

Funding Opportunities

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Great Lakes Guardian and Community Fund

Application Deadline: November 2018

Who can apply: not-for-profit organizations; First Nations communities and organizations; Métis communities and organizations

Potential Projects: project must have a direct environmental benefit and support at least 1 of the 3 goals. Goal 1: protect water quality for human and ecological health Goal 2: improve wetlands, beaches and coastal areas Goal 3: protect habitats and species

Amount/ %Match: up to 25000; No matching fund needed

Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/great-lakes-guardian-community-fund>

MOECC - supports actions from three key documents to protect Lake Superior: (LAMP, COA, GLS)

Application Deadline: Applications are ideally submitted early in the year with April 1st being the start of the budget year (some contingency funding through the year).

Who can apply: Any project that meets the goals

Amount/ %Match: Applications should remain under \$100,000, with matching or contributing funds not required but an asset to the application.

Money must be spent and reported on within a year. Funding can include staff time, consultants, services, graphic design, goods, travel and accommodation, studies. Projects can built on prior year's projects.

Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP)

Potential Projects: Undertake or support outreach and education to stakeholders on the impacts of climate change in the Lake Superior ecosystem, including potential changes to habitat ranges, stormwater management, and nutrient/chemical cycling.

Link: <https://binational.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Lake%20Superior%20LAMP%202015-2019.pdf>

Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA)

Potential Projects: Provide support for the development and implementation of regional Great Lakes adaptive management initiatives and pilot projects with a focus on impacts to Great

Lakes water quality and ecosystem health, including initiatives related to lake level uncertainties, vulnerabilities and risks.

OR

Continue to implement adaptation actions important to communities across the province, including:

- Building climate change adaptation into infrastructure planning processes;
- Completing guidance for integrating climate change impacts into the Environmental Assessment process;
- Continuing to share best practices and lessons learned with communities to promote water conservation;
- Continuing to provide community outreach and training to practitioners; and
- Continuing to raise awareness with public health units and others about health risk factors associated with climate change.

Link: http://ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/969645EE-7080-4EDE-8BC1-896937C5F436/aco_grand_lacs-coa_great_lakes-2014-eng.pdf

Great Lakes Strategy (GLS)

Potential Projects: Continue to implement adaptation actions under Climate Ready, including:

- building climate adaptation into Great Lakes agreements and integrating climate change adaptation into Ontario's Great Lakes programs
- examining climate change impacts on Great Lakes fisheries
- increasing awareness of the health hazards associated with climate change, including emerging health issues associated with extreme weather
- improving existing monitoring networks to detect climate change
- continuing to build our understanding of climate change and its impacts on the Great Lakes through investments in climate modelling and the development of rainfall intensity, duration and frequency curves.

Link: <https://dr6j45jk9xcmk.cloudfront.net/documents/896/5-1-5-great-lakes-strategy-en.pdf>

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF HOUSING

National Disaster Mitigation Program

Application Deadline: September 14, 2018.

Who can apply: Municipalities, conservation authorities, and other public sector bodies; private sector bodies; band councils; international non-government organizations; or any combination of these entities.

Potential Projects: There are 4 project streams: risk assessments; flood mapping ; mitigation planning; investments in non-structural and small scale structural mitigation projects

Amount/ %Match: Public Safety Canada can fund up to 50% of project costs, to a maximum of \$1.5 million in federal funding per project.

Link: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14903.aspx>

INFRASTRUCTURE ONTARIO

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

Application Deadline: October 31st

Who can apply: Municipalities located in Ontario

Potential Projects: The CWWF funds community capital projects that address immediate drinking water, wastewater and stormwater needs fostering economic growth and supporting a cleaner and healthier environment for communities.

The objectives of the CWWF are to:

- Improve reliability of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems and meet legislated standards and guidelines;
- Rehabilitate and modernize Ontario's aging infrastructure; and
- Accelerate short-term community infrastructure investments across Ontario.

Amount/ %Match: The Province of Ontario is cost-matching recipient contributions up to a maximum of 25% of total eligible costs, including:

- Rehabilitation projects;
- New construction projects;
- Optimization initiatives; and
- Planning and design work.

Link: <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR015994>

FCM

Green Municipal Fund

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round for brownfield capital projects, as well as for all plans, studies and pilot projects. Capital projects for waste, water, energy and transportation deadline is March 1st.

Who can apply: Municipal governments and their partners

Potential Projects: Plans, Feasibility Studies, Pilot projects, and Capital Projects

Focus areas include - Sustainable neighbourhood and brownfields action plans; Energy efficiency and recovery; Transportation and fuel efficiency; Water quality and conservation; Waste management and diversion; Brownfields.

Amount/ %Match:

Feasibility studies

Grants: Up to 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000.

Pilot projects

Grants: Up to 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$350,000.

