

# Summary of Changes to the Tribal Council Funding Program

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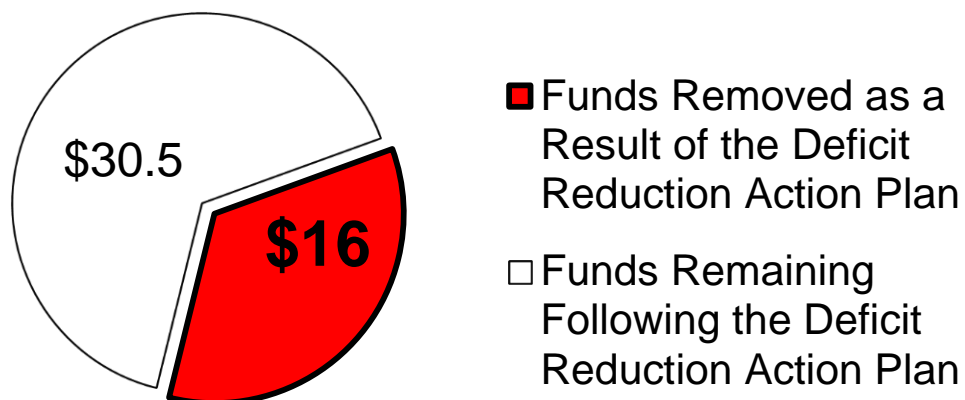
# Backgrounder

- Tribal Council Funding was introduced in 1984.
- It supports the core operation of tribal councils to enable them to develop the capacity of member First Nations, as well as provide aggregated program and service delivery, as agreed to by their member First Nations.
- The Tribal Council Funding Program currently funds around \$32 million to 81 tribal councils.
- Effective April 1, 2014, funding was reduced and a moratorium was placed on funding new tribal councils. Concerns were expressed following this policy change including:
  - Frustration over the disregard of the input provided during the 2009 engagement process to renew the Indian Government Support Programs.
  - The reduction in the amount of funding available to tribal councils, who were already underfunded.
  - The moratorium on tribal councils.
  - The disincentives to aggregate as a result of the tiered funding formula.
- The moratorium on tribal councils was lifted in 2016, but funding levels remain under the tiered funding formula.

## ***Deficit Reduction Action Plan***

- In 2011-2012, the Tribal Council Funding Program provided a total of \$46.5 million to 78 tribal councils.
- In 2012, the Minister announced the *Deficit Reduction Action Plan*, which would reduce the Tribal Council Funding budget.
- Under the current policy, Tribal Council Funding provided \$30.5 million for 2014-2015, representing a reduction of \$16 million (34%) from 2011-2012.

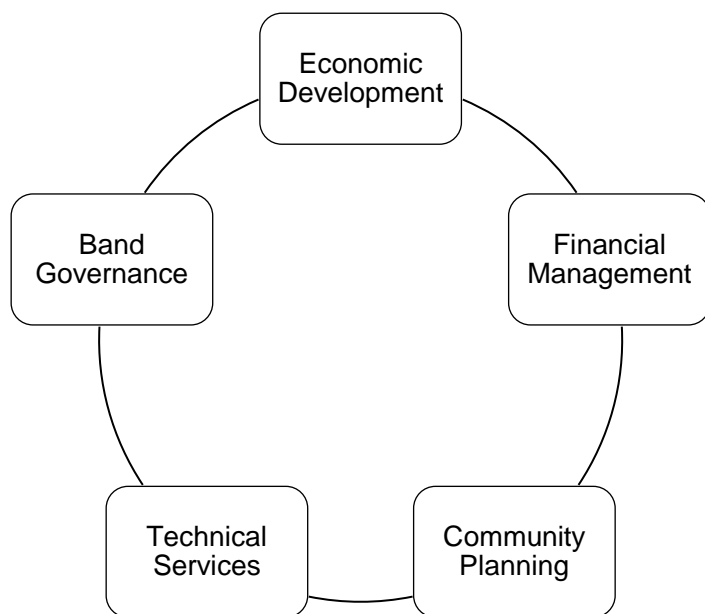
### **Tribal Council Funding Reduction for 2014-2015 (\$ Millions)**



