2026-27 MICHIF LANGUAGE GRANT APPLICATION GUIDE
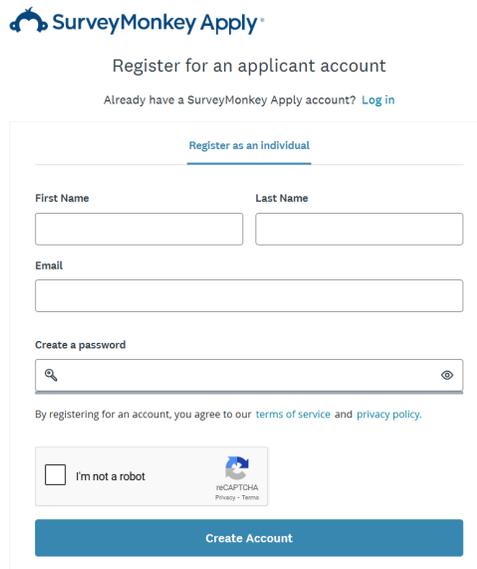
1. GETTING STARTED

We appreciate your interest in applying for MNBC's Michif language grants. To help you get started with the application process, this document serves as a step-by-step guide on how to navigate our new SurveyMonkey grant portal. To begin, click on the link below that corresponds with the grant you are interested in applying for:

Michif Language Celebration Grant - Métis Nation of British Columbia
Michif Learning Initiatives Grant - Métis Nation of British Columbia
Specialized Michif Projects Grant - Métis Nation of British Columbia

If you don't already have one, you will be asked to create a SurveyMonkey account before you can start filling out an application:

Once you have an account and are logged in, you will be brought to the application form. If you are unsure of which grant stream you should apply for, you can read about all three by clicking on "programs" near the top right portion of your browser window:
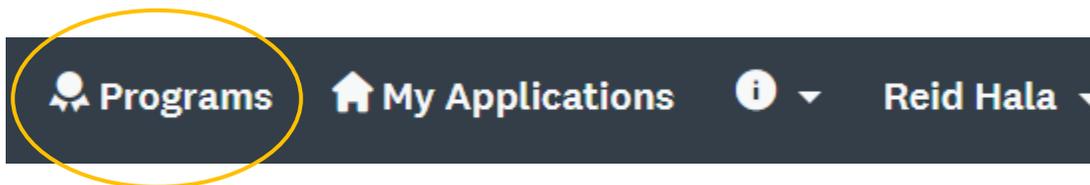
After clicking "programs," you will see the following screen, where you can read about and/or begin the application process for any of our three Michif language grants:

Specialized Michif Projects Grant

Accepting applications from Oct 3 2025 12:00 AM (PDT) to Mar 31 2026 04:30 PM (PDT)

Grants for specialized projects related to Michif documentation, resource creation, or similar projects that do not fall under the MLIG or MLCG

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Michif Language Celebration Grant

Accepting applications from Oct 3 2025 12:00 AM (PDT) to Mar 31 2026 04:30 PM (PDT)

Grants specifically for Métis Chartered Communities wishing to celebrate Michif language

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Michif Learning Initiatives Grant

Accepting applications from Oct 3 2025 12:00 AM (PDT) to Mar 31 2026 04:30 PM (PDT)

Grants specifically aimed at offering Michif language-learning opportunities for MNBC citizens

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Once you begin an application, it can be saved in the SurveyMonkey grant portal, so you do not need to complete the application in one sitting. Just be sure to save your progress before exiting. You can do this by scrolling all the way to the bottom of the application; below the signature field, click "save and continue editing" before exiting your browser:

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ANY IN-KIND FUNDS/OTHER FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED (IF APPLICABLE)	
TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MICHIF LANGUAGE INITIATIVES GRANT	

Signatures

If you are the Primary Applicant, use your mouse to sign below to complete your application and prepare it for review:

Clear

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING   MARK AS COMPLETE

Next time you log back in, you can access your in-progress applications by clicking on "my applications" near the top right corner of the screen. They will be displayed as in the image below. Clicking on one of them will show your current progress in the application process.
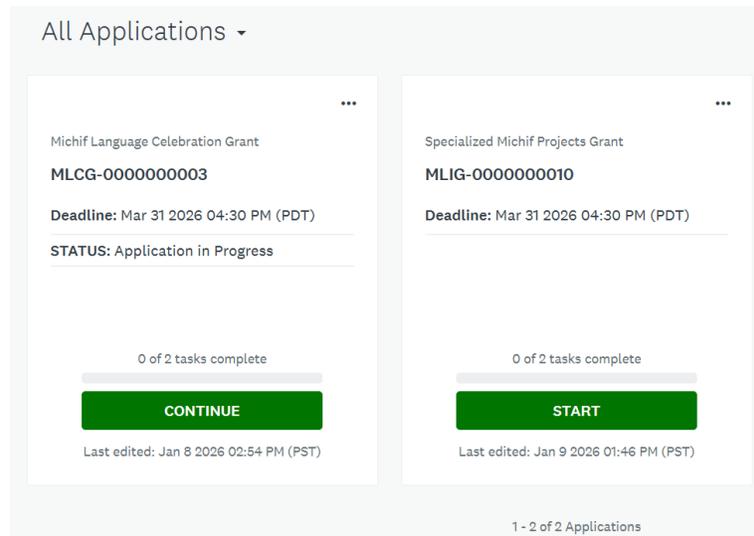
2. ADDING COLLABORATORS

