



2026 DOG TEAM DRIVER GRANT PROGRAM

Dog teams remain an integral part of life in NunatuKavut. In the past, they helped families travel ("shift") to their seasonal homes and hunters and trappers provide for their families. They allowed people to travel throughout our homeland and connected people with one another.

Today, they continue to connect us to our traditions and our culture. There are several NunatuKavut Inuit in our communities who own dog teams. Understanding the cost of carrying on this important tradition, the NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) introduced the Dog Team Driver Grant Program in January 2023 to help subsidize the costs.

Grant Amount

Increased up to \$1,500 per dog team per calendar year in celebration of NCC's 40th anniversary as a governing body in 2026.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be located in a community within NunatuKavut and own a team with five or more husky dogs. Only one grant will be approved per dog team and per household.

Reporting

NCC will be following up with successful applicants for feedback and photos.

For inquiries about this grant, please contact:

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Application Form

General Information	
Name of Applicant	
Mailing Address	
NCC Membership Number	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Number of dogs in your team:	
Direct deposit information	Please attach a void blank cheque or a bank direct deposit form.
Please describe how you will use this grant funding.	
<p><i>Eligible costs may include: food, vet bills, hunting supplies (ammunition and fuel), sleds and sled maintenance, shelter supplies, and travel costs to participate in dog team races.</i></p>	

How long have you had your dog team?

Why you keep a dog team?

Please explain how you will contribute to NunatuKavut communities in helping keep this tradition alive.

Examples include storytelling or offering dog team rides.

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Application approved by:

Date:

Amount approved:

APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)

I declare the above information provided in this application to be complete, accurate and true.

Signature

Date

Please submit this application to *Shandy Smith* by email at ssmith@nunatukavut.ca
with the subject line *Dog Team Driver Grant Program Application*.