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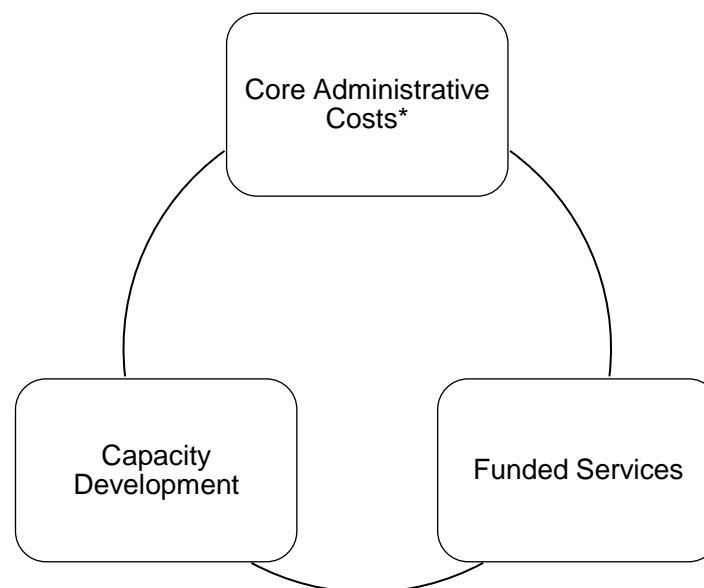
## Old Policy

- The requirements under the old policy were for tribal councils to provide all of the following five advisory services to their member First Nations:



## Current Policy

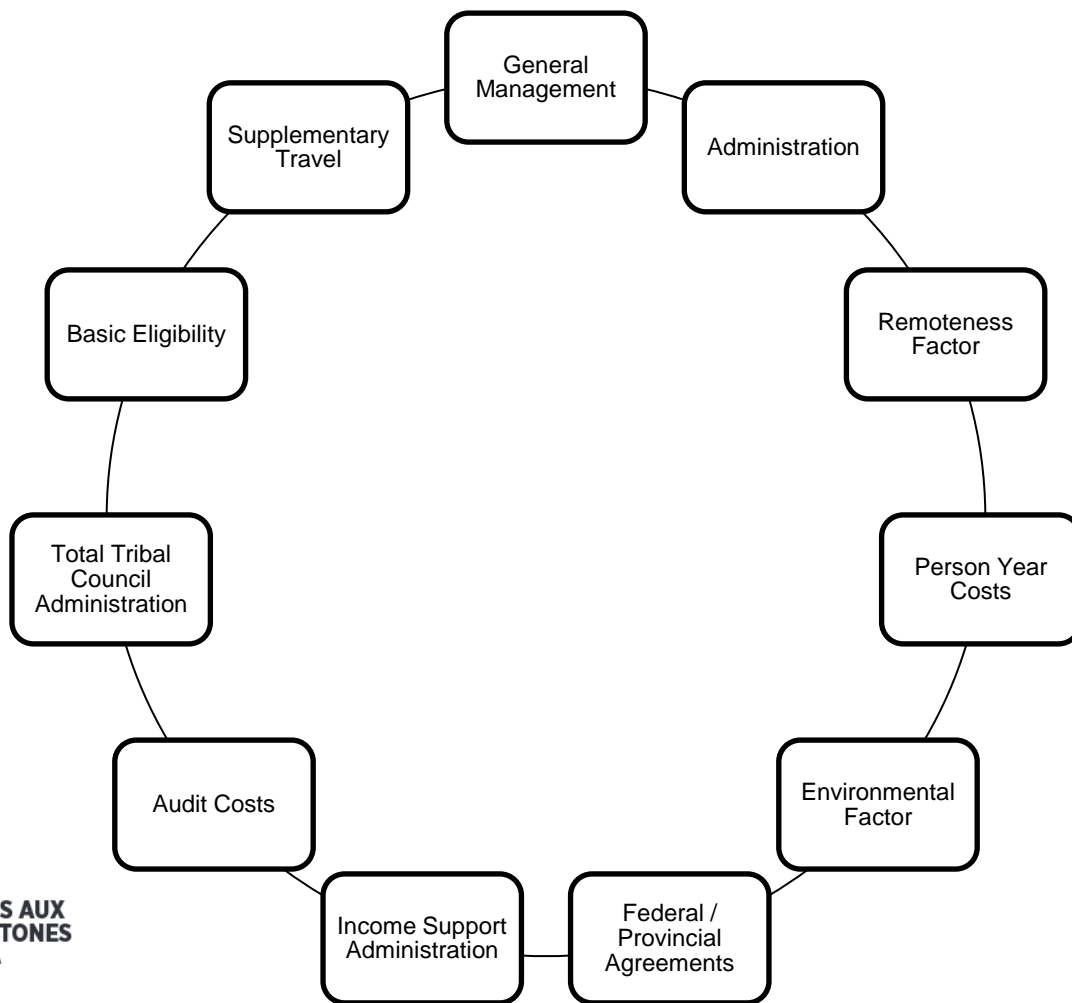
- The requirements under the current policy are for tribal councils to provide at least one of the following types of expenditures to their member First Nations:



\*Core Administrative Costs alone are not enough. Tribal councils must also deliver Capacity Development and/or Funded Services.