Capital projects- August 1

Funding is provided for up to 80 per cent of eligible project costs. (can be matched with a loan). Areas include: Energy efficiency and recovery, Transportation and fuel efficiency, Waste management and diversion, Water quality and conservation, Brownfields

Link: <https://fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/about-gmf.htm>

Climate Change Staff Grants

Application Deadline: June 29, 2018,

Potential Projects: An individual funded through a climate change staff grant must move the following three municipal initiatives from planning to implementation over the course of the grant period:

Develop or refresh a GHG emissions reduction or climate adaptation plan, which:

Aligns with the municipality's sustainability and environmental goals, such as the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), Official Community Plan or other related policy documents

Integrates asset management priorities

Implement operational or institutional changes to produce long-term climate change impacts within the municipality beyond the end of the grant period, such as the creation of a climate change advisory committee or integration of climate considerations into infrastructure decision-making processes

Undertake preparatory work leading to the implementation of municipal GHG emissions reduction or climate change adaptation initiatives, such as creating GHG inventories, conducting stakeholder consultations or doing policy research

Amount/ %Match: *Grants of up to \$125,000 to cover the salary of one staff person*

Eligible applicants can receive a maximum of one climate change staff grant

Funding for up to 80 per cent of [eligible costs](#) over a two-year period

Link: <https://fcm.ca/home/programs/municipalities-for-climate-innovation-program/climate-change-staff-grants.htm>

ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

All projects must align with a grant result from the OTF Investment Strategy:

https://otf.ca/sites/default/files/investment_strategy2.pdf

Who can apply: any one of the following organizations eligible for funding: A charitable organization or foundation registered as a charity with the Canada Revenue Agency; An organization incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation without share capital in a Canadian jurisdiction; A First Nation; A Metis, Inuit or other Indigenous community; A municipality with a population of 20,000 or less, or their cultural and recreational agencies for initiatives in the Inspired or Active People action areas; A collaboration of two or more organizations, where the lead organization is an eligible organization

Seed Grant

Application Deadline: February 21, 2018,

Potential Projects: Conducting new research or feasibility studies; Testing new approaches; Hosting discussions about emerging issues or new opportunities; Developing a new idea; Launching a new event; Convening people together

Amount/ %Match: *From \$5,000 to \$75,000; Term – 1 year*

Link: <https://otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams/seed-grants>

Grow Grant

Application Deadline: Organization registration deadline: April 25, 2018, 5 p.m. ET ;

Application deadline: May 16, 2018, 5 p.m. ET

Potential Projects: Replicating, adapting or scaling a proven model; Piloting or demonstrating a tested model

Amount/ %Match: *From \$50,000 to \$250,000; Term – 2 year*

Link: <https://otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams/grow-grants>

Capital Grant

Application Deadline: Organization registration deadline: July 25, 2018, 5 p.m. ET.; Application deadline: August 15, 2018, 5 p.m. ET.

Potential Projects: Buying and installing equipment; Doing renovations, installations and repairs; Building structures or spaces; Making better use of technological resources

Amount/ %Match: *From \$5,000 to \$150,000; Term – 1 year*

Link: <https://otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams/capital-grants>

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

EcoAction Community Funding Program

Application Deadline: contact regional office for application guide and deadlines

Who can apply: environmental groups; community groups; youth and seniors groups; community-based associations; service clubs; Aboriginal organizations

Potential Projects: Priority will be given to proposals that achieve one of the following environmental results:

1. Clean water: Canadians contribute to coastal and fresh water quality and conservation
2. Climate change:
 - o mitigation: Canadians contribute to reduced emissions
 - o adaptation: Canadians adapt to current and future climate change impacts

Amount/ %Match: Contact Regional office for inquiries

Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/ecoaction-community-program.html>

Low Carbon Economy Challenge – Championship stream

Application Deadline: May 14, 2018

Who can apply: regional, local, municipal, provincial and territorial governments;

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit governments, communities or organizations;
- public sector bodies and boards;
- not-for-profit organizations; and
- private sector, for-profit organizations.

Potential Projects: projects that directly reduce GHG emissions while supporting clean growth.

Each proposal will be assessed and ranked based on a combination of the following elements:

- the annual tonnes of GHG emissions reductions achieved in 2030 per federal dollar invested;
- cumulative GHG emissions reductions over the lifetime of the impact per federal dollar invested;
- project feasibility and risk; and
- other co-benefits (e.g., contributing to Canada’s environmental, economic and social goals).

Amount/ %Match: Championship stream - federal contributions will be no less than \$1 million and no more than \$50 million per project for each funding agreement. Partnerships stream, federal contributions will be no less than \$1 million and no more than \$10 million per project for each funding agreement. See cost sharing table for maximum level of assistance

Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund/challenge-applicant-guide.html>

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

RBC Environmental Donations

Application Deadline: September 1, 2018

Who can apply: Organizations that are registered charities in their jurisdictions; Projects or programs that take place in communities where RBC has a business presence

Charitable organizations that provide direct community service

Websites and other communication vehicles that deliver a specific service-related program

Programs with measurable social outcomes

Potential Projects: Supporting projects aligned with sustainable development goals related to clean water or climate action

Amount/ %Match: 80% of RBC's donations are under \$20,000

RBC normally funds no more than 0.5% of an organization's operating budget

For capital campaign requests, RBC normally funds 0.5% of an organization's private sector campaign target, not including government support

For requests that pertain to one of your specific projects or programs, we determine funding based on strategic alignment. RBC will consider funding up to 20% of a specific project or program budget

RBC prefers to fund programs and projects rather than bricks and mortar

Link: <http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/apply-for-funding/guidelines-and-eligibility/environmental-donations.html>

NORTHERN CREDIT UNION

True North Strong

Application Deadline: not available

Who can apply: Got a great local charity, project or program to share? Send us your recommendations, and make good happen. Campaigns are subject to review, and must fall under one of four categories:

Potential Projects: Environmental Sustainability - From composting and recycling programs, to education and environmental initiatives on a larger scale – we're looking for ways to make the North a little greener.

Amount/ %Match: will create a funding campaign