From the "my applications" screen, once you click on a specific application, not only can you see the progress of your application, but you also have the option to *add collaborators* – that is, other people who will be given access to the application so they can help you complete it (these may be other project team members, members of your Métis Chartered Community, etc.). To do so, simply click the "add collaborator" button on the left side of the screen, and enter the person's email address whom you wish to invite:
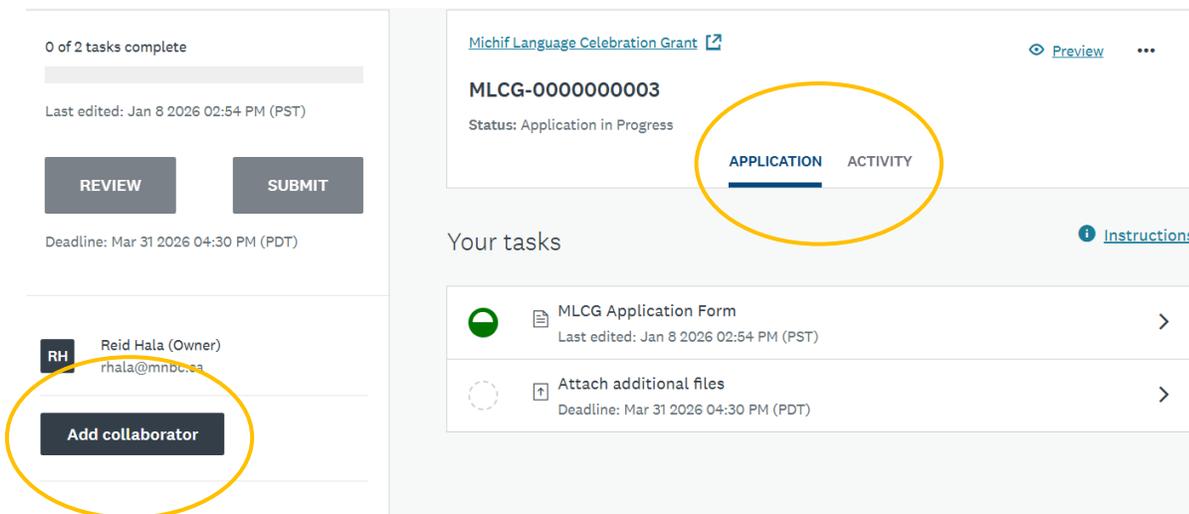
There is also an activity log (next to the "application" button on the right-hand side of the screen), that tracks when you or your collaborators make changes to the application form.

From this same screen, you can click on either the application form or the "attach additional files" button to start on these two tasks. This latter task is where the primary applicant must attach a photo of their valid MNBC citizenship card; you or your collaborators may also wish to upload other documentation that would support your application, such as letters of support from community members, Elders, Michif speakers, etc., or documentation that demonstrates previous experience with event hosting, language revitalization work, grant reporting, and the like.

3. THE APPLICATION FORM

The first section asks for information about the primary applicant – even if you are applying as part of a Métis Chartered Community, you are required to have one person serve as the primary contact for communications with MNBC regarding the application, funding distribution, reporting, etc. Note that the primary applicant must be a citizen of MNBC, as they will be asked to provide their citizenship number as part of the application process.

The following sections allow you to provide a detailed overview of your proposed project – the type of project/programming, intended audience, estimated timeline, and a proposed workplan where you can delineate different phases for your project.

The final part of the application is where you must lay out your proposed budget. Please be as detailed as possible about how you arrived at your proposed budget numbers. Please also note that just because the grants have funding caps ($10,000 for the Michif Language Celebration & Specialized Michif Projects grants and $30,000 for the Michif Learning Initiatives Grant, respectively) does not mean that your project budget must fall within those ranges; you may wish to apply for additional funding from another source and combine it with the funding you are seeking from MNBC. This can be indicated beneath the budget table, where it says: "any in-kind funds/other funding being contributed (if applicable)". However, the amount you enter in the box immediately below that, where it says: "total funding amount being requested…" must not exceed the funding cap:
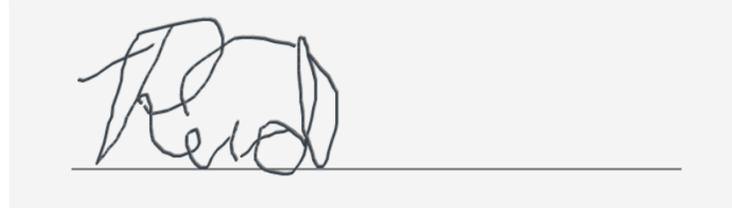
Finally, before the application can be submitted, the primary applicant must provide an electronic signature. This can be done by simply holding down the left mouse button and dragging the cursor through the signature field:

