



# National Association of Friendship Centres

## Association nationale des centres d'amitié

### **Request for Proposals Access to Justice Strategy**

#### **Background**

The National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) is a national network of Indigenous-owned and operated civil society, not-for-profit, and service delivery organizations across Canada. The National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) was established in 1972 to represent a growing number of Friendship Centres at the national level. Acting as a unifying body for the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM), the NAFC represents a network of 125 Friendship Centres and 7 Provincial-Territorial Associations across Canada.

With the influx of Indigenous urbanization beginning in the mid-1950s, Friendship Centres emerged out of a clear need for culturally grounded services to support Indigenous newcomers to the city. With the increased demand for services for urban First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, the number of Friendship Centres increased and the nature of their programming and services expanded. With a vast majority of Canada's Indigenous population living in urban environments, Friendship Centres fill an essential gap in service provisions, as one of the few organizations directly catering to urban Indigenous needs in a status-inclusive model. Collectively, we refer to our network of over 100-member local Friendship Centres (FCs) and Provincial/Territorial Associations as the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM).

#### **Scope of Service**

The NAFC is seeking a consultant or organization to work alongside the NAFC policy team in the creation of our Access to Justice strategy. The awarded recipient will facilitate engagement with the Friendship Centre Movement, conduct research, generate a draft access to justice strategy with the intent of further community engagements to collect critical feedback ahead of finalizing the access to justice strategy.

#### **Qualifications**

Applicants will demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of:

- Experience working with Indigenous communities,
- The unique and diverse issues concerning urban Indigenous populations, communities, and organizations, including, but not limited to, the ongoing impacts of colonization and those related to gender, age, and geographic location,
- Legal background or experience developing projects dealing with legal concepts.



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## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals must include the following and will be evaluated as noted.

Criteria	Weighting
Description of your firm and relevant experience	25%
Scope and methodology	25%
Work plan	25%
Pricing	25%

Bidders are welcome, but not required, to bifurcate their pricing based on the breadth or delineation of services offered in their bids.

## Timeline

What	When
Request for proposals	September 8, 2022
Deadline to submit questions	September 22, 2022
Reply to questions*	September 29, 2022
Deadline to submit a bid	October 4, 2022
Contract award	October 12, 2022

\*In the interest of transparency, replies to questions will be sent to all bidders.

Please send your queries and bids to Bridget Bowman, Policy, Research and Communications Manager at:

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