



# Summary of the Evaluation of the Aboriginal Peoples' Program 2014-15 to 2018-19

## Findings

### EFFICIENCY

**Improvements were made** over the 5-year period to better meet needs of recipients and communities:

- ◆ **Implementation** of ALI multi-year funding in 2018-19
- ◆ NAB opened to **new applicants**; while this was positive for reach and results, it led to lower funding and organizational instability for some original NAB recipients
- ◆ APP staff took time to **understand projects and community needs**

### Opportunities for Improvement:

- ◆ Timing of application deadlines
- ◆ Meeting service standards
- ◆ Delays in funding decisions
- ◆ Use of flexibilities and examination of alternate delivery options

## Recommendations

There was a delay in finalizing this report due in part to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Changes occurred to the program after the evaluation period and the evaluation acknowledges that the program has already taken actions to address the recommendations in this report.

**1** The evaluation recommends that the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Identity, with Indigenous partners, build upon the findings of this evaluation and the programming changes already implemented since 2019, and continue examining and implementing delivery approaches that support the evolving needs of Indigenous communities and maximize opportunities for flexibility.



**2** The evaluation recommends that the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Identity, complete the review of its program grants and contribution processes launched in Fall 2021 with the Chief Financial Officer Branch to establish and implement consistent standards for service delivery and timely funding decisions.



**3** The evaluation recommends that the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Identity, with Indigenous partners, continue measures to review the needs and priorities of Indigenous broadcasters in the North, with the goal of making changes to the Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting program element as needed.

