

Organizations Providing Funding for Habitat Restoration Projects

Funder	Description	Conditions/Leverage	Funds Available (annually)	Timing
Government (Federal, Provincial, Municipal)				
Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) – Aquatic Programming	AFSAR was established in 2004 to support the development of Indigenous capacity to participate actively in the implementation of the Species at Risk Act. Funding is delivered through 2 distinct platforms: - Terrestrial programming (focuses on terrestrial and migratory bird species at risk) which is delivered by ECCC; - Aquatic programming (focuses on aquatic species at risk) which is delivered by DFO The AFSAR aquatic program expects the projects and activities it supports to achieve the following results: - Habitat for species at risk is improved and/or managed to meet their recovery needs - Threats to species at risk and/or their habitat are stopped, removed, and/or mitigated - Collaboration, information sharing and partnership between Indigenous communities, governments and organizations and other interested parties is enhanced - Capacity within Indigenous communities, to lead in the stewardship of species at risk and contribute to broader SARA implementation, is strengthened	Eligible applicants include: - Mainly restricted to Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada; - Non-Indigenous organizations that have been formally mandated to represent or apply on behalf of an Indigenous community may be considered AFSAR allocates funds to Indigenous-led projects that address SARA Schedule 1 listed species with a status of Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern, and unlisted species that have received a corresponding assessment from COSEWIC. Projects must leverage a minimum of 1:0.20 on funds that AFSAR invests (i.e., for every \$1 provided by AFSAR, at least \$0.20 is raised by project recipients)	Allocates ~\$4.5 M a year Project funding typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000; the minimum funding request is \$10,000. Projects may extent between 1 and 3 years.	The call for applications is currently closed. Last year Expressions of Interest were accepted until Nov 8, 2024 and applications were accepted until Dec 13, 2024. Call letters are typically released in the fall, with a window of 6-8 weeks offered for the preparation and submission of formal applications. Questions can be directed to the Regional Coordinator: Theresa Johnny: DFO.AFSAR-PYR_FAEP-RPY.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca (236)466-4173
Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund (AERF)	The AERF is part of the renewal of the national Oceans Protection Plan and launched in July 2022. Funds will be used to support aquatic restoration that will help to address the root causes of impacts to coastal and marine environments. Program focus areas: - Regional priority areas that have the greatest strategic value - Prioritizing regional activities with the greatest benefit to specific coastal ecosystem threats - Activities that address the root causes of impacts on coastal areas	Eligible applicants include: - Indigenous organizations - Non-profit and community-based organizations - Academic researchers/ institutions Projects are encouraged to use a coordinated approach among various groups. A full list of eligible activities can be found on the webpage. Some activities include pre-feasibility studies, rebuilding or restoring aquatic habitat, activities that align or support restoration plans, skills development and technical training, monitoring and reporting, phytoremediation, construction and project design activities, removal of debris and aquatic invasive species, etc.	\$75 M to be allocated over 5 years. The fund is intended for medium to large projects ranging from \$200,000 to \$1 M per year funding request for a maximum of 4 years.	The call for applications is currently closed. Applicants should have been notified about the status of their proposal at the end of Mar 2023. To apply, proponents should have completed the proposal form and submit the form to the regional office via email: DFO.PAC.AERF-FREA.PAC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF)	BCSRIF is a contribution program funded jointly by the provincial and federal government. The federal government will provide 70% of the funding and the provincial government will supply 30%. The fund will provide an investment of up to \$142.85 M over 5 years (to March 31, 2024) to support B.C.'s fish and seafood sector, and to ensure the sustainability of wild Pacific salmon and other B.C. fish stocks. In 2022 it was announced that the funding would be doubled and the program extended to 2026. 3 main areas of focus for the fund: 1. Innovation – encourage the development of new technologies to increase productivity and/or help meet conservation and sustainability objectives 2. Infrastructure – encourage capital investments in new products, processes, or technologies to support the advancement of sustainable fishing practices and/or protection and restoration of wild B.C. stocks 3. Science partnerships – support collaborations with academia and other research institutions to improve our knowledge and understanding of impacts to wild stocks and/or develop sustainable fishing practices The current priority for the fund related to restoration would be: species of concern rebuilding (habitat restoration)	Eligible applicants include: - Indigenous groups - Commercial enterprises (incl. fishers, aquaculturists, and seafood processors) - Industry associations - Others, e.g., research institutions and stewardship groups Eligibility requirements: - Reside in B.C. - Be active in or support communities related to the fish and seafood harvesting, processing or aquaculture sectors - Demonstrate protection and restoration benefits to priority B.C. wild stocks, such as salmon, or to the environmental or economic sustainability of the fisheries and seafood sector in B.C. See the Eligible Activities webpage for a complete list of eligible activities.	BCSRIF funding can support up to: - 100% of the total eligible costs for non-commercial organizations - 90% of the total eligible costs for commercial recipients with enterprises of fewer than 19 employees - 75% of the total eligible costs for commercial recipients with enterprises of between 20 and 499 employees - 50% of the eligible costs for commercial recipients with 500 or more employees	The call for applications is currently closed. The last application process was open from Sept 15 to Nov 15 2022. Check the webpage for more information related to applications. Questions can be directed to DFO.BCSRIF-FRISCB.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca 1(833)615-2379
