



Otipêy

Media Backgrounder

At a glance

Organization: Otipêy

Type: Investment platform led by Indigenous people

Origin: Grew out of Raven Outcomes

Meaning of Otipêy: It is the short form of the Plains Cree word Otipêmisíwak, meaning "those who own themselves."

Purpose: Advance Indigenous economic self-determination through investment and fund management

Geographic reach: Canada and around the world

Founder and Managing Partner: Jeff Cyr

What is Otipêy?

Otipêy is an investment platform led by Indigenous people. It designs, builds and manages funds that invest across the economy, in Canada and around the world. Grown out of Raven Outcomes, Otipêy brings a proven track record to new funds, sectors and asset classes. It invests in Indigenous and non-Indigenous projects, works with Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners and manages capital for other investors.

Otipêy brings multiple funds and investment approaches together under one platform, with the ability to expand into new funds, asset classes and financial tools as needs and opportunities emerge.

What does the name mean?

Otipêy is the short form of the Plains Cree word Otipêmisíwak, meaning "those who own themselves." The name reflects the purpose of the platform: advancing Indigenous economic self-determination and supporting Indigenous Peoples in shaping their own economies and futures.

Otipêy's Evolution

Otipêy represents the next evolution of the work that began with Raven Outcomes. Raven Outcomes established a proven model in outcomes finance. As that work grew, communities and partners brought forward needs and opportunities in areas such as housing, infrastructure and real estate that a single fund or financial model could not address.

Otipêy was created as a broader platform capable of developing and managing multiple funds, investment strategies and financial tools. Outcomes-based finance remains a core part of its work, while the broader platform allows Otipêy to respond to opportunities across more sectors and markets.



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Why this work matters

Indigenous economic self-determination requires more than access to capital. It requires Indigenous leadership and decision-making in how funds, assets and financial tools are designed, governed and put to work. Otipêy brings Indigenous knowledge, values and approaches to stewardship, accountability and long-term value creation into investment management. Its work extends beyond Indigenous-specific investments, creating opportunities for Indigenous leadership across the wider economy.

Otipêy's investment funds

Raven Indigenous Outcomes Fund I

A first-of-its-kind \$50-million fund that uses outcomes finance to scale Indigenous-led solutions in clean energy, housing and health. Its work includes rooftop solar in Onion Lake Cree Nation, home energy projects in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation and Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, and a type 2 diabetes initiative in Island Lake Anishinew Nation.

Relèven Transition Fund

Managed by Otipêy in partnership with Relèven, the Fund provides transition financing to turn underused faith properties into housing, community spaces and other assets that respond to local needs. It can finance property acquisition, pre-development and eligible holding costs while communities develop their plans and secure long-term financing.

Who Otipêy works with

Otipêy works with Indigenous Peoples, communities, Nations and organizations, as well as investors, governments, philanthropic organizations and fund and project partners in Canada and internationally.

This can include working with communities and organizations to develop investment solutions, managing capital for investors, developing new funds and investment opportunities with specialized partners, and working with governments and philanthropy to support social, economic and community priorities.

Otipêy and Otipêy Foundation

Otipêy and Otipêy Foundation are sister organizations with distinct but complementary roles.

Otipêy designs and manages investment funds. Otipêy Foundation is an Indigenous-led charitable organization focused on research, education, capacity building and community collaboration to strengthen Indigenous well-being and support long-term systems change. Together, the organizations help move ideas from research and community-led development toward investment and lasting impact.

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