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Métis Nation – Saskatchewan moves quickly to implement portion of federal business stimulus package

April 21, 2020 – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) applauds the Federal Government for its \$306.8 million stimulus package to assist Indigenous businesses.

The Federal funding will allow for emergency short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions. Métis businesses will be able to access up to \$40,000 in emergency funds through the SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation in the coming days.

This weekend the Federal Government announced supports for Indigenous business, the MN-S and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) are now working quickly to get the funding out to our business community.

“Businesses are the economic drivers in our communities, employing Metis citizens, offering financial stability to residents and a better quality of life for families,” said MN-S President Glen McCallum. “Many of our remote communities are facing the tough realities of COVID-19 physical distancing measures and this funding can help offer some relief to make it through.”

“We will always be there for Canadian businesses, and we are working hard to make sure that Indigenous business owners have the support they need during this period of uncertainty. Entrepreneurs are at the heart of communities right across the country, and we’re going to help them bridge to better times,” said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in making the announcement.

Métis entrepreneurs and businesses will have access to information by calling SMEDCO at 306-477-4350 or visiting <http://www.smedco.ca/>

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