Canada Water Agency – Fraser River Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative	This initiative will provide financial support for eligible projects that improve the water quality and aquatic ecosystem health of the Fraser River Basin. Funding will go to projects implemented by domestic partners within the Canadian portion of the Fraser River Basin that address water quality and aquatic ecosystem health and at least one of the following program priorities: - Advancing Science and Knowledge - Collaboration and Engagement - Taking Action to reduce Nutrients and Sediments	Eligible applicants include domestic: - Not-for-profit organizations - Indigenous governments, organizations, boards, communities, and associations - Coalitions and networks of organizations - Research, academic, and educational institutions - Regional, municipal, and local governments - Local organizations (e.g., community associations, seniors' and youth groups, service clubs) - Small businesses (<100 employees), companies, corporations, industry associations, agricultural organizations NB: federal and provincial governments are not eligible for funding, but are encouraged to partner with applicants on projects Eligible project costs include: - Costs related to human resources, contractors, management, equipment, printing/production, hospitality/travel, venues, professional service - Indigenous participation/ ceremony, Honoraria for Indigenous Elders/ Knowledge Keepers	Projects up to \$200,000 will be eligible for funding. Projects can be single or multi-year in nature and must be completed by Mar 31, 2027. At least 30% of the total project support must be obtained from sources other than the Government of Canada. Other sources of funding can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions.	The call for applications is currently closed. Applications were accepted until Apr 10, 2025. It is unclear when another call for proposals will be released, but should be announced on the website. Proposals can be submitted through the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System. Questions can be directed to Fraser@cwa-aec.gc.ca

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Extreme Temperature Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning	The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resilience of First Nations and local governments in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of B.C. and is administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities. As of April 2023, the funding streams include: - Disaster risk reduction-climate adaptation - Emergency operations centres and training - Emergency support services - Extreme temperature risk mapping, assessment, and planning - Indigenous cultural safety and cultural humility training - Public notification and evacuation route planning - Volunteer and composite fire departments equipment and training The extreme temperature risk mapping, assessment, and planning stream is intended to support applicants to ensure they have accurate knowledge of the risks associated with extreme temperatures and how these risks will change over time, and to develop effective response plans and strategies to prepare, mitigate, and adapt to those risks.	Eligible applicants include: - All First Nations (bands and Treaty First Nations) - Local governments (municipalities and regional districts) in B.C. Eligible activities for each category in the extreme risk funding stream: - Extreme temperatures risk mapping: • Risk and vulnerability mapping (e.g., heat islands and/or populations, structures, or assets at risk) - Risk assessments: • Assessment to identify the social, economic, and environmental impacts of extreme temperature events, and the potential slow onset risks temperature may have on the community - Extreme temperature response plans: • Will build off the learnings from extreme temperature mapping, risk assessments, community engagement, and other available data, and translate this into frameworks for action • Plans may include special considerations for temperature-sensitive populations and targeted response actions to mitigate impacts A complete list of eligible and ineligible costs and activities is available in Section 6 here. To qualify for funding, projects must be: - A new project or a subsequent phase of an existing extreme temperature risk reduction-related project - Capable of completion by the applicant within one year from the date of grant approval - In alignment with: • Extreme Heat Preparedness Guide • BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System: 2022 • Extreme Weather Response Program Framework (2011) - Able to show that extreme temperature risk assessments and disaster risk reduction-climate adaptation planning will consider climate change.	This funding stream can contribute up to 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$30,000. Eligible applicants can submit one application per intake, including regional applications or participation as a partnering applicant in a regional application. Funding requests from two or more eligible applicants for regional projects may be submitted as a single application for eligible, collaborative projects. The maximum funding in this case would be based on the number of eligible applicants included in the application.	The last deadline for application was Jun 2, 2023. No deadline was set for 2024, but check back on the website for future funding opportunities. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application within 90 days of the deadline. All applicants are required to submit a completed application for Band Council resolution/Treaty First Nation resolution/local government Council or Board resolution indicating support for the current proposed activities, and a detailed budget. Applications should be submitted as Word, Excel, or PDF files to Local Government Program Services, Union of BC Municipalities by email: cepf@ubcm.ca