Signatures

If you are the Primary Applicant, use your mouse to sign below to complete your application and prepare it for review:

Clear

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING   MARK AS COMPLETE

When you are ready, click "mark as complete." If everything is in order, you will receive a notification via email that your application was successfully submitted. If you have not filled out all the required fields, you will be brought to the top of the application form and you will see a message that says: "please check your answers below and correct them before continuing." Unfortunately, while the platform will notify you that information is missing, it does not identify *which* information is missing; you will need to scroll through your application form until you find dark orange text that says: "an answer to this question is required." If, after looking through your application, you are still uncertain what information is missing, please email us at chl@mnbc.ca, referencing your application number[1], and we will do our best to help you resolve the issue.

After completing the application form and submitting any relevant documents, you are ready to submit your application. Please be aware that once you do click "submit," you will not be able to change anything in the application. If certain details of your proposed project change while the application is under review, please reach out to chl@mnbc.ca – again, referencing your application number – and let us know as soon as possible, so that we can factor the changes into our application review process.

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[1] you can find this by clicking "my applications" – it will be a series of four letters, a dash, and 10 digits, e.g., MLCG-0000000100

Upon successful submission of your application, the status of your application will change to "review pending" when you log in to your SurveyMonkey account:
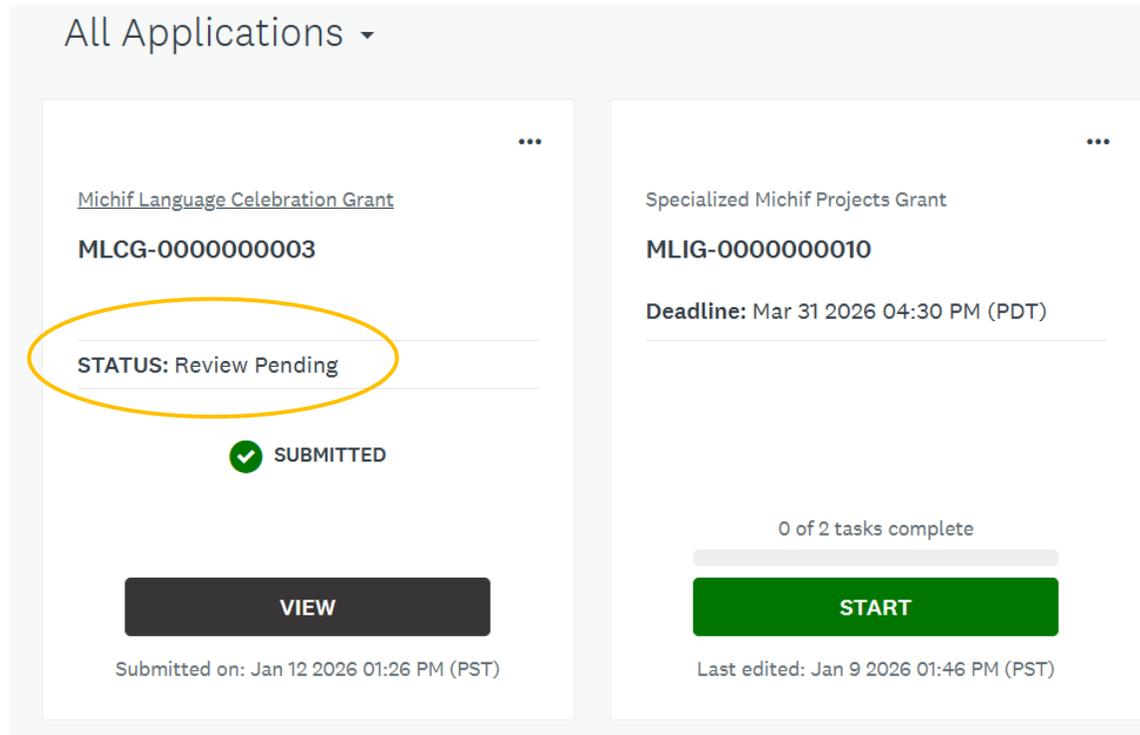
As will be indicated in the confirmation email when you receive it, it may take MNBC's Ministry of Culture, Heritage & Language (MoCHL) up to one month to review your application and decide whether it qualifies for funding.

Once the review process is complete, you will be notified via email whether your project has been accepted or rejected. In the case where your proposed project is denied, we will provide feedback as to why this was so. Even in cases where a project is accepted, MoCHL reserves the right to request changes to how the initiative is ultimately carried out.

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Thank you once again for your interest in our Michif language grants and for your devotion to Michif language. We look forward to receiving your application!