

A New Trail

**fundraising for cultural
research and land use and
occupancy studies - a
reference guide for
securing funds**



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Introduction

In Canada, no funding program currently exists that targets specifically land use and occupancy research. Given the importance of this field of research and the increasing demand for support, both the government and private sectors should make greater resources available to First Nation communities to undertake these activities. Because this hasn't happened yet, you, the research director or community leader, will need to work extra hard and be especially creative in fundraising to pay for your land use and occupancy research initiative.

The goal of this guidebook is to help make this task easier for you. Through discussions with practitioners and funding agencies from across Canada, we have compiled a short-list of funding programs that might provide support for your cultural research projects. We were surprised to find so few funding programs that specifically target cultural research. Recognizing this, many practitioners from across Canada have recommended that a partnership approach to fundraising, where appropriate, might yield the greatest returns for your program. More recommendations are summarized in the next section, under the Fundraising Strategy section.

This guidebook also includes links to other funding reference tools, links to wage subsidy and employment programs that can help off-set the costs of your research, and an appendix of names of practitioners that have done a land use and occupancy research project or are engaged in this type of activity. This guidebook is not comprehensive – there are many other funding programs that could support you in your work. We have taken a snap-shot in time and highlighted some of the more common funding programs, a list that will no doubt need updating over time. For now, we hope that this guidebook will both help you save time and lead you to find new funding sources to help pay for and complete your important work ahead.

First Nations and the Tax Act

There is an unresolved issue in Canada taxation law relating to the eligibility of First Nation governments for exemption under the Income Tax Act. This is an important issue for many First Nations who might be trying to access funding from foundations or other organizations who invest only in charitable organizations. Foundations can only invest in organizations that are deemed to be charitable, as defined by the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA). You may hit this wall in your search for funds within the private foundation sector. But there is hope.

It used to be that the CCRA would only consider a First Nation band eligible for exemption if they had a recognized status of being a municipality (the issue as to whether First Nations may be considered to be a municipality in Canada was considered in the cases of *Otineka* and *Tawish*). In light of these rulings, however, the Tax Act is being amended (Section 110.1(1) and 118.1(1)) to extend the exemption to include any "public body performing a function of government in Canada". Clearly First Nation tribal entities would meet this criterion. This change to the Tax Act is expected to be put forward in the spring of 2004.

At the time of writing this piece, no bands have been tested on whether or not they meet this condition. The CCRA have said that they may qualify a First Nation as performing the functions of government if bylaws have been passed under ss. 81 and 83 of the Indian Act, or if the band has reached an "advanced stage of development". They may also accept the exemption where First Nations have been involved in negotiating land treaties (or have negotiated a settlement with Canada) and where the Nation provides community services. As this policy is relatively new, many foundations have yet to update their funding policies to reflect these changes. So you may still hit some barriers where a foundation says that they simply can't fund directly to a First Nation government entity.

So while we wait for the Tax Act to be amended, there are a few other options available to you in accessing charitable funds. One is to find a registered non-profit within your community to oversee your proposal and project funds. Most cultural centres, or school boards for example, would be regarded as eligible charitable organizations, satisfying the requirements for foundation funding. If one doesn't exist in your community, you may cautiously approach an outside charitable organization to act as a broker on your behalf. This latter option introduces issues of trust and is complicated by the fact that charitable organizations really aren't suppose to act as feed-through agencies under the Canadian charity laws. This is still quite common, however, with many environmental organizations now submitting proposals on behalf – and in partnership with – First Nations. You will have to decide your comfort level with this and test the waters with a third party registered non-profit.

Either way, you will need to be flexible and creative in your fundraising strategy. Your close relationships with funders will help in finding an optimal route to securing funds. It will likely be different with almost each funding source.

For more information on this, please consult:

Aboriginal tax planning

By David Thompson, Doug Mathew and Samantha Mason (Current to: March 22, 2002)

<http://www.cle.bc.ca/CLE/Practice+Desk/Practice+Articles/Collection/02-app-aboriginaltaxplanning>

Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency

Charities Directorate

1-800-267-2384

<http://www.cca-adrc.gc.ca/>

Fundraising Strategy

There are many fundraising strategy references available at libraries and on the Internet. The following are three links that you might want to review to help you develop a fundraising strategy of your own.

Fundraising Ideas that Work for Grassroots Groups, by Ken Wyman

Brought to you courtesy of the Community Partnerships Programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage, this publication provides advice on fundraising for grassroots groups. It includes sections on the fundraising climate in Canada, the four types of fundraising, working with volunteers, and more.

Website: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pc-cp/pubs/e/fr4gras1.htm>

Charity Village Library

There are several articles relating to grant seeking found in the Charity Village Library that are worth reading, including:

Top ten ways to get your proposal read

Foundation collaboration—visioning for the future

Grant makers get more focused

Proposals that appeal or appal

Understanding the funder and the proposal

Website: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/research/rprop.html>

Notes from Fundraising Workshops

Presented at workshops on "Fundraising for Non-Profits" hosted by Environment Canada and Health Canada, this 74-page document includes sections on fundraising methods and strategies, writing for fundraising, developing a fundraising plan, and more.

Website: <http://atlantic-web1.ns.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/default.asp?lang=En&nav=AD039ED9-01>

In connecting with cultural research practitioners from across Canada, we asked these individuals if they have any specific tips to share with other First Nations who might be just setting out on developing a fundraising strategy of their own. The following page lists a summary of these tips and other suggestions provided by both Ecotrust Canada and the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation staff.

Ten Tips

1. **Be creative.** Think about how you might adapt your project to meet the guidelines of a funding program. For example, a funding program might not be interested in funding cultural research on its own, but might be more interested in providing support for forest management planning. Your proposal could incorporate a cultural research component within a forest management-planning proposal.
2. **Don't drift** too far away from your original goals to satisfy funding criteria, given what was mentioned above,
3. **Build relationships and network** these relationships to find funding. Fundraising is all about relationships. Call people and meet with people – don't rely on e-mail, the Internet or template cover letters to get your program funded. Follow-up on your proposal and keep in touch with the funding organization.
4. **Talk to other practitioners** in your region and elsewhere in Canada to find out about how they funded their research programs.
5. **Don't use the shotgun approach** in sending out dozens of proposals. Be focused and strategic, incubating relationships with the funders that you are targeting.
6. **Explore funding opportunities** through partnerships or joint ventures with industry, conservation organizations, academic institutions or with government. Who is doing business in your territory? Would the outcomes of your cultural research benefit other parties? If so, then these parties might want to share the costs of the research (but not to share ownership of the research).
7. **Get support** for your project from all levels of your community. Demonstrate this level of support to funders in the form of letters of support, or by bringing in different community entities into your research proposal.
8. **Don't spend a lot of time chasing small grants.** It is often the same amount of work to secure a \$500 grant as it is a \$50,000 grant.
9. **Educate funders.** Land use and occupancy research is a very specialized and complex field. It is often not very well understood by funders. Funders may not understand the importance of conducting this type of research and its spin-off benefits for planning and decision-making. You may have to work hard in helping funders understand your project and why it is important.
10. **Keep things simple,** avoid wordy proposals and stick to the funding criteria. Don't bite off more than you can chew – you only have limited time and personnel to do the work. Be realistic and build on your track record of successful work.

Existing funding guidebooks or lists of funding sources

There are many funding guidebooks and references already in circulation that can be used to help you discover new funding opportunities. The following is a list of some of these resources.

Environment Canada Eco-Action: National Green Source Funding Guide

The Green Source is a resource guide prepared by Environment Canada that will help you locate numerous sources of funding for environmental projects. It includes information on public and private sector programs and organizations that provide financial assistance, labour costs or in-kind donations to community groups. The Green Source is available in searchable database format, or in hard copy format available from the Environment Canada regional office serving your area.

Website: http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/before_e.html

Canadian Rural Partnership Program

The Canadian Rural Partnership is the key policy framework supporting federal rural policy efforts to date. It is funded by \$20 million over four years (1998 - 2002), and built around the Federal Framework for Action priorities. The Partnership is about operating within the federal government to ensure that federal programs, policies and activities provide support to rural communities.

Website: http://www.rural.gc.ca/home_e.phtml

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

The programs listed here have been created by INAC and other federal departments to enhance First Nation, Inuit and Innu economic development.

Website: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ecd/pas_e.html

Ecotrust Canada: Aboriginal Mapping Network

The Aboriginal Mapping Network is a collection of resource pages for First Nation mappers who are looking for answers to common questions regarding mapping, information management and GIS. It is a network where First Nation mappers can learn about what other native mappers are doing, and share their own experiences throughout the aboriginal community. The AMN has a British Columbia focus, but is not limited to this geographic region.

Website: <http://www.nativemaps.org/funding.html>

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy: Canadian Directory to Foundations & Grants

CCP's Canadian Directory to Foundations and Grants is available in two formats: a searchable online version and a print edition. The Directory contains the most current, reliable and thoroughly researched profiles and grant information on over 1,700 foundations that are actively granting in Canada. Subscription cost is \$350 for this service, but the directory is very comprehensive with interactive search criteria including search by geographic region and keywords such as First Nations, conservation, environment and land use.

Website: <http://www.ccp.ca>

Canadian Environmental Grantmakers Network (CEGN): Canadian Environmental Grants Database

Grantseekers are strongly encouraged to visit these websites, which include information on each grantmaker's current funding interests and programs, guidelines, criteria, restrictions, deadlines and application process. This is an important next step in your research that will help you to focus your fundraising efforts by identifying those grant programs that are the best potential fit with your proposal. In addition to individual grant-maker websites, there are other good resources that provide further information on potential funding sources and approaches to fundraising. Several useful suggestions are provided in the Resources for Grantseekers section of CEGN's website.

Website: <http://www.cegn.org>

Charity Village

Charity Village is Canada's "supersite" for the non-profit sector. There are more than 3,000 pages of news, jobs, information and resources for executives, staffers, donors, and volunteers. The site has links to several funding guides and resources, including:

CharityVillage Non-profit Neighbourhood: Grant-Giving Foundations

Links to the homepages of Canadian foundations with grant programs.

CharityVillage Online Resources: Government Agencies and Departments

Links to the homepages of federal and provincial government agencies and departments. Find general information and funding guidelines.

CharityVillage Online Resources: Economic, Financial and Investment Information

Links to Canadian public company filings, reports and media releases.

CharityVillage Marketplace: Funding Sources Databases

Links to commercially available sources for foundation, corporate, and government funding information.

Community of Science—Funding Opportunities for Canadians

A searchable database of funding opportunities available to Canadians in Biomedical and Health Sciences, Science and Technology, Mathematics, Computer Science, Agriculture and Food Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Behavioural and Social Sciences, Education, Engineering, Energy and Law.

Database of Funding Agencies

From the University of British Columbia's Office of Research Services. Searchable by key word, grant type, research area and deadline, and covers Health Sciences, Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. In addition to a long list of Canadian funding sources, the database contains a good cross-section of foreign agencies. The service also provides direct links to the home pages of major granting agencies.

Directory of Funding Agencies and Other Organizations of Interest

From University of Alberta's Research Grants Office. Provides links to the home pages of foundations and agencies, organized by country.

Directory of Potential Sources of Funding for Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention Projects in Ontario

This directory features both private and public funding sources, as well as practical tips, links, resources, and worksheets for developing successful funding proposals, managing the funding relationship, and working with community partners. While targeted to individuals active in substance abuse and injury prevention, this directory will be useful to a wide range of grassroots community groups.

Grant Deadline Page

From the Dalhousie University Office of Research Services. A list of deadlines for major granting programs from government, agencies, and foundations. The site doesn't list contact information for the different granting organizations, but it does offer programs specific deadlines organized by month.

Index of Funding Sources For Canadian Artists

Links to foundations and funding program information for artists. Includes foundation addresses and some basic funding guidelines.

Website: <http://www.charityvillage.com/>

Private Foundations and Funding Programs

In discussion with practitioners and funders, we have developed a short-list of funding programs that might be suitable in securing funding for cultural research initiatives. This list is not comprehensive and many programs can change their focus and funding criteria without notification.

Alberta Law Foundation

Program Name

Alberta Law Foundation

Program Description

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- conducting research into and recommending reform of law and the administration of justice.
- establishing, maintaining and operating law libraries.
- contributing to the legal education and knowledge of the people of Alberta and providing programs and facilities for those purposes.
- providing assistance to native people's legal programs, student legal aid programs and programs of like nature.
- contributing to the costs incurred by the Legal Aid Society of Alberta to administer a plan to provide legal aid.

Who can apply?

Grants will not be made to an individual or for the support of a commercial venture. Funds are not available for bursaries, fellowships, sabbatical leave support, endowments, building funds, etc. The Foundation expects that major publications will be self-supporting with

respect to direct costs such as printing and distribution.

Project Focus

Projects must fall within the stated objects of the Alberta Law Foundation as interpreted by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Funding is available for both project grants and operating grants. The application process begins with a discussion of your program or project idea with the executive director. This will be followed by an exchange of drafts during the development of the application.

Funding Range

Grants may be of any size but all are subject to the availability of funds.

Application Timelines

Meeting dates and application deadlines are available from the office.

Additional Information

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The Bullitt Foundation

Program Name

The Bullitt Foundation

Program Description

The Bullitt Foundation is committed to the protection and restoration of the environment of the Pacific Northwest. This commitment includes environmental

problems that disproportionately impact lower-income people in both urban and rural environment.

Who can apply?

Non-profit organizations that serve Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, Western Montana (including the Rocky Mountain Range), and the rain forest region of southern Alaska. The majority of grantees are citizen groups located in the Northwest that are working to build and strengthen the environmental movement and to educate the broader public about the importance of protecting and restoring the environment. Please visit the website for more specific details.

Project Focus

Projects relating to: forest and land ecosystems; public outreach and capacity building; rivers, wetlands, estuaries, and marine ecosystems; any environmental concerns. Please note: only proposals that focus on these specific environmental projects will be considered.

Funding Range

Not specified – contact the Foundation to discuss details of your project.

Application Timelines

May 1st and November 1st, each year.

Additional Information

The Bullitt Foundation
1212 Minor Avenue
Seattle, Washington
98101-2825 USA
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Website: www.bullitt.org

Cottonwood Foundation Grant

Program Name

Cottonwood Foundation Grant

Program Description

The Cottonwood Foundation is dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed, grassroots organizations that rely strongly on volunteer efforts and where foundation support will make a significant difference.

Who can apply?

Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. Organizations in the United States and internationally are eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status (US registered charitable status), but only charitable, non-profit organizations will be funded by Cottonwood Foundation. Political and religious organizations, governmental agencies, for-profit businesses, private individuals, and universities are not eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Please note that organizations that promote the practice of any specific religion are not eligible for funding from the Cottonwood Foundation.

Project Focus

Cottonwood Foundation has a very limited amount of funding available, and will only award grants to organizations that meet all four of the following criteria:

- protect the environment
- promote cultural diversity
- empower people to meet their basic needs
- rely on volunteer efforts

If your organization does not meet these four criteria, it will not be eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation.

Approximately 40 grants will be awarded in 2003.

Funding Range

Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. Cottonwood Foundation typically funds projects for which \$1,000 US would make a specific and concrete difference.

Application Timelines

There are no formal deadline dates for grant applications to Cottonwood Foundation. Cottonwood Foundation accepts applications at all times for consideration. Applicants can typically expect to be notified within approximately six months of the receipt of their application about whether the application has been funded.

Additional Information

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The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation

Program Name

George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation, Environment Program

Program Description

The Environment Program has as its fundamental goal the conservation of biodiversity through preserving habitat in southern Canada, maintaining healthy northern forests, and strengthening the capacity and effectiveness of

environmental groups to achieve and maintain these goals.

This approach is based on our belief that Canadians have a unique opportunity to preserve our natural places and systems, and that we must take steps now to secure this legacy for the future. While the Program is national in scope, our approach is to focus our granting in those regions where opportunities are greatest and capacity is most limited.

Who can apply?

The Foundation does not support: individuals, for-profit organizations, or organizations whose main purpose is political activity (as defined by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency). The Foundation does not ordinarily support capital projects, endowments, deficits, or scholarships.

Project Focus

The Foundation supports work that is rooted in strong science, responds to the needs of specific ecosystems, engages communities, and focuses on achieving meaningful, long-term conservation results. Specific activities funded may include:

- participation in land use planning processes,
- economic and policy analysis (including the design and implementation of innovative tools for conservation),
- development and promotion of indicators of ecosystem health,
- community and First Nations outreach,
- mapping and conservation planning,
- research design and promotion of protected areas, and
- public education.

While the Foundation will consider support for national-level initiatives, the primary geographic areas of interest for the Environment Program are: (1) Northern Forests; (2) Southern Landscapes; (3) Capacity-Building; and (4) Emerging Issues.

Funding Range

There is no maximum or minimum grant size. We simply ask that applications be submitted with budgets appropriate to the organization's size and human resources capacity.

Application Timelines

The Foundation will review applications for the Environment Program twice annually, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Additional Information

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<http://www.metcalffoundation.com>

The Kathleen M. Richardson Foundation

Program Name

The Kathleen M. Richardson Foundation

Program Description

Small family-based foundation. Focus on: Environmental Resources; Theatre; Arts; Dance; Native People; Historic Preservation; Music; Community Services; Universities; Art Galleries, within Manitoba (with rare exceptions).

Who can apply?

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Project Focus

Richardson says, "every gift I give, whether personal or through the foundation, has one condition attached, that it will not be publicized." "I've been asked to explain the basis of my decision-making in choosing causes to support," she grins impishly. "I can only say it's idiosyncratic."

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Contact the Foundation or more information.

Additional Information

Mrs. Sheila A. Berthon, Secretary
The Kathleen M. Richardson Foundation
30th Floor, Richardson Building
1 Lombard Place
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0Y1

The Law Foundation of British Columbia

Program Name

The Law Foundation of British Columbia

Program Description

In June 2002, the Foundation adopted an updated Mission Statement. The Mission Statement now reads: "To use our income for the benefit of the public of the province of British Columbia by supporting programs which advance and promote the rule of law and a just society. The Law Foundation recognizes the diversity of the population of British

Columbia and endeavors to be responsive to the diverse public of British Columbia in its workforce, Board and grant making.”

The Law Foundation invests in five areas of activity:

- legal aid
- legal education
- law reform
- legal research
- law libraries

The Foundation recognizes that while its objectives are legal in nature, the income is to be allocated to programs that will benefit the general public of British Columbia.

Who can apply?

A grant application:

- must be submitted by a non-profit organization
- must fall within one or more of the five mandated areas
- must establish a clear benefit to the people of British Columbia

Project Focus

Under the legal research focus, the Foundation seeks to advance the knowledge of:

- law;
- social policy; and
- the administration of justice through the identification of areas and issues needing study and analysis and the encouragement and support of projects to address those needs.

Funding Range

The Foundation sets its grants budget and funding guidelines on an annual basis.

One-time project funding is available annually.

Application Timelines

Please see the website for application guidelines and procedures.

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The McLean Foundation

Program Name

The McLean Foundation

Program Description

The McLean Foundation was established in 1945 by the late Mr. J. S. McLean.

Who can apply?

Grants made by the Foundation are restricted to organizations which are recognized by Revenue Canada as “charitable organizations” and which are able to provide a registration number. First Nation organizations do not need “charitable” status. Grants are not made to individuals.

Project Focus

Emphasis on projects showing promise of general social benefit but which may initially lack broad public appeal. The Foundation recognizes the importance of local involvement in community activities. In view of the number of applications which it receives, the Foundation encourages ventures of an exclusively local interest to rely on community

support. Projects are in the categories of: Arts, Conservation, Education, and General.

Funding Range

Project specific limits. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applicants may check with the Secretary of the Foundation about specific deadlines and meeting dates.

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North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation - Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Program Name

North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation

Program Description

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) created the North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation (NAFEC) in 1995 as a means to fund community-based projects in Canada, Mexico and the United States that promote the goals and objectives of the CEC.

NAFEC supports projects that:

- are community-based (involve a clearly defined community of stakeholders who actively participate in the design and implementation of the project);
- respond to a specific issue or problem and lead to concrete results;
- reflect cooperative and equitable partnerships between or among organizations from different sectors and/or countries within North America;
- meet the objectives of the CEC (by complementing the current CEC program);
- strengthen and build the capacities of local people, organizations and institutions;
- emphasize sustainability; link environmental, social and economic issues; and
- leverage additional support, but are unlikely to obtain full funding from other sources.

Who can apply?

- Non-governmental: Not-for-profit nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) will be eligible for grants. Proposals from qualified non-governmental organizations, involving cooperation with otherwise unqualified organizations, could be considered for funding on a case-by-case basis.
- Community-based: NAFEC's resources will only go to support efforts at the grassroots level. The objective of empowering and building the capacity of local peoples and institutions will be used as a guiding principle.
- North America-based: Applicant organizations must be based in

Canada, Mexico or the United States.

Project Focus

All projects must meet the basic NAFEC criteria listed above. They must also fit into the following category: environmental monitoring and assessment related to human health. Specifically, projects funded in 2003 must strengthen the capacity of citizens and communities to monitor aspects of their environments that affect their own health. Monitoring activities should lead to increased citizen participation in decision-making and/or in designing and implementing local solutions to environmental problems. Ideally, monitoring approaches will incorporate local/traditional and scientific knowledge; link human and ecosystem health; and encourage the development or implementation of policies that support citizen monitoring and the public's right-to-know.

Funding Range

Grant requests in 2003 should not exceed \$40,000.

Application Timelines

Deadline to submit proposals: March 31. Grants announced in late June. Projects begin in July. See website for more information.

Additional Information

North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation (NAFEC)
c/o North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
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Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 1N9
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Website: <http://ww.cec.org/>

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Program Name

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Program Description

At the Ontario Trillium Foundation, our goal is to work with others to make strategic investments to build healthy, caring, and strong economic communities in Ontario. Communities should be places where people can get what they need, learn about what interests them and do what they enjoy. For that, they must have a healthy environment, economic security, and equal access to a good mix of arts, culture, sports, recreation and social services. Wherever there are gaps or room for improvement, there is opportunity for the Ontario Trillium Foundation to invest – not only in the work that will have the greatest impact but also in the organizations that are best equipped to do it.

Who can apply?

The Ontario Trillium Foundation will fund any one of the following: registered charities, organizations incorporated as not-for-profits in a Canadian jurisdiction, unincorporated branches or chapters of charitable or incorporated not-for-profit organizations, First Nations initiatives through a Band Council resolution, Métis Charter communities, collaborative organizations, containing at least one eligible member.

Project Focus

The Ontario Trillium Foundation awards grants to fund operating, project and/or capital costs in support of: Arts and Culture, the Environment, Human and Social Services, and Sports and Recreation. The Foundation makes grants that have province-wide impact as well as

grants that have local impact in communities across Ontario.

Funding Range

One-year or multi-year grants of up to \$75,000 per year for up to five years; or one-time grants of up to \$75,000 in most catchment areas and \$100,000 in larger catchment areas.

Application Timelines

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Additional Information

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45 Charles Street East, Fifth Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1S2
1-800-263-2887
Website:<http://www.trilliumfoundation.org>

The Richard Ivey Foundation

Program Name

Conserving Canada's Forests Program

Program Description

The primary goals of the Foundation's Conserving Canada's Forests program are twofold:

- Increasing the amount of protected forest ecosystem in Canada.
- Expanding the adoption of sustainable forest practices in Canada.

Who can apply?

The Richard Ivey Foundation typically provides support to national or provincial charitable environmental organizations with a demonstrated capacity and capability to effect change. Funding may be for a period of up to three years. Grantees are expected to work closely

with staff in the development of project proposals.

Project Focus

There are four important areas where forest protection and management efforts can be improved, and if invested in, will make progress towards meeting the Foundation's goals:

- Engaging a range of stakeholders and non-traditional allies in a forest conservation vision for Canada that involves both protection and sustainable use. The vision, and its implementation, ought to consider the time and spatial scales necessary to maintain and restore ecological integrity at the landscape level, and incorporate Canadian public values.
- Improving land-use and policy decision-making processes regarding forest protection and practices in Canada. Increasing the use of conservation mapping and ecosystem science, including land-use planning that places conservation first. Improving processes for bringing new and traditional knowledge and ideas to policy evolution, decision-making and forest practices. The boreal forest has been identified as a priority in this regard.
- Enhancing monitoring, reporting and accountability, once decisions have been made regarding the protection or sustainable management of forests.
- Assisting with building a sustainable business model for forest stewardship certification in Canada, and assisting with the development of markets for sustainable forest products

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Deadlines for submission of inquiries and proposals are as follows:

Inquiry Deadline, June 30. Proposal

Deadline, July 30.

Additional Information

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Executive Director

The Richard Ivey Foundation

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The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation

Program Name

The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation

Program Description

The Foundation is dedicated to fostering initiative and enterprise among Canadians. It is a leader in providing developmental funding to non-profit ventures in Canada which deal with challenging social, cultural and educational issues. It promotes the development and sharing of new ideas of potential lasting value. The Foundation invests in people whose creative and innovative projects help contribute workable solutions to important emerging issues facing the country.

Who can apply?

Canadian Charitable Status, Non-profit organizations, First Nations organizations.

Project Focus

Reflecting the Bronfman family's desire to promote problem-solving initiatives, the Foundation prefers to contribute to organizations across Canada which can act as "agents of change". The Foundation has identified these areas as its funding priorities: (1) cultural management development; (2) urban issues; (3) futures; (4) Saidye Bronfman award; (5) Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts; (6) special initiatives; and (7) federation cja. Please visit their website for more information.

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Proposals may be submitted at any time. Please note that any submission that is faxed or sent to the Foundation by e-mail will not receive consideration.

Additional Information

Gisèle Rucker, Executive Director

Andrea Barile, Donations Coordinator

The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation

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Website:

<http://www.bronfmanfoundation.org/>

The Schad Foundation

Program Name

The Schad Foundation

Program Description

"To restore, protect and respect the natural systems on which all life depends." The

Foundation strives to fulfill its mission through:

- Education that changes the way people view their relationship with the earth.
- Conservation and restoration of wilderness.
- Development of sustainable technologies and practices.
- Promotion of humane treatment and respect for all species.

Who can apply

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Project Focus

The Foundation will invest in projects that have clear strategies and are managed by groups or individuals who achieve results. Efforts are concentrated on a few projects that have the potential to make a significant impact. Where appropriate, the Foundation takes an active role in project implementation by assembling coalitions of groups, lending professional expertise and providing financial support. The Foundation partners with other funders who wish to utilize our expertise to maximize the results of their environmental giving. The Foundation is very focused in its giving – contact the foundation directly to see if there is an interest in supporting your work.

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Contact the Foundation for more information.

Additional Information

Mr. Peter Kendall, President
The Schad Foundation
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Bolton, Ontario L7E 5S5

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Fax: (905) 951-5133

Website:

<http://www.husky.ca/ehs/en4a.html>

Sonoran Institute: Resources for Community Collaboration

Program Name

Resources for Community Collaboration

Who can apply?

Grants are made to groups engaged, or preparing to engage, in community-based collaborations that:

- Develop solutions for long-term protection, sustainable use or restoration of natural landscapes in the rural West;
- Are viable, healthy processes that include key stakeholders and utilize good decision making; and
- Are supported and sustained by community leaders.

Applicant organizations:

- Are based in the community in which the collaboration is taking place;
- Are legitimate stakeholders in the collaboration;
- Have annual operating budgets under \$500,000;
- Are 501(c)(3) organizations, or the Canadian equivalent (projects that are not 501(c)(3) organizations may use an appropriate project sponsor); and
- Are located in western Canada (Alberta and British Columbia) or the Western United States: Alaska, Arizona, California,

Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Project Focus

Funding is targeted for:

- Meeting expenses including (but not limited to) professional facilitation, support staff, childcare.
- Supporting key participants including (but not limited to) stipends for meeting attendance, staff expenses and travel costs.
- Communication expenses related to good communication with members, the local community, and the larger public. These include (though are not limited to) periodic newsletters, brochures, websites, phone calls, etc.
- Good information -- expenses related to bringing in outside experts with information specific to that collaboration.

Applicants may request support for the costs related for their organization's participation in the collaboration (e.g. volunteer stipends), or for direct costs for the collaboration itself (e.g. facilitator expenses).

Funding Range

Two types of grants are available:

- Opportunity Grants, up to \$5,000, provide seed money for organizations involved in community based collaborations, or those planning to start one (past RCC grantees may apply); or
- Sustaining Grants, up to \$10,000, are awarded to organizations that

have previously received funding from RCC.

Application Timelines

Deadlines usually in April – check with the foundation for more information.

Additional Information

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The Thomas Sill Foundation

Program Name

The Thomas Sill Foundation Inc.

Program Description

The Foundation exists to provide encouragement and financial, etc., support to qualifying Manitoba organizations that are striving to improve the quality of life in the province.

Who can apply?

Grants are made to organizations which are resident in Manitoba, and which possess a charitable registration number. Grants will not be made for operating funds, conferences and seminars, deficit financing, endowment funds, emergency funds, program funding, or individuals.

Project Focus

Family Services ; Community Services; Education; Health; Arts and Culture; Heritage Conservation; Environment; Seniors. The Foundation provides primarily capital grants. Secondly, pilot or demonstration projects receive consideration. Operating grants are rarely issued, and when awarded, are usually for start-up purposes. Grants will be considered for research projects, special projects,

building funds, equipment funds, matching funds, and seed money.

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Funding decisions are made monthly at Board of Governors meetings.

Additional Information

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<http://www.thomassillfoundation.com>

The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation

Program Name

The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation

Program Description

The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation aspires to the ideal of a sovereign Canada that is dedicated to the security and well being of all Canadians and committed to tolerance, pluralism and democratic participation

Who can apply?

The Foundation supports organizations, communities, and individuals located in Canada's North who seek to develop farsighted public policy guidelines and safeguards for change. The Foundation will also support similar initiatives undertaken by some Southern-based organizations with a northern mandate, but only where those initiatives are responding directly to, and reflective of, northern perspectives and the wishes of northern peoples. For the purposes of this

program the "Canadian North" refers lands and communities in the Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories.

Project Focus

The Foundation focuses grant making on the following 2 program areas: (1) the Canadian North and (2) Fresh Water Resource Protection. The Canadian North program has four main objectives:

1. To enable Northern Aboriginal citizens to assess, share, and participate in the creation of new policies consistent with their settled treaties.
2. To help Northern communities in their efforts to participate in, and secure long-term benefit from, natural resource development that is supportive of social, cultural and environmental sustainability.
3. To support policy-making that leads to greater economic, cultural and environmental sustainability and self-reliance of communities
4. To support the active participation of indigenous peoples in Arctic and circumpolar policy-making.

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Application Timelines

Not specified.

Additional Information

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Wildlife Habitat Canada

Program Name

Wildlife Habitat Canada

Program Description

Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) was established in 1984 as a national, non-profit organization with a mandate to conserve, restore, and enhance wildlife habitats in Canada. Working through partnerships with government, non-governmental organizations, industry, landowners, and individuals, WHC helps to identify and examine habitat problems, issues, and opportunities across the country and to promote innovative programs to conserve a wide diversity of habitats.

Who can apply?

WHC will accept project-funding applications from individuals, private businesses, non-governmental organizations, and government agencies. WHC considers projects that address any of Canada's landscapes and seascapes: Agricultural, Oceanic & Coastal, Forested, Arctic/Northern, and Urban. WHC also considers projects that contribute to habitat conservation at the national level.

Project Focus

Habitat Conservation, Restoration, and Enhancement Projects; Applied Research Projects on Wildlife Habitats. To be eligible for funding, projects must address one or more of WHC's priorities for funding. In particular, projects that contribute directly or indirectly to the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of critical wetland habitats and associated uplands have the highest probability of receiving funding.

Funding Range

For habitat conservation, restoration, and enhancement projects and applied

research projects on wildlife habitats, WHC will contribute up to a maximum of 35% of the overall project budget. Contact the organization for feedback on your specific needs.

Application Timelines

Contact the organization for additional information, or visit their website.

Additional Information

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Website: <http://www.whc.org>

Yukon Law Foundation

Program Name

Yukon Law Foundation

Program Description

The Foundation funds several law-related activities such as legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform and maintenance of law libraries. In the past the Foundation has funded operations and individuals to develop resource material, to develop and deliver public lectures and presentations, to conduct research and to operate pilot projects in law-related areas.

Who can apply?

Organizations will be considered who are: conducting research into and recommending law reform, maintaining and operating law libraries for public use, contributing to the legal education and knowledge of lawyers and the people of the Yukon and providing programs and facilities for that purpose, legal aid

programs and related programs for the benefit of persons unable to afford the legal services they require, contributing to the special fund, contributing to other related projects or activities.

Project Focus

Legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform and maintenance of law libraries.

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation for additional information.

Application Timelines

An ad is placed in the two Whitehorse newspapers approximately two months prior to the deadline. The Foundation holds two general grant meetings a year. One is held in April and one in September.

Additional Information

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<http://www.lawsocietyyukon.com>

Community Foundations

Community foundations are found in local communities all across this country. They are usually locally focused with an emphasis on:

- i) Endowment Building/Donor Service
- ii) Grantmaking
- iii) Community Convening & Leadership

The Community Foundations of Canada is a membership organization representing over 130 community foundations across Canada.

You can search for a community foundation near you from their web site at:

<http://www.community-fdn.ca/>

Here, we list a few foundations that might be interested in supporting a First Nations cultural research program. This list is not inclusive – please enquire with your local community foundation to determine eligibility and interest.

The Victoria Foundation

Program Name

The Victoria Foundation

Program Description

The Victoria Foundation supports activities in the areas of health and social services, arts and culture, education, conservation and recreation which benefit the residents of the 'County of Victoria'.

Who can apply?

Only Victoria County residents; any organization that is registered as a charity with Canada Customs & Revenue Agency, or is a qualified donee under the Income Tax Act, is invited to apply for a grant.

Project Focus

Arts and culture; education; conservation and recreation; First Nations organizations with a charitable status. The 'County of Victoria' encompasses areas of Southern Vancouver Island from Port Renfrew to Mill Bay and includes the Southern Gulf Islands. Organizations seeking funds must demonstrate a strong and committed volunteer Board of Directors, fiscal responsibility, and effective management of resources. Grants are awarded for definite purposes and for projects covering a specific period of time. Preference is given to programs which promote volunteer participation, and which do not duplicate services provided by other organizations.

Funding Range

They are generally for less than \$5,000.

Application Timelines

Grants from The Victoria Foundation's Community Fund are awarded on a semi-annual basis in the spring and fall of each year.

Additional Information

Ms. Sandra Richardson, Executive Director/CEO

The Victoria Foundation

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The Vancouver Foundation

Program Name

The Vancouver Foundation

Program Description

Vancouver Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to British Columbians. Funded activities

often provide a direct service to the community, or take an innovative approach to a community concern. Vancouver Foundation is responsive to changing community issues and priorities. The Foundation will consider requests for program related projects (i.e., specific, time-limited activity or series of activities designed to meet certain goals) and capital projects (i.e., construction, renovation or equipment purchases). The Foundation supports the following areas: animal welfare; arts and culture; children, youth and families; education; environment; and health and social development.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include registered charities and qualified donees under the Income Tax Act. They must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effective management. Grants are not made to individuals or to businesses. (Under exceptional circumstances, the Foundation may consider organizations that are not yet registered charities. Program Directors are available to discuss such exceptions.)

Project Focus

Vancouver Foundation supports innovation where there is demonstrated commitment, the likelihood of effectiveness, and strong potential to serve as a model to others. Projects should build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities. Projects should use, enhance, mobilize or expand the skills, capacities and assets of local people and their community. Where appropriate, those affected by the initiative should be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project. The organization should demonstrate a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial resources. Significant and appropriate support from other funding sources (including the community) should be evident, with evidence of collaboration

with the community and/or other agencies in the field. The organization should demonstrate inclusiveness and respect for cultural diversity. Organizations should usually have at least 50% of their funding in place when they apply

Funding Range

Contact the Foundation directly to discuss the scope of your project.

Application Timelines

The three annual deadlines for receiving completed grant application forms are the first Friday in January, April and September. Please remember to allow a minimum of 16 weeks (four months). Vancouver Foundation does not provide retroactive funding. All funded activities must begin after the decision date.

Additional Information

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Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie

Program Name

Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie

Program Description

The Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie exists to encourage increased flow of resources to community needs, to create and manage permanent endowment funds to meet those needs,

and to respond to emerging needs that come with changing times.

Who can apply?

Only organizations in the surrounding area of the Grande Prairie. No religious groups. Aboriginal organizations in the Grande Prairie area.

Project Focus

Broad perspective. Each year the Foundation is able to support community-based organizations serving children, youth and seniors; and supporting health, arts and culture as well as education, recreation and the environment.

Funding Range

Depends on the project. Will not fund 100%.

Application Timelines

March 31 and October 31.

Additional Information

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Federal Government Funding Programs

DIAND: Native Claims Contribution Program

Program Name

Native Claims Contribution Program

Program Description

DIAND provides funding, research facilities, and support to Aboriginal associations and First Nations to carry out research into potential land claims and to participate in enquiries held by the Indian Claims Commission. Funding is normally allocated to Treaty and Aboriginal Research Centres. However, where such a centre does not exist (e.g. in Quebec), or where First Nations do not belong to a research association, funding can be made directly to the community.

Who can apply?

Contributions shall be made to Indian associations which have a mandate to conduct claims research on behalf of their member bands. Claims research and development may be carried out by Indian associations under the authority of individual band council resolutions, resolutions passed by bands at the associations' annual meetings, or by means of a general mandate given to the associations by member bands in the constitution of the Indian association itself. Funding will be provided to individual Indian bands only in exceptional cases.

Project Focus

The sole mandate of this program is to support research into specific or comprehensive claims. To provide direction for the granting and subsequent administration of contributions enabling Indian associations to:

- research and develop Specific or Comprehensive claims, in accordance with the federal government's claims policies, on behalf of their member bands and to present all documents collected on a claim submission to the bands concerned;
- assist their member bands in presenting fully documented claims to the federal government;
- assist member bands in providing further clarification up to the point of validation after claims are submitted to the federal government; and
- research and consult in relation to treaty adhesion.
- Contributions shall be applied only to claims research, development, presentation and ancillary costs incurred in administering and coordinating such activities.

Funding Range

Contribution agreements usually in the range of \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Application Timelines

No timelines. Contact the program manager for more information

Additional Information

Ms. Martine Larocque
A/Manager, Funding Services Unit,
Finance, Administration and Funding
Services Directorate,
Claims and Indian Government
Tel: (819) 997-0115
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DIAND: Socio-Economic Agreements

Program Name

Socio-Economic Agreements

Program Description

This is not a formal funding program, but an agreement issued by a company to enhance the economic climate of a local community. Government is brought in as a partner to support the agreement. It provides opportunities to local businesses and residents for employment and training, business development and contracting services. The agreement also promotes growth and development of the local community through education, counseling and maintenance of traditional cultures and lifestyles.

Who can apply?

It is most relevant to, but not restricted to, residents of Canada's north and Aboriginal Canadians.

Project Focus

Agreements can be negotiated with federal and territorial/provincial agencies for financial assistance for specific initiatives. Assistance can be procured from existing programs but is limited by the availability of funds. The company should be providing the largest share of the funding for the provisions of the agreement.

Funding Range

Not specified. Contact the program coordinator for more information.

Application Timelines

Not specified.

Additional Information

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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10 Wellington, North Tower
Hull, Quebec
Postal Address:
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4
Tel: (800) 567-9604

Forestry Canada: First Nations Forestry Program

Program Name

First Nations Forestry Program

Program Description

The purpose of the First Nations Forestry Program is to improve economic conditions in status First Nations communities with full consideration of the principles of sustainable forest management. The FNFP is designed to assist First Nations to build capacity and assume control of the management of forest resources on reserve lands, to establish partnerships and to actively participate in off-reserve forestry and other economic development opportunities.

Who can apply?

First Nations Band councils, First Nations organizations and any other First Nations group or company involved in improving economic conditions in status First Nations communities and who can contribute to the objectives of the FNFP.

Project Focus

The program focuses on supporting projects such as forest management plans and development; silviculture projects; building capacity initiatives; capacity and natural resource workshops; research, training, and skill enhancement projects.

Funding Range

Up to \$25,000.

Application Timelines

Please see website for more information on application procedures and guidelines.

Additional Information

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HRDC: Community Learning Networks

Program Name

Community Learning Networks, Office of Learning Technologies, HRDC

Program Description

In 1996 the federal government established the Office of Learning Technologies (OLT) within Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), as a partner in building a culture of lifelong learning. The OLT works to raise awareness of the opportunities, challenges and benefits of technology-based learning and to act as a catalyst for innovation in the area of technology-enabled learning and skills development.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be community, co-operative or voluntary not-for-profit organizations. Sponsors must be incorporated federally or provincially. Applicants should have experience (directly or through their partners) in working with various communities of interest, such as the unemployed, women, people with disabilities, seniors or youth.

Project Focus

Project's focus is to identify formal and informal learning networks in communities through the use of asset mapping. A project is broken down into two phases: (1) developmental phase and (2) pilot project phase. Successful candidates will record community assets using mapping, questionnaires and other

informal inventory techniques. More specifically, the program would like to:

- Develop and test innovative approaches to enable individuals to secure employment in the knowledge-based economy and to support lifelong learning by using information and communication technologies; and/or
- Develop and provide ways to use access points in the community and interactive networks to reduce barriers to the use of learning technologies.
- Promote the inclusion of individuals and groups facing barriers to participation in the knowledge-based economy and reduce the disparity between those with technical skills and those without;
- Increase knowledge and skills about the creative and interactive uses of learning technologies in communities where organizational capabilities and partnerships can ensure long-term success.

Funding Range

Developmental Phase funding—up to \$50,000 for a maximum of six months. Pilot Project funding – up to 50% of project costs up to \$300,000 for a maximum of three years (with a maximum of \$125,000 for any given year).

Application Timelines

Call for proposals usually in December or January – contact the agency for specific dead lines.

Additional Information

Office of Learning Technologies
Human Resources Development Canada

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Website: <http://olt-bta.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>

NRCAN: Sustainable Communities Initiative

Program Name

Sustainable Communities Initiative

Program Description

The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI), a program of Natural Resources Canada, builds capacity in rural, coastal, Aboriginal and northern communities that wish to take control of their future, by providing them with modern mapping technologies to make informed decisions for sustainable development. SCI provides this enabling capacity by helping communities learn, implement and use Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) to make decisions about their economic, environmental and social development.

Who can apply?

Aboriginal, rural, remote and northern communities in Canada.

Project Focus

The goal of SCI is to build or strengthen the capacity of Canada's rural communities to use Geospatial Information and GIS tools for their social and economic development. SCI is focused on enabling communities to participate meaningfully in decision-making with regard to sustainable development and land use. The program concentrates on natural resources, the environment, and non-confidential economic and social

information on the scale of the community, region and nationally.

Funding Range

The budget is set at a maximum of \$30,000 per community. Items covered include GIS equipment, data, and training. By design, we do not cover salaries. This is because salaries (of the personnel in the proposed GIS-supported Land Management Unit) represent the contribution of the community, and reflect the conviction of the leadership that such a unit is needed to deal with the issues facing the community.

Application Timelines

Currently, there are no deadlines for submitting projects.

Additional Information

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Provincial Government Funding Programs

Province of Manitoba: Sustainable Development Innovations Fund

Program Name

Sustainable Development Innovations
Fund

Program Description

The SDIF provides funding for the development, implementation and promotion of environmental innovation and sustainable development projects. The SDIF is targeted at the sustainability of Manitoba's environment, economy, human health and social well-being and supportive of environmentally sustainable economic growth.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- municipalities, local governments, including Community Councils, and First Nation communities;
- private and non-profit organizations;
- youth groups and community associations; and
- educational institutions.

Individuals, or groups excluded from the above list, may submit a joint application with an eligible applicant.

Project Focus

SDIF Open Program proposals should address one (or more) of the priority areas listed below. Proposals that do not address the open program priorities outlined, but can clearly demonstrate progress towards achieving one or more of the SDIF's objectives may also be considered.

- Regional Waste Management
- Northern Environmental Issues
- Sustainable Community Development
- Sustainable Agricultural Practices
- Ecosystem Conservation
- Understanding our Environment
- Eco-Tourism
- Water

Funding Range

A project-funding cap of \$50,000 has been set, however, projects that require funding in excess of this amount may be considered. Applicants are encouraged to investigate alternative funding arrangements with other agencies for cash contributions or in-kind support.

Application Timelines

Contact the program coordinator for more information.

Additional Information

Sustainable Development Innovations
Fund

c/o Manitoba Conservation Pollution
Prevention Branch

123 Main Street, Suite 160

Winnipeg MB R3C 1A5

Tel: (204) 945-8443

Toll Free: (800) 282-8069 ext 8443

Fax: (204) 945-1211

Province of New Brunswick: Environmental Trust Fund

Program Name

New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund

Program Description

The Fund provides assistance for action-oriented projects with tangible, measurable results, aimed at protecting,

preserving and enhancing the Province's natural environment.

Who can apply?

Applications to the Fund may be made by community, regional and provincial-based environmental groups/organizations; NB municipalities; national environmental organizations requesting assistance to undertake projects within NB; and non-profit NB organizations and institutions which are furthering sustainable development.

Project Focus

There are six categories of projects eligible for assistance from the Environmental Trust Fund. Your proposal must come under at least one of these categories to be considered for funding:

- **Protection:** Under this category, projects contribute to the protection of essential ecological processes, biological diversity, and renewable and non-renewable resources in New Brunswick at an environmentally sustainable level. They foster stewardship among residents for the province's ecological health and diversity, to benefit current and future generations. Projects have resulted in improved water quality, increased awareness of our natural areas and improved management of hazardous materials.
- **Restoration:** Projects will enhance the quality and sustainability of New Brunswick's air, land and water resources. This, in turn, will reduce risks to human life, biological diversity, and personal property.
- **Sustainable Development:** These economic and social activities will protect and enhance New Brunswick's resources and environment through the integration of economic and environmental objectives. The goal is to ensure our communities, and the resources we depend on for our existence, are sustained over time.
- **Conservation:** These projects contribute to New Brunswick's environmental quality by conserving, or promoting conservation of, our natural resources. They develop strategies and take actions to conserve natural and man-made materials.
- **Education:** This category includes projects to develop, improve or expand educational programs and curricula which address environmental issues and the principles of sustainable development. The goal is to increase environmental awareness among New Brunswickers, so we can all play a meaningful part in contributing to the quality of our environment.
- **Beautification:** The Fund supports projects to maintain and enhance New Brunswick's visual environment, particularly roadsides, shores and shorelines, for the benefit of the general public.

Funding Range

The ETF encourages applicants to explore other possible sources of assistance to share in the project's costs. This third-party assistance and/or in-kind

contributions will enable the Fund to extend assistance to a greater number of projects. ETF awards are capped at under \$100,000.

Application Timelines

January 31st is the deadline for submitting proposals and Environmental Trust Fund awards are made in the spring of each fiscal year. Proposals postmarked later than midnight, January 31st may be considered for mid-year funding, should any funds remain.

Additional Information

Environmental Trust Fund,
Department of the Environment and Local Government,
PO Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1
Tel: (506) 453-3703.
Website:
<http://www.gnb.ca/0009/0373/0002/0001-e.html>

Province of Ontario: Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

Program Name

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

Program Description

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) assists northern communities to generate short and long-term employment important to their economic viability and the quality of life.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include private/public partnerships, federal government and other government related agencies acting together, municipalities, First Nations, Local Service Boards and not-for-profit corporations. Projects must, to the fullest

extent possible, be located in Northern Ontario. This region is comprised of ten territorial districts: Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming, and the District Municipality of Muskoka.

Project Focus

Projects should demonstrate both immediate and longer-term job creation and be compatible with developments in neighbouring communities. Wherever possible, projects should seek ties to other initiatives and development opportunities. Partnership opportunities with the private sector, other levels of government, not-for-profit corporations and volunteer groups are encouraged. The NOHFC program is divided into five components: infrastructure; telecommunications; tourism; strategic partnerships; and community foundations.

Funding Range

Varies according to project needs.

Application Timelines

Proponents are encouraged to discuss their projects with their appropriate Ministry of Northern Development and Mines staff to learn more about the application process.

Additional Information

You can also call the NOHFC directly at 1-800-461-8329 or 1-705-945-6700
Fax: (705) 945-6701
E-mail: nohfc@ndm.gov.on.ca
Website: <http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/>

Province of Québec: Aboriginal Development Fund

Program Name

Aboriginal Development Fund

Program Description

The Aboriginal Development Fund was created in June 1999. The Fund seeks to:

- put in place conditions facilitating the economic development of aboriginal communities in order to increase the number of aboriginal entrepreneurs;
- promote job creation in aboriginal communities; create an economic development approach that is culturally adapted to aboriginal communities;
- make possible a catching-up and an acceleration with respect to community infrastructure development, with a view to sharing wealth and continuing the development of infrastructures in order to realize various commitments with those aboriginal nations having signed agreements.

Who can apply?

Eligible organizations include: Non-profit aboriginal organizations or their equivalent; Profit-oriented aboriginal private firms; Band councils; Northern villages, Kativik Regional Government and the Cree Regional Authority.

Project Focus

To be eligible, projects must be among the priorities of a nation or a community, must have an impact on the consolidation of assets and the economic development of the community, and must have one of the following characteristics:

- Short-term project likely to address special and temporary situations;
- Innovative projects and pilot projects;
- Structuring project for the community;
- Job creation project;
- Project that serves as a driving force;
- Project ensuring the influence of the community;
- Project to improve the living environment.

Funding Range

Not specified. The assistance granted by Québec and its government corporations may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project. The nation or the community, the promoter, or the federal government shall complete the funding of the project. The combined assistance provided by the two levels of government may not exceed 90% of the cost of the project.

Application Timelines

Not specified. Contact program coordinator for more information.

Additional Information

Ministère du Conseil exécutif
Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones
Édifce André-Laurendeau, 4e étage
1050, rue des Parlementaires
Québec, Québec G1R 5Y6

Tel: (418) 643-3166

Fax: (418) 646-4918

Website:

<http://www.mce.gouv.qc.ca/w/html/w1316001.html>

Province of Saskatchewan: Northern Development Fund

Program Name

Northern Development Fund

Program Description

The Northern Development Fund was established in February 1995 to stimulate and support economic and business development in northern Saskatchewan, and to encourage diversification and job creation. It is administered by the Economic and Community Development Division of Saskatchewan Northern Affairs.

Who can apply?

Individuals and communities living in the North.

Project Focus

The Fund provides:

- commercial loans to northern businesses
- primary production loans to trappers, commercial fishermen and wild rice growers
- grants for marketing, research and development (Northern Development Fund - Marketing, Promotion, Research and Development Program)
- grants for organizational development and business skills training (Northern Development - Business Skill and Organizational Development Program), and
- financial support to assist northern youth entrepreneurs in the development of their entrepreneurial and business skills in Northern Saskatchewan (Northern Development Fund - Youth Entrepreneurship Program)

Funding Range

Not specified.

Application Timelines

Not specified.

Additional Information

Economic and Community Development Division

Saskatchewan Northern Affairs

Box 5000

La Ronge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0

Tel: 1-800-663-4065

WEBSITE:

<http://www.northern.gov.sk.ca/programs/northernaffairs.shtml>

Industry Sponsored Programs

BC Hydro, Corporate Donations

Program Name

Corporate and Regional Donations Program

Program Description

BC Hydro supports a variety of community initiatives, groups and programs throughout the province. BC Hydro is committed to building mutually beneficial relations with Aboriginal People. The company's Outreach Programs offer support to arts and culture, aboriginal, education, environment, and community organizations.

Who can apply?

Preference is given to organizations that:

- are registered charitable organizations demonstrating community support and involvement
- are compatible with Hydro's corporate objectives and strategic initiatives
- make a significant contribution to the well-being and vitality of community life in B.C.
- have measurable impacts and achievements
- provide opportunities for Hydro employees and retirees to contribute their volunteer time to enhance the effort being funded

Project Focus

Through our corporate and regional donations programs, we offer support to organizations in the following areas:

- Aboriginal

- Arts and Culture
- Environmental
- Scholarships
- Educational
- Community Investment

Every request will be evaluated against BC Hydro's donations criteria and policy, the total donations funds available, and its overall compatibility to the company's objectives.

Funding Range

Not specified.

Application Timelines

Applications are accepted at anytime but it may take several months for a decision.

Additional Information

If you require additional information, or would like help in determining your organization's eligibility to apply for a donation, please contact a regional BC Hydro office in your area.

Ms. Edna Alle, Outreach Programs

BC Hydro

16th Flr - 333 Dunsmuir St.

Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3

Tel: (604) 623-3617

Fax: (604) 623-3794

WEBSITE:

<http://www.bchydro.com/community>

Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement

Program Name

Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement

Program Description

The Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement is a nonprofit

organization whose mission is to contribute to long-term protection and improvement of the environment. Fully funded by Hydro-Québec, the Foundation works through concrete action in the various regions of the province, partnering with local organizations to carry out initiatives with positive environmental and social impacts for the community.

Who can apply?

To be eligible, an organization must have offices in Canada and must be a charity, a non-profit organization, or an organization that can show the initiative it submits is in the interest of all the communities it targets rather than of a personal nature or for profit.

Project Focus

Only initiatives that fall under one of the Foundation's three programs will be considered.

- Promoting the conservation, restoration and enhancement of fauna, flora and natural habitats
- Supporting local needs for stewardship of the environment
- Contributing to the responsible, sustainable use of natural resources.

An initiative is defined as a project of an environmental nature with significant, concrete results both in the field and for the communities and regions of Québec. All initiatives must demonstrate a direct and tangible link with the environment (plant and animal wildlife, natural habitats) and be submitted at a mature stage (i.e., all information necessary for implementation must be available).

Funding Range

There is no fixed minimum or maximum amount for grants to local organizations.

The appropriateness of the amounts requested will be evaluated in light of the objectives.

Application Timelines

Project proposals must be received by October 1 of each year for approval the following March.

Additional Information

Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement
75, boul. René-Lévesque Ouest, 2e étage
Montréal, Québec H2Z 1A4
Tel: (514) 289-5384
Fax: (514) 289-2079
WEBSITE:
http://www.hydroquebec.com/fondation_environnement/

RBC Foundation

Program Name

RBC Foundation

Program Description

RBC Financial Group's sponsorships focus on amateur sports, arts & culture and one-of-a-kind special programs - the kinds of things that help create vibrant, dynamic communities and serve to enrich peoples lives.

Who can apply?

RBC and the RBC Foundation donate to non-profit organizations that are designated as registered charities by Canada Customs & Revenue Agency as well as to educational institutions, colleges and universities.

Project Focus

RBC supports the following areas: culture, amateur sports, youth, seniors, disadvantaged, education, and special

one-time opportunities. They do not traditionally sponsor individuals, conferences, production of films, books, television shows, or events that take place outside of North America.

Funding Range

The dollar amount of a donation depends on the funding needed for the specific project. Please keep in mind that in the interests of long-term sustainability we encourage a broad base of donors and other revenue sources for all projects.

Application Timelines

Requests for funding are considered throughout the year.

Additional Information

For local or regional initiatives, please contact your regional donations office. For national organizations please contact: Mr. Stephen Voisin, National Donations Manager, Royal Bank Plaza 200 Bay Street, Suite 950, South Tower Toronto, Ontario M5J 2J5. WEBSITE: <http://www.rbc.com/community/donations/index.html>

Suncor Energy Foundation

Program Name

Suncor Energy Foundation

Program Description

Our foundation plays a key role in realizing Suncor's vision of becoming a sustainable energy company. By supporting communities where Suncor has a presence, our foundation helps to foster invaluable relationships, encourage community-mindedness and involvement by employees, and create vibrant, healthy places for employees, retirees and neighbours to live.

Who can apply?

Applicants need to meet the following criteria:

- have a charitable business number issued by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency;
- fall within the foundation's areas of focus and reflect the needs of the energy industry that Suncor operates in: environment (i.e. climate change, sustainability), education in science and technology (i.e. oilsands engineering, geology, women in science) or community (general community programs that are meaningful to Suncor employees and retirees);
- be targeted to one or more of the communities where Suncor has a business presence and an employee and retiree base. These communities include: Calgary, Alberta; Fort McMurray, Alberta; Sarnia, Ontario; areas of central and northern Alberta; areas of northeastern British Columbia; and southwestern Ontario.

Project Focus

Funding focus in areas of particular meaning to the energy industry and to Suncor employees and retirees (see above).

Funding Range

Not specified.

Application Timelines

Requests for donations and sponsorships are to be submitted through our on-line application process. As of March 2002, we are unable to accept or respond to requests sent by mail, fax or telephone.

Additional Information

Please visit their web site at <http://www.suncor.com>. The Foundation is unable to respond to requests sent by mail, fax or telephone.

VanCity Credit Union: Community Partnership Program

Program Name

VanCity Credit Union Community Foundation

Program Description

VanCity offers a number of granting programs to support social justice, environmental responsibility and economic self-reliance in the communities we serve. Several funding initiatives are supported, including:

- **EnviroFund Grants.** Grants of up to \$25,000 are awarded to local community initiatives that address specific environmental concerns in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Greater Victoria area in a positive, constructive, and creative manner. Program focuses on: (1) alternative transportation initiatives; (2) water quality & consumption; and (3) hazardous wastes and toxics in our Environment.
- **Community Project Grants.** Grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded to community initiatives that focus on the issues of social justice, economic self-reliance or ecological responsibility.
- **Capacity Building Grants.** The Capacity Grants program is available only to VanCity members and is designed to

support organizations themselves rather than specific projects they might undertake. With grants of up to \$10,000, VanCity non-profit members can apply for funds to assist them with staff and board development, marketing, governance models, fundraising and other organizational needs. Applications deadlines are the first of every month of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Who can apply?

The applicant must be not-for-profit or operate as a cooperative.

Project Focus

Varies according to funding program. Please see above.

Funding Range

Grants normally range from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Application Timelines

The deadline for submissions varies according to funding program. Contact VanCity or visit their web page for additional information.

Additional Information

VanCity Community Foundation

PO Box 2120

Station Terminal

Vancouver, BC V6B 5R8

Tel: (604) 877-7647

WEBSITE: <http://www.vancity.com>

Applications will not be accepted by fax.

Wage subsidy, contribution and employment programs

Many of these programs can be accessed to help offset the cost of conducting a land use and occupancy project. Contact the programs directly to discuss the funding eligibility of your project.

HRDC: Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy

A branch of HRDC dedicated to supporting Aboriginal communities across Canada. The goal is to work in partnership with HRDC Regional offices and communities, in developing the employability of Aboriginal peoples and in creating meaningful job opportunities for them wherever they may be, on reserves or in rural or urban areas.

Contact your regional program coordinator, or for more information, contact:

Mr. John McVean, Director

Tel: (416) 952-6288

E-mail: john.mcvean@hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

WEBSITE: <http://www17.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>

DIAND: Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI)

To facilitate the process of equitable participation of Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian workforce through enhancing awareness, capacity and partnerships between Aboriginal peoples and all sectors of the economy.

Mr. Rick Hansen

A/AWPI Manager (as of August 5, 2002)

Les Terrasses de la Chaudière

10 Wellington Street, 15th Floor

Hull, Québec K1A 0H4

Tel: (819) 953-2083

Fax: (819) 953-8047

E-mail: HansenR@ainc-inac.gc.ca

WEBSITE: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/awpi/>

DIAND: Regional Partnership Fund (RPF)

The Regional Partnership Fund is designed to secure First Nation and Inuit participation in and expand economic benefits from major regional economic infrastructure projects. The range of benefits can include business development; short term and sustainable development; community and regional economic infrastructure development; transferable work skills and community revenues (e.g. taxation, negotiated royalties and taxes).

Priority will be given to projects which are regional in scope and have positive economic benefits for two or more First Nations. A partnership agreement should already exist, or is being developed, to manage project priorities and funding arrangements with the project partners.

INAC regional offices will identify potential projects and conduct a screening against program criteria. The regional office will review the proposals undertaking the requisite due diligence assessments and cost benefit analysis. Projects where the requested INAC contribution is in excess of \$100k will be reviewed and assessed by the regional office and forwarded to INAC Headquarters, where a final decision is set forth regarding approval.

Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.

DIAND: Resource Access Negotiations (RAN)

The Resource Access Negotiations (RAN) program, created by INAC, provides funding for the purpose of accessing business and employment opportunities from major projects; disposing of reserve resources; accessing off-reserve natural resources and participation in the management of off-reserve natural resources.

Funds are allocated to INAC regional offices, based primarily on population on-reserve. Regional offices receive unsolicited funding requests. They also solicit project proposals. Regional offices provide funding through contribution agreements. Funding is typically provided to cover the fees and expenses of technical experts, including consultants, negotiators and lawyers. The intent is to provide First Nations with the technical expertise to quickly conclude productive negotiations leading to economic benefits. *Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.*

DIAND: Resource Partnerships Program (RPP)

The Resource Partnerships Program (RPP) provides financial support to First Nation, Inuit and Innu governments, organizations, and community-owned and controlled enterprises to participate in the planning and obtain economic benefits from major regional resource development projects. Regional offices of INAC submit eligible proposals to headquarters for consideration. Funding for projects is conditional on meeting program criteria including partnerships with provincial/territorial governments, First Nation, Inuit and Innu groups and/or the private sector. *Contact your regional office of INAC for more information and to determine eligibility.*

Appendix A – Practitioners, Contacts and Other Resources

The following is a list of people who were contacted during the research of this guidebook. These names include people who have completed land use and occupancy research, are currently engaged in this type of work or people who work to support cultural research. This list is not comprehensive in representing the full community of people committed to cultural research across Canada. This list is a starting point to help you build a network for your work. The names are organized by province.

To help protect the privacy of these individuals, we have not posted their contact phone numbers or e-mails. If you would like to contact someone on this list directly, please contact Mr. Steven DeRoy, Aboriginal Mapping Network Coordinator for their coordinates at: 604-682-4141 or steven@ecotrustcan.org.

Alberta: Ozzie Sawicki, Consultant; Owen Snider, Aboriginal Law Association; Adrianna Davies, Heritage Community Foundation; Deborah Bartlett; Milton Freeman; Karla Jessen Williamson, Arctic Institute

British Columbia: Natasha Thorpe, Golder and Associates; Chris Scott, Osoyoos Indian Band; Tobey Baker, Squamish First Nation; Tonio Sadik, Namgis First Nation; George Speck, Namgis First Nation; Dave Smith, Sto:lo Nation; Dave Schaepe, Sto:lo Nation; Sonny McHailsee, Sto:lo Nation; Edna Boston, Cariboo Tribal Council; Gordon Keener, Canoe Creek First Nation; Leslie Stump, Tsilhqot'in National Government; Vic Clement, Ktunaxa-Kinbasket Tribal Council; Harold Prince, Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council; Trevor Morrison, Gitxsan Treaty Office; Terry Tobias, Consultant; Eileen Stephenson, INAC - BC Region; Susan Rivet, Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management; Bernadette Manual, Upper Nicola Indian Band; Nello Cataldo, First Nation Forestry Program; Steve Gallagher, Union of BC Indian Chiefs; Andrea Reimer, The Western Canada Wilderness Committee; Rob Hutton, Okanagan Indian Band; Wayne Robertson, Law Foundation of British Columbia; Scott Cousins, Canoe Creek First Nation.

Manitoba: Irene Linklater, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Keely Tenfingers, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Louis Malcolm, West Region Tribal Council; Gaile-Whelan Enns, Manitoba Wildlands; Dr. Fikret Berkes, University of Manitoba; Chief Blackbird, Keeseekoowenin First Nation; Don Sullivan, Boreal Forest Network

New Brunswick: Virginia Gail Sark, Eel Ground First Nation.

Nova Scotia: Donald Julien, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq; Ernest Walker, Aboriginal Affairs, Nova Scotia.

Northwest Territories: Petr Cizek, Consultant; Joanne Barnaby, Consultant.

Ontario: Stephen Kilburn, Consultant; Jeff Grenerg, Auditor General's office; Sean Lynch, National Coordinator for Eco-Action; Bonnie Couchie, Pic River; Peggy

Smith, National Aboriginal Forestry Association; Donna Elliot, Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat; David Carruthers, Consultant; Grant Thornton, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund; Michel Lavoie, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund; Dave Colvin, Ministry of Natural Resources Jocelyn Smith, Lake Superior First Nation Development Trust; David Mackett, Ministry of Natural Resources; Allan Dokis, Union of Ontario Indians; Peter Recollet, Wannapithei First Nation; Audrey Mayes, Assembly of First Nations; Carole Nadjiwan, Batchewana First Nation; Sharlene Bomberry, GeoSystems; Michelle Bomberry, Six Nations of the Grand River; Mary Lynn Morgan, Bridge Street Church Foundation; Barbara Edwards, Canadian Women's Foundation; Deborah Senior, Hudson's Bay Foundation; Jenn Miller, The Trillium Foundation; Jennifer Toderan, RBC Foundation; Paul Pepe, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation & the Rural Economic Development Program; Dr. Leanne Simpson, Indigenous Environmental Studies Program, Trent University.

Quebec: Tanya Barnaby, Mi'gmawai, Mawiomi Secretariate.

Saskatchewan: Dr. Weiler, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations; Jeff Mike, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations; and Jamie Benson, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

USA: Wendy Francis, National Roundtable & Economy.

Other Resources

Chief Kerry's Moose: a guidebook to land use and occupancy mapping, research design and data collection. Author: Terry Tobias, 2000. For copies and more information, please see: <http://www.nativemaps.org/books.html#kerry>

Best Practices Handbook for Traditional Use Studies. Edited by: Jamie Honda-McNeil, Alberta Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and Denise Parsons, Alberta Department of Energy. For copies and more information, please see: <http://www.aand.gov.ab.ca/AAND.asp?lid=76#>

Indigenous Landscapes: A Study in Ethnocartography. Authors: Mac Chapin and Bill Threlkeld, 2001. For copies and more information, please see: <http://www.nativelands.org/>

The Aboriginal Mapping Network (<http://www.nativemaps.org>)

The Aboriginal Mapping Network is a collection of resource pages for First Nation mappers who are looking for answers to common questions regarding mapping, information management and GIS. It is a network where First Nation mappers can learn about what other native mappers are doing, and share their own experiences throughout the aboriginal community. The AMN has a British Columbia focus, but is not limited to this geographic region. It is intended to be used by any group who is active in aboriginal mapping, from the introductory level, to the advanced. It is a source for both technical information on GIS mapping, to general information relevant to decision makers.