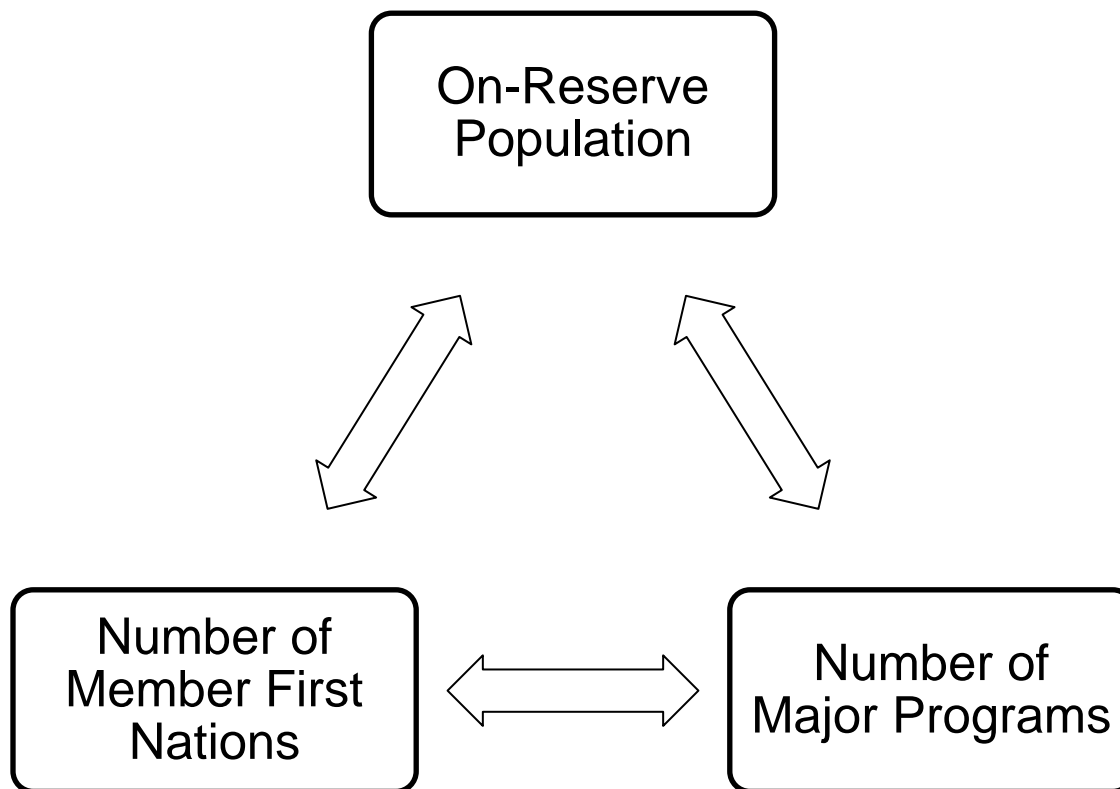
# Old Funding Formula

- The old funding formula took into account many drivers to calculate Tribal Council Funding. They were the following:



# Current Funding Formula

- The eligibility for Tribal Council Funding is now determined by the following three drivers:



# Current Funding Formula

- The three drivers that determine the funding formula are divided into the following three tiers, to determine the tribal council's funding level:

## Tier 1

**\$200,000**

- Serves an on-reserve population of less than 2000; and
- Serves 2 to 5 member First Nations; and
- Delivers fewer than 3 ongoing major programs.

## Tier 2

**\$350,000**

- Serves an on-reserve population of between 2000 and 5500; or
- Serves 6 to 8 member First Nations; or
- Delivers 3 to 5 ongoing major programs.

