the first time face-to-face in April ahead of our trip to the Strategies North Kamloops.

Two fear-conquering, Gravel taking, and mask-wearing flights later, we were picked up by Grant Barley at the Kamloops Airport around midnight - the first example of generosity in a week that was to be dominated by hospitality.

The week I spent in Kamloops was delightful for several reasons. Every morning I woke up to views of the Thompson River Valley and its surrounding mountains - the largest that a kid from Ontario has ever seen. Each evening we were treated to the aforementioned hospitality, complete with Anna and Grant's respective culinary talents. **However, it was what took place during the workday that has stuck with me the most.**

Working directly with Anna, Grant, Austin, and Melissa has allowed me to build relationships, which I believe will add to my understanding of the workplace.



Davis (above) and Austin (right) spent time with Copper and Orzo, SN's office cat and dog team. We recently had to say goodbye to Copper after 20+ good years. We will miss him.



By making a conscious effort to bring each member of the team to the home office, it is clear that Strategies North's leadership recognizes the importance of building relationships throughout its business.

At Strategies North, the importance of our 'why' is often mentioned as the underlying foundation of the work we do. **However, my week in Kamloops revealed that the 'who' (not the band :) is just as important.**

Thanks to Anna and Grant for a very productive week.



*Ronda Ziakris, our Education Advisor, recently visited the health care team at Bearspaw-Eden Valley in Alberta. "It was a privilege for me to be at Bearspaw First Nation - Eden Valley to assist in the process of getting the documentation organized for submission for Jordan's Principle funding. **It was an honour to work with such a dedicated team who strives to bring about change, in a good way, for the people of that community.**"*

WORD OF THE MONTH

sqepts: (s)[qep](ts)
"Spring" in Secwepemc

Spring has sprung! In spring, Secwépemc people harvested food like edible green shoots of ts'ixnéllp (fireweed), xwtellp (wild rhubarb), tséts'elq (balsam root) and qwewq'ila (wild celery).

Thanks to Brenna Barley, our Administrative Assistant, for the word of the month. Brenna recently took Secwepemc language classes at Thompson Rivers University.



Welcome Back, Summer Students!

WHAT HAVE JESSICA & EMMA BEEN UP TO OVER THE PAST YEAR?



JESSICA WOSKETT: Over the past year, I have been working on my master's of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of Northern BC. My study is looking at what facilitates and/or constrains recreational fishing within the Omineca Region. More specifically, looking at how social constructs, such as gender, race, class, sexuality, and ability play out within the culture of recreational fishing. I want to speak with people who actively fish as well as people who do not participate. I am working alongside fisheries management to foster more equitable, diverse, and inclusive recreational fishing.

Fishing is a huge deal for many; career, food, recreation, tradition, culture. Working part-time at SN during this time has influenced a lot of my work at UNBC, and I hope my experience shows in the work I do here for our clients. **It's been amazing having a team support my fishy dreams.**



EMMA CONLON: I am very excited to get back to work at SN after a long first year at the University of Victoria Law program. I'm lucky enough to be a member of the Joint Indigenous Legal Orders/Canadian Common Law cohort, the first of its kind. This program is allowing me to develop the skills to work within Indigenous legal orders, Canadian common law, and understand how these two systems interact. The variety of legal orders that I am learning and being exposed to has shown me how I have been following Indigenous law since before I knew what it was.

Over the next three years, I will get to work with Indigenous legal practitioners and gain experience working in community on exciting legal projects. I've had so many opportunities to work with Cree, Anishinaabe, and Gitksan legal practitioners and can't wait to translate that into my work at SN! **I'm happy to come back to work with so many Indigenous communities that are actively utilizing Indigenous law in new projects, and I can't wait to spend another summer working with our clients!**