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Community Gaming Grants – Environment	Community Gaming Grants are from the Government of British Columbia and provide annual funding to not-for-profit organizations through B.C. to support the delivery of ongoing programs and services that meet the needs of their communities. Supported groups include not-for-profit organizations providing programs or services of direct benefit to the broader community. Sectors supported: - Arts and Culture, Sport, Environment, Human and Social Services, Public Safety, Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils Eligible Environmental programs may include: - Ecosystem conservation (e.g., land stewardship, invasive species removal, greenbelt and watershed protection/maintenance, garbage clean-up, etc.) - Public education - Climate action (e.g., awareness, emissions reduction, alternative energy, etc.) - Promotion of agriculture, food production, and local food systems - Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation	Eligible Organizations must meet the following criteria (summarized briefly below): - Not-for-profit - Main role is to operate for community benefit - Provides programs that benefit the community and not solely its members' interest - Has membership that is inclusive and open to anyone with interest in the organization - Engages volunteers in the operation of the organization and/or programs - Has a minimum of 2/3 of its board members democratically elected by its voting membership, a minimum of 2/3 of its members residing in B.C. A program may be eligible if it: - Has been delivered for a min. of 12 months at the time of application and has incurred cash expenses over the past 12 months* - Is directly delivered by the applicant org. - The applicant organization is responsible for program expenditures - Delivers an ongoing service, activity, or series of activities to the community - Demonstrates accessibility and inclusivity *programs delivered less than 12 months may be considered in certain cases	Community Gaming Grants award \$140 million annually. Maximum grant amounts vary by organization size/scope. - Local organizations = \$125,000 per year - Regional/Provincial organizations = \$250,000 per year More information can be found in the Program Guidelines document. Government funding (from provincial and federal sources) must not exceed 75% of the actual operating costs in the previous fiscal year.	Applications are accepted from Jul 1 to Aug 31 each year. Applicants are notified by Nov 30. Applications are accepted through the Online Service system. Applicants looking for Renewed Funding can use a more streamlined application available online. Questions can be directed to CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca (250)356-1081 1(800)663-7867
Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (CNFASAR)	The Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (CNFASAR) aims to support the recovery and protection of aquatic species at risk. The fund supports multi-species, place-based and threat-based stewardship actions that recover and protect aquatic species at risk. The majority of the funds were delivered before 2021, but in October 2024 DFO started offering grant funding again. DFO recognizes the importance of consultation and engagement with Indigenous Peoples in advancing listing decisions and in planning for species recovery. The perspectives and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples provide important insights into the potential impacts of decisions made when managing aquatic species at risk. CNFASAR grant funding will provide accessible and timely support to Indigenous Peoples to participate in consultation and engagement activities related to aquatic species at risk under consideration for listing, and/or recovery document preparation, under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).	Eligible applicants include: - Indigenous governments, communities, bands, and settlements - District councils, chiefs' councils, and tribal councils - Bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them - Might be affected by a SARA listing decision or recovery planning process for aquatic species at risk taking place in your region - Have received a notification from DFO initiating consultation or engagement activities related to a SARA listing decision or recovery planning process Eligible activities include: - Preparing for, participating in, and contributing to consultation and engagement activities, including public meetings and discussion groups, as well as formal consultations related - Compiling, reviewing or providing information, data or views about impacts of SARA listing or recovery planning decision(s) to potential established Indigenous treaty rights or title	Preference will be given to applications requesting under \$15,000. Applications greater than \$15,000 may also be accepted if the proposed expenses are relevant to supporting collaborations of multiple Indigenous communities or organizations and/or complex consultation or engagement activities. Activities eligible for funding must be completed by March 31, 2026.	Applications are processed as they are received, and the application form can be found here. Interested applicants should contact the regional coordinator: Pacific (British Columbia and Yukon) Kim Hardacre DFO.PACCanadaNatureFund-FondsdeLaNatureduCanadaPA.C.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca (604) 347-8907

Community Watershed Restoration Grant (City of Nanaimo)	Starting in September 2022, the City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for a new grant program for environmental restoration within the City of Nanaimo. Grants will be awarded to individuals or groups aiming to carry out watershed restoration projects focusing on urban stream and riparian restoration enhancement and natural environment protection.	Eligible applicants include: - Community organizations - Environmental non-profit organizations - Individual residents Funding must be used to provide financial support for restoration planning and design studies, material purchase, invasive plants disposal, equipment rental and labour. A full list of guidelines and criteria can be found here.	A total of \$20,000 is available for groups and will be split if there is more than one successful applicant.	The call for applications is currently closed. Applications were accepted from Feb 14 to Apr 4, 2025. Check the website to see if this grant becomes available next year. Applicants were required to complete the application form and return via email, mail, or in person. Questions can be directed to parksandrecreation@nanaimo.ca or (250)756-5200
EcoAction Community Funding Program - Environment and Climate Change Canada	The EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support for non-profit and non-government organizations for Canadian communities to take on local action-based projects in two streams: - Stream 1: Community-led freshwater action across Canada; projects must address the key environmental priority of fresh water, and they must demonstrate a strong community involvement and support - Stream 2: Freshwater sustainability and innovation across Canada	Eligible applicants for Stream 1 include: - Non-profit organizations - Indigenous organizations - Local organizations (community associations, senior's and youth groups, service clubs, etc.) - Regional conservation districts and/or watershed authorities - Non-governmental organizations (e.g., environmental groups, community groups, youth and seniors groups, community-based associations, service clubs, Indigenous organizations) Eligible applicants for Stream 2 include: - Non-profit organizations - Indigenous organizations - Municipal governments and local governments - Domestic research, academic, and educational institutions - Small for-profit entities piloting innovative and/or clean technology solutions Eligible projects vary depending on the stream, so review a list of eligible projects on each respective webpage.	A minimum of 50% of the total value for each project must come from sources other than the Government of Canada Funding requests for Stream 1 must be between \$25,000 and \$100,000 per project. Funding requests for Stream 2 must be between \$25,000 and \$200,000 per project. The maximum project duration for Stream 1 projects is 36 months. Projects funded under Stream 2 must be completed by Mar 31, 2027.	The call for applications is currently closed. Applications for Stream 1 were accepted until Mar 25, 2025. Applications for Stream 2 were accepted until Apr 10, 2025. Applications are accepted online via the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System. Questions can be directed to: EcoActionNational@cwa-aec.gc.ca or EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca
Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) - Environment and Climate Change Canada	The EDF is a specified purpose account administered by ECCC to direct funds received from fines, court orders and voluntary payments to priority projects that will benefit Canada's natural environment. The EDF follows the 'Polluter Pays Principle' to help ensure that those who cause environmental damage or harm to wildlife take responsibility for their actions. The purpose of any contribution to the fund is to achieve restoration of damage to the natural environment and wildlife conservation in a cost-effective way.	Eligible applicants include: - Non-government organizations - Universities and academic institutions - Indigenous organizations - Provincial, territorial, and municipal governments Funding is available for projects that meet the following criteria: - Address one or more of the four priority areas - Satisfy all Fund Use Requirements (listed on the EDF Available Funds Page)	Matching funds are not required, but evidence of other funding sources are considered an asset. Available funding varies according to the number of court awards and voluntary contributions directed to the EDF.	The call for applications is currently closed. Applications were last accepted until Apr 16, 2025. NB: For the last call of applications, funding appeared to only be available in QB, NB, and NFL.

	Priority is given to projects that restore the natural environment and conserve wildlife, followed by: - Environmental quality improvement initiatives - Research and development on environmental restoration and improvement - Education and awareness on issues affecting the health of the natural environment NOTE: offenders are not eligible to apply directly, or to partner with eligible groups, for fines for monetary payments they have made that are directed to the EDF.	- Scientifically sound, technically feasible - Cost-effective in achieving goals, objectives and results - Measure results using EDF performance indicators - Show the environment will benefit - Demonstrate that the applicant possesses or has access to necessary partnership, experience, knowledge and skills required to undertake the project - Involves individuals and communities with local experience and knowledge	There is no maximum project duration, but the average length of a project is approximately two years.	Project proposals are accepted through the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System. Questions can be directed to the National EDF Office (EDF-FDE2@ec.gc.ca) or the British Columbia and Yukon Office (EDF.West.North@ec.gc.ca)
Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) for Aquatic Species at Risk	The HSP provides funding for projects that contribute directly to the recovery objectives and population goals of species at risk listed on Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and that prevent others from becoming a conservation concern. The HSP has two platforms for funding: 1. Terrestrial Species at Risk Projects (ECCC) 2. Aquatic Species at Risk Projects (DFO) Eligible projects must target the following species: - Species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA; and/or - Species that have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as endangered, threatened, or of special concern HSP project proposals may have a higher chance of success if they: - Target multiple species and demonstrate a focus on ecosystem-based recovery initiatives - Involve collaboration among multiple partners - Implement high priority activities described in established recovery documents, established wildlife and/or habitat conservation plans - Mitigate threats of climate change to the target species - Target priority sectors and/or threats as identified in the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada Last year regional priorities included: - Species: killer whales, white sturgeon, Fraser River salmonids, northern abalone, Nooksack dace - Areas: Fraser River watershed, Columbia River watershed, Salish Sea, North Coast, Morrison Creek watershed - Threats: fisheries interactions, physical and acoustic disturbance, habitat degradation and fragmentation, cumulative effects, aquatic invasive, problematic native species	Eligible applicants include: - Canadian non-governmental organizations - Indigenous organizations and communities - Individuals - Private corporations and businesses - Educational institutions - Provincial, territorial, and municipal governments - Provincial Crown corporations Project activities may take place on: - Private land - Provincial Crown land - Lands under the administration and control of the Commissioner of Yukon, the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, or - Indigenous land Non-Indigenous applicants will be required to obtain a minimum of 1:1 matching contributions from non-federal sources; Indigenous applicants will be required to obtain a minimum of 0.20:1 matching contribution from non-federal sources.	The minimum funding for new and multi-year projects is \$25,000; project funding usually ranges from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per project, per year. Projects may extend from 1 to 3 years. The HSP for Aquatic Species at Risk has a national annual budget of approximately \$4 M. The majority of program funds (80%) will be directed to projects targeting species on Schedule 1 of SARA; 20% will be directed to projects targeting other species identified by COSEWIC as endangered, threatened, or special concern.	The call for proposals starting in 2025/26 is currently closed. Last year applications were open until Oct 30, 2024. Completed applications must be submitted to the appropriate HSP Regional Coordinator via email. HSP regional coordinator for the Pacific Region: Adèle McKay adele.mckay@ec.gc.ca (343)572-1563 NOTE: an Expression of Interest is not mandatory but is encouraged.