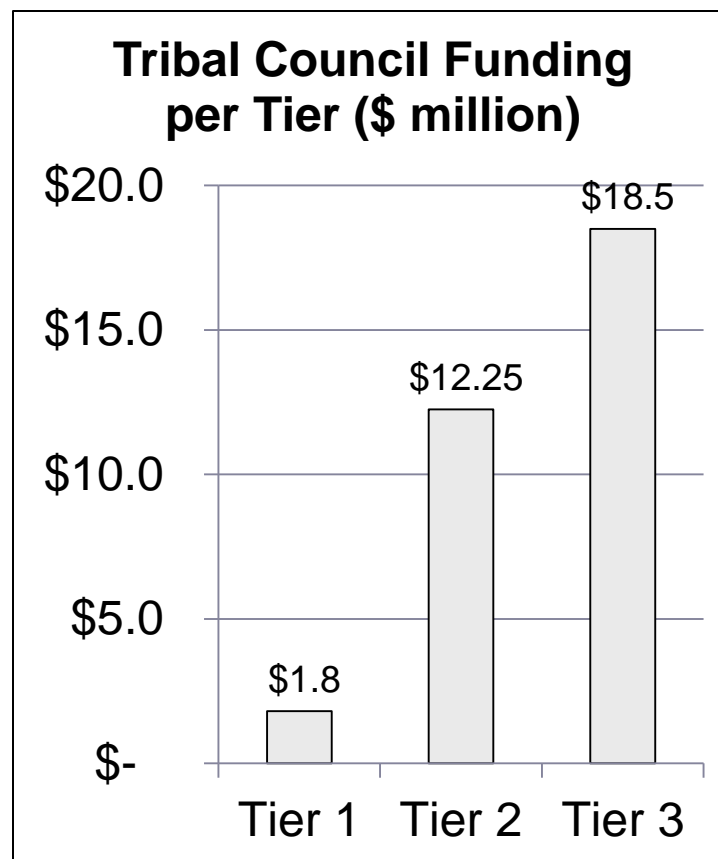
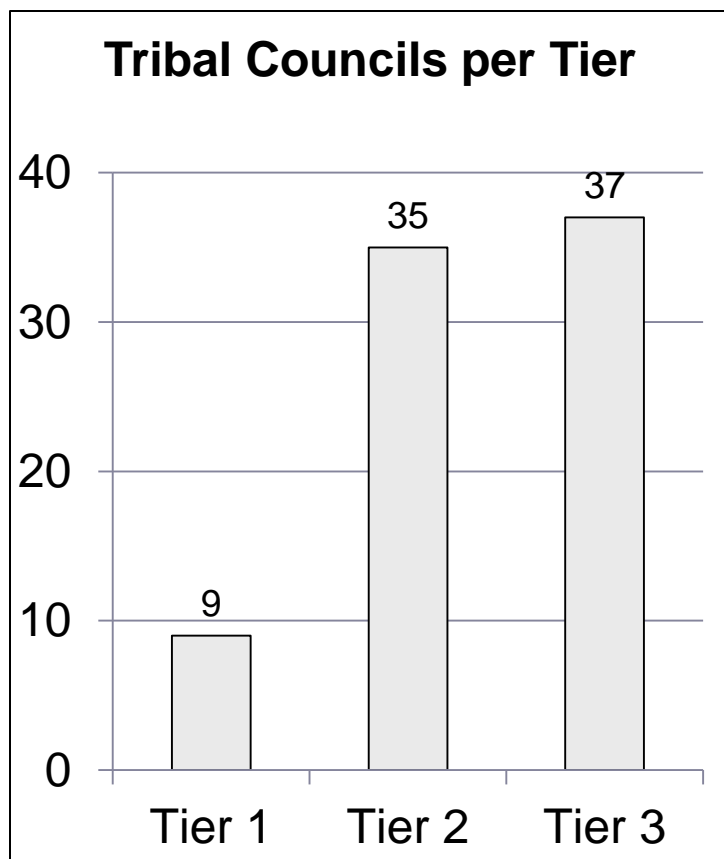
## Tier 3

**\$500,000**

- Serves an on-reserve population of over 5500; or
- Serves 9 or more member First Nations; or
- Delivers 6 or more ongoing major programs.

# Funding Tiers for 2018-2019

- The following shows how many tribal councils were funded under each tier, as well as how much total funding was provided by tier:



## Key Sources

- Authority 307: Contributions to supply public services in Indian Government Support and to build strong governance, administrative and accountability systems: Terms and Conditions - <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1386435142020/1386435188071>
- Tribal Council Funding Program Policy - <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1484929518851/1484929556318>