



- B) The requirement to demonstrate closure or significant loss- this is difficult to show as some of our members have received some work due to COVID 19. However many are unsure how long they will have these contracts and still require immediate assistance.
- C) Our members can provide a plan on where the support would be applied to and offer to provide proof of payments, i.e. Utilities, rental/ mortgage payments, insurance & other critical items we need to keep our businesses afloat.
- D) Having requirements of net assets of \$1 million or more should not disqualify Inuit Businesses in accessing funds. Most business owners run multiple businesses and they all require assistance to keep them alive, even though their personal or business assets may be more than the \$1 Million. We can understand this is meant to limit the assistance to those who really need it. We believe all Inuit business need the COVID relief funds regardless of their net asset value.
- E) Remove the requirement to report any contracts as they are sensitive in nature and some businesses have agreements in place to prohibit sharing of this information.
- F) Get the funds out the door within 5 days of approval.

As you know our Federal government has amended their programs several times to allow more people to access the COVID support relief. We would request QIA/Kakivak do same and amend these requirements to allow more Inuit Businesses to access the needed support.

As well, we also strongly urge QIA & it's agencies to request the hiring of Inuit owned businesses by Inuit Organization and Institutions of Public Governments. This can start with delivering critical services to our people during the COVID 19 crisis.

Lastly, we request representation at the table when discussing

procurement in Nunavut (with financial support) to ensure our voices are heard on policy matters that have a direct financial impact on our businesses.

We appreciate your consideration to our request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kirt Ejesiak'.

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