Indigenous Habitat Participation Program (IHPP)	IHPP was launched in 2019 after the changes to the <i>Fisheries Act</i>, when Indigenous peoples participated in consultations and wanted to be more involved in the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat. The program supports the participation of Indigenous peoples in Canada by providing funding through: - Grants – for consultants available to Indigenous peoples across Canada to support their participation in consultations on departmental Crown conduct in relation to fish and fish habitat conservation and protection under the <i>Fisheries Act</i> or <i>Species at Risk Act</i> - Contributions – for engagement and collaboration available to Indigenous peoples across Canada; supports groups who want to provide input to the development of fish and fish habitat conservation and protection policies, regulations, and/or programs (including changes to the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program)	Grant funding eligibility: - Indigenous groups with potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights (e.g., Indigenous governments, communities, bands, or settlements, district councils, chiefs' councils and tribal councils, bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them) - Might be adversely affected by the <i>Fisheries Act</i> or <i>Species at Risk Act</i> project decision - Have received a notification for consultation from Fisheries and Oceans Canada Contributions funding eligibility: - Indigenous community, band, or settlement - District council, chiefs' council, or tribal council - Indigenous association, organization, or society - Indigenous fisheries commission, council, authority, or board - Indigenous economic institution, organization, corporation, or co-operative - Partnership or aggregation of Indigenous groups - Service provider working with Indigenous organizations in fish and fish habitat	Total funding for IHPP: \$50 million Grants: Preference is given to proposals requesting between \$2,000–\$12,000. - Applicants are assessed based on their additional resources, explanation of how funds will go towards the consultation process, funds IHPP has available, eligibility of applicant's activities and expenditures, and activity's relevancy to program objectives Contributions: Preference given to proposals that address one or more of the priority funding areas, engage a broad range of Indigenous partners, are between \$50,000 and \$150,000 per year, and have long-term benefits.	Grants: applications are accepted year-round. To apply, the applicant must have received offers to consult from DFO and where <i>Fisheries Act</i> authorizations have not yet been issued. More information about applying for grant funding can be found in the application guide. Contributions: proposal forms can be submitted to your regional office: dfo.pacihpp-ppahpac.mpo@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund - Environment and Climate Change Canada	The Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund (NSCSF) is a ten-year fund (starting in 2021-22) meant to reduce 5-7 megatons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The fund supports projects that conserve, restore, and enhance wetlands, peatlands, and grasslands to store and capture carbon. Funding will be made available under the following 3 streams of work (as of fall 2021; may change with future calls): 1. Place-based actions - Support restoration of grasslands and wetlands and enhanced land management activities - Projects should occur in areas that provide important habitat for migratory birds, species at risk, and species of cultural and/or socio-economic importance to local communities 2. Sector-based policy 3. Reverse auction pilot Another stream of the NSCSF is supporting Indigenous partnerships through Indigenous organization and	Eligible applicants include: - Domestic or international not-for-profit organizations - Domestic or international Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations and authorities - Domestic or international research, academic, and educational institutions - Canadian individuals - Domestic or international for-profit organizations such as small businesses with <500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations - Local organizations - Provinces and territories - Municipal and local governments and their agencies Projects must occur in Canada.	The NSCSF will fund up to \$1.4 M over 10 years. Minimum funding request per project for: - Place-based actions stream: \$250,000 - Sector-based policy stream: \$100,000 - Reverse auction pilot stream: \$1,000,000 Organizations may not receive more than \$25 M per fiscal year for any individual or combination of applications across all NSCSF funding streams	The application period is currently closed, but future application period openings are expected to appear on the webpage. Applications are available through the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System. General questions can be directed to ec.fscan-nsclf.ec@ec.gc.ca Questions related to the implementation of the Indigenous component of the NSCSF can be directed to gardiensautochtones-indigenousguardians@ec.gc.ca

	communities to undertake Indigenous-led, on-the-ground projects for ecological restoration. Program priorities for the last open call included programs: - Taking place in the following places: -Habitat Joint Venture Priority Areas -Federal-Provincial-Territorial Priority Places and Community Nominated Priority Places -Critical habitat for SARA or COSEWIC-listed threatened and endangered species -Designated important habitat in a SARA management plan -Important habitat for SARA or migratory birds based on other sources of evidence -Areas that meet the Ecological Gift Program Eco-Sensitivity criteria - That engage priority sectors, agriculture, forestry and urban development	Projects will be selected based on the following criteria: - Funding eligibility - Addresses the NSCSF's objectives related to greenhouse gas emissions reductions (or increased carbon sequestration) and the provision of co-benefits for biodiversity - Proposal describes realistic and eligible activities - Proposal has been submitted by an eligible NSCSF applicant		
Watershed Security Fund	The Province of BC announced an investment of \$100 million to start the formation of the Watershed Security Fund in collaboration with the BC First Nations Water Table. This grants program supports projects and initiatives that advance the resiliency of watersheds while adhering to a framework of reconciliation and pursuing collaborative relationships with a focus on restoration and conservation of watersheds. Funded projects will support healthy watersheds across a range of project types in any of these areas of watershed-based work: - Watershed Collaboration, Planning & Governance - Watershed & Ecosystems Restoration - Nature-based Infrastructure - Watersheds & Food Systems - Monitoring & Assessment - Land & Water-based Learning, Knowledge Sharing	Eligible applicants include: - Registered non-profits - Educational Institutions - Social Enterprise (C3) - First Nation (including First Nation governments, Tribal Councils and others) - Local/Regional Governments Eligibility is not restricted to Canada Revenue Agency registered charities or qualified donees. In addition to those listed above, some other types of organizations may be eligible. A presentation detailing specifics with regard to required information can be found online.	In this first year \$7-\$10 million will be awarded to proponents, spread across two grant intakes in 2024/25. Funding Streams: - Stream 1: grants of up to \$50,000 - Stream 2: grants of up to \$150,000 - Stream 3: grants of up to \$400,000 Applications for short-term or multi-year projects and initiatives can be submitted.	The application period is will be open from Oct 6 to Nov 17, 2025. Applications can be made via an online portal, word document, or over a phone/video call. Questions can be directed to grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca or (604)343-2620 ext 101

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Non-Government Organizations				
Agri-Ecosystem Stewardship Initiative – BC Investment Agriculture Foundation Also see: Scaling the Implementation of Riparian Restoration <i>Note: previously BC Agricultural Climate Solutions – Farmland Advantage</i>	This initiative works with farms to enhance natural values on their land through a payment for ecosystem services model. The initiative is led by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food and is delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. Natural areas that provide ecosystem services include wetlands, rivers that support salmon, grasslands, and forests. Once a site is selected an assessed, the prescribed work is completed in partnership with producers (and in some cases, restoration partners). Actions related to restoration may include: - Establishing stream setbacks - Building strategic fencing - Removal of invasive species - Planting native trees, shrubs, and other plants	Sites are selected based on a specific site selection methodology outlined on this webpage. A hot-spot analysis was conducted to identify potential sites for both the Agri-Ecosystem Stewardship Initiative and Scaling the Implementation of Riparian Restoration – view the analysis and story map here.	Funds are delivered to producers via a Payment for Ecosystem Services model. It uses a market-based system to directly protect specific ecosystem services	The intake for 2025-26 restoration projects is currently closed. Future opportunities can be suggested via this form as funding permits. Questions can be directed to pes@iafbc.ca
Campbell River Salmon Foundation	The foundation promotes the conservation, rehabilitation, and enhancement of watersheds for Pacific salmonids between the Oyster River and south of the Salmon River estuary, including the adjacent mainland coast, and provides a funding mechanism to support related projects in this region. Projects that support Pacific salmon and can include projects that undertake habitat assessment, education and awareness, habitat rehabilitation, community stewardship projects, and stock rehabilitation.	Eligible projects must support the protection, enhancement, rehabilitation, or conservation of Pacific salmonids and their habitat. They must be carried out between the Oyster River and south of the Salmon River estuary and the adjacent mainland coast. Eligible applicants: - Must be a non-profit society or organization - Must have a strong demonstrated volunteer component to their organization and to the specific project - Must partner or leverage grant funds with in-kind, donations, or other grants - Must have permits where applicable - Must have letters of support from relevant stewardship groups, agencies, and government	There are two streams of funding: one for up to \$10,000 and one for over \$10,000.	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. If requesting less than \$10,000 applications can be submitted via this online form. For funding applications >\$10,000 complete this form and mail it to the address indicated at the end of the form. Questions can be directed to info@crsalmonfoundation.ca

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) - Research and Environment	The CBT is a federal-registered charity that offers a range of grants to promote the health of individuals, communities, and ecosystems throughout the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region. There are several funding streams, but the relevant one for restoration projects is the Research & Environment stream. Research and Environment Grant Funding Priorities: - Address threats to key species/ecosystems - Address threats to Indigenous ways of knowing about sacred places and important knowledge for vibrant Nuuchah-nulth people, culture, and connections to place - Advance habitat conservation, restoration, and/or protection for species/ecosystems of ecological and/or cultural importance - Advance First Nations priorities and follow protocols. Research must be supported by the First Nation in whose territory it will be conducted - Contribute to specific conservation actions, like species/ecosystem protection, education, and policy change, or new conservation partnership	Eligible applicants include: - First Nations performing a function of government - Municipalities in Canada - Registered charities - Educational institutions - Government of Canada or British Columbia - Person, club, society, association or organization that is not a qualified donee.	Project will be funded up to a maximum of \$6,000.	The application period is currently closed, but future application period openings are expected in 2026. Questions can be directed to the CBT by phone (250-725-2219), email (grants@clayoquotbiosphere.org), or their office (316 Main Street, Tofino). Note: It is recommended to discuss potential projects with the CBT before applying.
Climate Emergency Fund – Indigenous Stewardship Fund/ First Nations Fisheries Council	The Emergency Fund Program was launched in 2024 as a partnership between the Indigenous Stewardship Fund and the First Nations Fisheries Council. The program provides rapid support for urgent, Indigenous-led environmental restoration projects that protect and restore salmon populations and their habitats.	Eligible projects include: - Wildfire recovery - Drought relief - Water flow augmentation - Temperature monitoring - Rescue of at-risk aquatic species - Critical environmental interventions To be eligible to receive funding an applicant must be part of or representing a First Nations community in BC.	The minimum funding per proposal is \$25,000. The total amount of funding available in 2025 is \$300,000.	Applications for funding are currently open via their online intake form. Funding is available on a rolling basis to support urgent, in-season environmental work. Questions can be directed to vasmin@isfund.ca
Coast Funds Conservation Project Funding	The conservation fund is a permanent endowment that supports eligible programs and projects focused on sustaining or enhancing the ecological integrity of the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii. Projects that may be supported under this fund include those related to conservation (e.g., science, research, monitoring, ecosystem-based management), habitat restoration, capacity building specific to conservation initiatives.	Eligible applicants include: - Participating First Nations (one of the 27 First Nations or 3 Regional Organizations specified in Schedule G of the Conservation Investments and Incentives Agreement) - Stewardship offices, resource management department, or non-profits that have delegated responsibility for conservation on behalf of the Participating First Nation AND is a registered charity	Maximum funding approval for any capital project may not exceed \$250,000. The full funding approval policy can be found on their website.	There is a continuous intake for new applications with 4 rounds of funding every year. 2025 deadlines: Jan 17, Apr 11, Jul 11, Oct 3 Application forms can be downloaded from the website and submitted to projects@coastfunds.ca before the application deadline. Questions can be directed to Raine Playfair (Stewardship and Governance Specialist) at

				raine@coastfunds.ca or (604)684-0223 ext. 1
Columbia Basin Trust – Ecosystem Enhancement Program	The Ecosystem Enhancement Program was created to help maintain and improve ecological health and native biodiversity in a variety of ecosystems (e.g., wetlands, fish habitat, forests, grasslands) within the Columbia Basin. Last year there was a Basin-wide call for projects to restore and/or enhance a variety of ecotypes (terrestrial, aquatic, wetlands, etc.). Projects must: - Demonstrate landscape-scale ecological benefits - Be self-sustaining in the long term - Have low likelihood of residual adverse effects to other ecological, cultural, or community values - Align with Indigenous Peoples, community, and expert input - Create local employment opportunities/ economic benefit - Bonus: incorporation of Indigenous perspectives or partnership and/or climate change mitigation and adaptation	Eligible applicants include: - Non-profits - Indigenous communities - Local governments Projects should be based in the Columbia Basin Trust Region. If applicants are operating outside the Basin, they must partner with community-based organizations in the Basin to be eligible, and show that the project benefits the Basin. Businesses may be considered on a case-by-case basis, but must demonstrate partnerships with community-based organizations in the design and delivery of their proposed project. Applicants must demonstrate leverage of at least 25% of project costs (in-kind excluded) from sources other than the Trust.	Applicants can request up to a maximum of 75% of the total project costs. The maximum amount of Trust funding for any one project is \$750,000. There is a maximum duration of 5 years for multi-year projects. Projects that demonstrate broad community support and confirmed cash contributions are more likely to receive funding. Funding can be used to support new job opportunities for full time Basin residents (50% of the employee's wage up to 40 hours per week for a maximum of 1 year)	The call for proposals is currently closed. The last call for Expressions of Interest was due on May 23, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the review the program guide and reach out to the program coordinator at any time if they would like to discuss an ecosystem enhancement or restoration project idea. Groups must contact the Ecosystem Enhancement Program Coordinator (ecosystems@ourtrust.org) to discuss the project idea and its eligibility. If eligible, an application form will be provided.
Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund	The Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund provides funding for conservation projects in the Columbia Valley region that result in the reduction to a known threat to biodiversity. Past grants have funded projects in ecosystem restoration, invasive species control, lake management, water quality monitoring, and ecological services. Priority is given to projects that are technically sound and effective, and provide value for money through partnerships with other funders.	Eligible applicants include: - Registered not-for-profit organizations - First Nations bands - Local governments Application requirements: - Projects must be delivered in the Fund Service Area - Projects must address at least one IUCN threat to biodiversity as specified in the Terms of Reference - Proponents must be non-profit, have registered society status, or must partner with an organization that has registered society status - Proponents must make a 10 minute presentation on the outcomes of their work on an annual basis, in addition to submitting a written report - Only eligible activities will be considered for funding (can see illegible activities in the Terms of Reference linked above)	There are no maximum or minimum funding requirements for projects. Previous projects have ranged from \$2,800 to \$700,000 (most appear to be ~\$10,000-\$20,000). Multi-year projects are acceptable to a maximum of 3 years.	The call for applications is currently open. Applications will be accepted until Oct 31, 2025 at 16:30 MT. More information can be obtained from the Kootenay Conservation Program Program Director (Kendal Benesh): kendal@kootenayconservation.ca (250)352-2260

Freshwater Fisheries Society of British Columbia – Native Trout Stewardship Initiative	The Native Trout Stewardship Initiative provides resources to organizations and groups seeking to get involved in native trout conservation activities at the local level. The Initiative's current focus is coastal cutthroat trout, particularly those associated with developed areas of east coast Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland Priority will be given to projects with significant volunteer contributions.	Eligible applicants include: - Recognized non-government, volunteer-based groups and organizations including First Nations Eligible activities include: - Native trout population assessments and monitoring - Riparian and instream habitat protection and restoration, including barrier removal and/or recovery - Community outreach and education - Seed funding to support development of large conservation initiatives for native trout Applicants must be able to demonstrate at least 50% matching in-kind/monetary contributions. NOTE: monetary grants received from other granting agencies cannot be considered a cash donation for the purposes of calculating matching contributions	Maximum requests to \$5,000 are preferred. Requests for higher amounts may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Additional funds for the project can be requested in future years. Projects can be up to two years in length.	The call for applications is currently open. Proposals will be accepted until Jan 31, 2026. Application forms are available on the webpage. For more information, contact Sue Pollard: sue.pollard@gofishbc.com 1(250)414-4207
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) – Action Grants <i>Note: the Action Grant was formally called the Stewardship Grant</i>	The HCTF is a non-profit charitable foundation acting as a Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust. HCTF's major contributors (hunters, anglers, trappers, and guide-outfitters) were willing to pay for conservation work above and beyond that expected by government for basic management of wildlife and fish resources. Action grants support projects that directly involve people/communities to change behaviours and/ or practices leading to positive and measurable conservations outcomes in BC. Projects should work to create solutions or sustainable practices, or mitigate human-caused impacts to prevent or reduce impacts to species or ecosystems.	Eligible applicants include: - Provincial government agencies - First Nations - Municipal/ Regional government - Non-government organizations - Academic institutions - Industry - Individuals Eligible activities include: - Wages and contract labor costs - Materials and supplies (to a max of \$10,000) - Mileage and other travel expenses - Administration fee of no more than 15%	Eligible expenses up to \$50,000 can be covered by the fund. Grant completion must be within 2 years of approval.	The call for proposals is currently closed. The next opportunity to apply will be in Jan 2026. Submissions are accepted through the Online application portal. Questions can be directed to grants@hctf.ca
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) – Community Grants <i>Note: the Community Grant was formally called the Public Conservation Assistance Fund (PCAF) Grant</i>	The HCTF is a non-profit charitable foundation acting as a Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust. HCTF's major contributors (hunters, anglers, trappers, and guide-outfitters) were willing to pay for conservation work above and beyond that expected by government for basic management of wildlife and fish resources. Community grants provide funding to organizations and individuals who need financial help to implement a conservation project. Funding is given to help implement on-the-ground conservation work, with a particular focus on hands-on community-based, and public awareness initiatives.	A mandatory letter of support from your regional Provincial Fish and wildlife biologist is required. A more comprehensive list of examples of eligible and ineligible projects are listed on the grants page. Some examples of eligible projects include: - Planting shrubs - Tagging/monitoring animals - Restoring riparian areas - Fencing to protect sensitive or restored areas - Improving habitat for freshwater fishes The requested funds must be matched by contributing a combination of volunteer labour	Approximately \$150,000 each year goes to Community Grants. Community Grants funds eligible expenses up to \$10,000 in any one year. Generally grants are modest, averaging about \$2,500 each. The maximum total amount available over the life of a Community Grant project is \$20,000.	The call for proposals is currently closed. The next opportunity to apply will be in Jan 2026. Submissions are accepted through the Online application portal. Questions can be directed to grants@hctf.ca

	Projects must be of conservation nature, with priority given to projects that focus on activities that maintain, conserve, or restore native freshwater fish and wildlife species and their habitats.	(credited at \$20 per hour), materials, or other allowable donations. At least 50% of matching funds must be made up by volunteer labour.		
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) – Fish & Wildlife Grant <i>Note that the Fish & Wildlife Grant was formally called the Enhancement and Restoration Grant.</i>	The HCTF is a non-profit charitable foundation acting as a Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust. HCTF's major contributors (hunters, anglers, trappers, and guide-outfitters) were willing to pay for conservation work above and beyond that expected by government for basic management of wildlife and fish resources. HCTF Fish & Wildlife Grants go towards projects that: - Focus on native freshwater fish, wildlife and their habitats - Have the potential to achieve a significant conservation outcome - Align with purposes as laid out in the Wildlife Act (Part 3) Proposals that involve on-the-ground habitat enhancement and/or restoration activities are strongly encouraged. Details about what projects are appropriate for the fund and how to complete the application form can be found in the 2026-27 Guidance for Applicants.	Eligible applicants include: - Provincial government agencies - First Nations - Municipal/ Regional government - Non-government organizations - