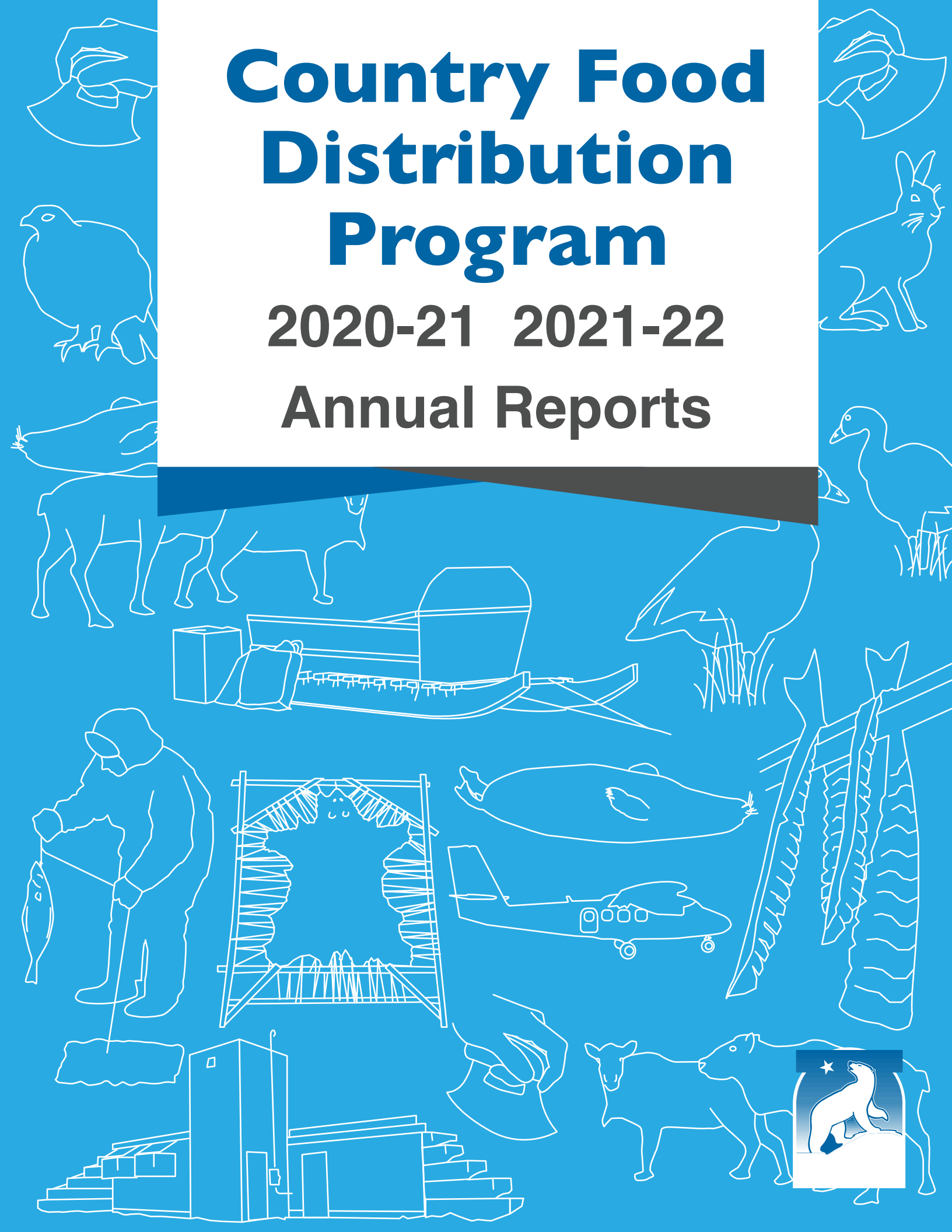


# Country Food Distribution Program

2020-21 2021-22

Annual Reports



## Sector Overview

Harvesting plays many roles in Nunavut society and is an important component of the northern economy.

Much of Inuit culture flows from experiences on the land and working with products of the harvest. The values and relationship developed from working on the land form the core of the Inuit Societal Values that guide and inspire the work of the Government of Nunavut.

Experience on the land is important for developing interpersonal relationships and contributing to mental health and wellbeing. Traditions surrounding country food are an anchoring force in Nunavut's culture and heavily influence community wellbeing.

Harvesting contributes to physical health as well. Country food is fresh, high quality, nutritious, and often locally procured.

Improving the ability of harvesters to provide food to communities is one of six themes in Nunavut's Food Security Strategy and Action Plan, and the department's programming is expected to have a direct impact on the rate of food insecurity in Nunavut.

One goal of the department is to improve the viability of the harvesting economy. In the current economy very few hunters are financially rewarded for their contributions to their communities.

Our goal with the Country Food Distribution Program is to help improve the economic viability of harvesting through encouraging and supporting economic development initiatives that build on and add value to the harvesting sector.

The program's investments in the local

harvesting economy will promote and support the use of harvesting skills and community-based solutions to enhance access to nutritious food throughout the territory.

## Program Report

### Current Approach

The Country Food Distribution Program supports the harvesting economy through two schedules: Schedule A – Community Harvesting Transfer and Schedule B – Community Harvesting Infrastructure.

Schedule A provides applying communities annual contributions for the purpose of improving the local harvesting economy and country food distribution system. Eligible activities under this schedule include community-identified initiatives that will improve the viability of the local harvesting economy (e.g., harvester skills development). Additionally, where the utilities or maintenance costs of the local community freezer or other country food infrastructure are not covered by another Government of Nunavut department, this schedule provides an additional \$10,000 for utilities, basic maintenance, and small improvement costs per year. The department may approve utilities and maintenance costs above \$10,000 if program funds are available.

Under Schedule A, each community is initially eligible for \$30,000. Depending on program subscription, additional contribution agreements may be made to applying communities on or after October 1.

Schedule B provides applying communities contributions for the renovation, construction, or expansion of infrastructure that supports the harvesting economy. Examples of eligible activities under this

schedule include repairs and upgrading of existing community freezers, community markets or cut and wrap facilities; design, purchase and installation of country food, community market or cut and wrap infrastructure.

Under Schedule B, the maximum funding amount for this program is \$400,000 per year, and, subject to the availability of funds, up to \$800,000 per project.

### **Spending Report: Schedule A**

In 2020-21 and 2021-22 communities used Schedule A to finance local harvests for at-risk members of the community, and to pay for community feasts or country food related events that promote community wellbeing. Schedule A was also used to support the operations and maintenance of community freezers across Nunavut.

These projects impact local food security and help to create a grassroots commercial system that will scale to take advantage of future opportunities surrounding country food.

### **Spending Report: Schedule B**

In 2020-21, the Hunter's and Trapper's Association in Sanirajak initiated a new community freezer project, and Baker Lake substantially finished their freezer project. Whale Cove was able to purchase shelving for their freezer, and two projects were started in Rankin Inlet.

In 2021-22, the Country Food Distribution Program supported two projects – a seacan-based freezer for the Qajuqturvik Food centre and the materials to renovate the Pangnirtung community freezer.

### **Spending Report: Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency – Harvesting Infrastructure Investments Project**

In 2020-21 the department administered funding received from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) for the “Harvesting Infrastructure Investments Project” (project funding duration: 2019-2021). In 2020-21 the funds were used to support community freezer repairs (Kugluktuk and Kugaaruk), a community freezer project (Sanirajak), and the distribution of country food (Iqaluit).

### **Spending Report: Canadian Agricultural Partnership**

In 2020-21, the department administered funding from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) (agreement funding duration 2018-2023). In 2020-21 the funds were used for the community freezer projects (Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet).

In 2021-2022 the funds were used for new freezer shelving (Whale Cove), freezer repairs (Naujaat) and a freezer expansion (Rankin Inlet).

**Detailed Spending Report: 2020-21**

| Recipient                         | Project Description                       | Community     | Amount (\$)         |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Schedule A</b>                 |   |               |                     |
| Hamlet of Arctic Bay              | Purchase Country Food 1 of 2              | Arctic Bay    | 10,000              |
| Hamlet of Arctic Bay              | Purchase Country Food 2 of 2              | Arctic Bay    | 10,000              |
| Clyde River Hunters and Trappers  | Community Freezer Operations Support      | Clyde River   | 39,986              |
| Iviq Hunters and Trappers         | Community Freezer Operations Support      | Grise Fiord   | 40,000              |
| Hamlet of Igloolik                | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Igloolik      | 30,000              |
| Qajuqturvik Food Centre           | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Iqaluit       | 37,971 <sup>1</sup> |
| Hamlet of Pangnirtung             | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Pangnirtung   | 30,000              |
| Municipality of Qikiqtarjuaq      | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Qikiqtarjuaq  | 30,000              |
| Sanikiluaq Hunters & Trappers     | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Sanikiluaq    | 19,305              |
| Hamlet of Arviat                  | Country Food Distribution                 | Arviat        | 20,000              |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour           | Purchase of Beluga Whale                  | Coral Harbour | 10,000              |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour           | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Coral Harbour | 14,250              |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour           | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Coral Harbour | 22,500              |
| Ikurraq Food Bank Society         | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Rankin Inlet  | 30,000              |
| Ikurraq Food Bank Society         | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Rankin Inlet  | 30,000              |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove              | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Whale Cove    | 11,700              |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove              | Community Freezer Operations Support      | Whale Cove    | 32,000              |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove              | Purchase of Four Caribou for Distribution | Whale Cove    | 1,000               |
| Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers | Country Food Distribution                 | Cambridge Bay | 25,745              |
| Hamlet of Gjoa Haven              | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Gjoa Haven    | 30,000              |
| Hamlet of Gjoa Haven              | Community Freezer Operations Support      | Gjoa Haven    | 12,500              |
| Hamlet of Kugaaruk                | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Kugaaruk      | 30,000              |
| Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association  | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Kugluktuk     | 30,000              |
| Hamlet of Taloyoak                | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Taloyoak      | 12,500              |

**2020-21, 2021-22 Annual Report: *Country Food Distribution Program***

| <b>Recipient</b>   | <b>Project Description</b>                | <b>Community</b> | <b>Amount (\$)</b>  |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Spence Bay Hunters & Trappers  | Purchase of Country Food for Distribution | Taloyoak         | 30,000              |
| <b>Subtotal – Schedule A</b>   |   |                  | <b>\$ 589,457</b>   |
| <b>Schedule B</b>  |   |                  |                     |
| Amaruq Hunters and Trappers  | Development of Processing Space           | Iqaluit          | 154,000             |
| Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers  | Community Freezer                         | Sanirajak        | 233,570             |
| Hamlet of Baker Lake   | Construction of Community Freezer         | Baker Lake       | 105,846             |
| Hamlet of Rankin Inlet   | Community Freezer Feasibility Study       | Rankin Inlet     | 13,915              |
| Kivalliq Arctic Foods Ltd  | Community Freezer Expansion Project       | Rankin Inlet     | 527                 |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove   | Community Freezer Shelving Units          | Whale Cove       | 37,917              |
| <b>Subtotal – Schedule B</b>   |   |                  | <b>\$ 545,775</b>   |
| <b>Total – Schedules A &amp; B</b>   |   |                  | <b>\$ 1,150,232</b> |
| <b>Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP)</b>  |   |                  |                     |
| Hamlet of Baker Lake   | Community Freezer                         | Baker Lake       | 423,384             |
| Kivalliq Arctic Foods  | Community Freezer                         | Rankin Inlet     | 103,700             |
| <b>Total – CAP</b>   |   |                  | <b>\$ 527,084</b>   |
| <b>Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency – Harvesting Infrastructure Investments Project (CanNor Harvesting)</b> |   |                  |                     |
| Hamlet of Kugluktuk  | Community Freezer Repairs                 | Kugluktuk        | 15,000              |
| Hamlet of Kugluktuk  | Community Freezer Repairs                 | Kugluktuk        | 12,500              |
| Hamlet of Kugaaruk   | Community Freezer Repairs                 | Kugaaruk         | 12,500              |
| Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers  | Community Freezer                         | Sanirajak        | 230,000             |
| Qajuqturvik Food Centre  | Distribution of Country Food              | Iqaluit          | 15,000              |
| <b>Total – CanNor Harvesting</b>   |   |                  | <b>\$ 285,000</b>   |

**Detailed Spending Report: 2021-22**

| Recipient                                     | Project Description                  | Community          | Amount (\$)           |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Schedule A</b>                             |                                      |                    |                       |
| Clyde River Hunters and Trappers              | Community Freezer Operations Support | Clyde River        | 40,000                |
| Qajuqturvik Food Centre                       | Distribution of Country Food         | Iqaluit            | 10,588                |
| Hamlet of Pond Inlet                          | Distribution of Country Food         | Pond Inlet         | 40,000 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Hamlet of Sanikiluaq                          | Distribution of Country Food         | Sanikiluaq         | 30,000                |
| Hamlet of Sanikiluaq                          | Distribution of Country Food         | Sanikiluaq         | 24,000                |
| Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers               | Distribution of Country Food         | Sanirajak          | 26,343                |
| Hamlet of Arviat                              | Distribution of Country Food         | Arviat             | 20,000                |
| Hamlet of Baker Lake                          | PAL firearm safety course            | Baker Lake         | 8,800                 |
| Hamlet of Baker Lake                          | Distribution of Country Food         | Baker Lake         | 21,000                |
| Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet                  | Distribution of Country Food         | Chesterfield Inlet | 6,000                 |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour                       | Distribution of Country Food         | Coral Harbour      | 15,500                |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour                       | PAL firearm safety course            | Coral Harbour      | 7,200                 |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour                       | Distribution of Country Food         | Coral Harbour      | 18,375                |
| Hamlet of Coral Harbour                       | PAL Firearm Safety Course            | Coral Harbour      | 25,200                |
| Ikurraq Food Bank Society                     | Distribution of Country Food         | Rankin Inlet       | 32,000 <sup>2,3</sup> |
| Ikurraq Food Bank Society                     | Distribution of Country Food         | Rankin Inlet       | 5,620 <sup>2,4</sup>  |
| Ikurraq Food Bank Society                     | Distribution of Country Food         | Rankin Inlet       | 30,000 <sup>2,5</sup> |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove                          | Distribution of Country Food         | Whale Cove         | 9,000                 |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove                          | Community Freezer Power Subsidy      | Whale Cove         | 27,500                |
| Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers             | Distribution of Country Food         | Cambridge Bay      | 27,143                |
| Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers               | Distribution of Country Food         | Gjoa Haven         | 30,000                |
| Hamlet of Kugaaruk                            | Community Freezer Operations         | Kugaaruk           | 10,000                |
| Hamlet of Kugaaruk                            | Distribution of Country Food         | Kugaaruk           | 30,000                |
| Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association              | Distribution of Country Food         | Kugluktuk          | 30,000                |
| Hamlet of Kugluktuk                           | Community Freezer Operations         | Kugluktuk          | 30,000                |
| Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers               | Distribution of Country Food         | Taloyoak           | 30,000                |
| Hamlet of Taloyoak                            | Community Freezer Operations         | Taloyoak           | 35,000                |
| <b>Subtotal – Schedule A</b>                  |                                      |                    | <b>\$ 619,268</b>     |
| <b>Schedule B</b>                             |                                      |                    |                       |
| Qajuqturvik Food Centre                       | Community Freezer Renovation         | Iqaluit            | 30,000                |
| Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers              | Community Freezer Repair             | Pangnirtung        | 168,500               |
| <b>Subtotal – Schedule B</b>                  |                                      |                    | <b>\$ 198,500</b>     |
| <b>Total – Schedules A &amp; B</b>            |                                      |                    | <b>\$ 817,768</b>     |
| <b>Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP)</b> |                                      |                    |                       |
| Hamlet of Whale Cove                          | 30 Green Epoxy Freezer Shelving      | Whale Cove         | 58,025                |
| Hamlet of Naujaat                             | Community Freezer Repair             | Naujaat            | 103,155               |

**2020-21, 2021-22 Annual Report: Country Food Distribution Program**

| Recipient             | Project Description        | Community    | Amount (\$)       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Kivalliq Arctic Foods | Freezer Building Expansion | Rankin Inlet | 61,446            |
| <b>Total – CAP</b>    |                            |              | <b>\$ 222,626</b> |

<sup>1</sup> *The contribution agreements for these projects were signed after October 1. As such, the \$30,000 maximum stipulated in Schedule A of the Policy was not applicable.*

<sup>2</sup> *All three project applications were supported and endorsed by the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. Prior to approving each of these project applications, the Department verified that sufficient funds were available in the CFDP budget. In addition to budget room, ED&T Kivalliq approved these applications to support the hamlet’s response to the pandemic.*

<sup>3</sup> *An error occurred in the total amount of this contribution agreement. As such, the total amount exceeded the \$30,000 maximum stipulated in Schedule A of the Policy.*

<sup>4</sup> *This contribution agreement was processed in early 2022 during the height of COVID-19 outbreaks in Rankin Inlet. Ikurraq Food Bank Society was presented an opportunity to partner with the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet, Second Harvest, Food Banks Canada, and a local business to coordinate a one-time distribution of locally processed country food. For the project, Ikurraq Food Bank Society contributed country food, the local business provided food preparation services and the other partners provided additional food supplies. Factors that contributed to ED&T Kivalliq’s decision to support this particular project included: the one-time occurrence of the project; support from national food security agencies, a local business, and the community; the ongoing pandemic.*

<sup>5</sup> *This contribution agreement was processed in March 2022 – towards the end of significant COVID-19 outbreaks in Rankin Inlet. During this period, Ikurraq Food Bank Society continued to be under tremendous pressure to help address food insecurity that was brought on by COVID-related impacts. Ikurraq Food Bank Society was serving a record number of families on a weekly basis. For the above reasons, in addition to the sufficient funds available in the CFDP budget, ED&T Kivalliq determined that providing additional funding would not only be well invested from a food security perspective but would also be a strong pandemic-response initiative on behalf of the GN.*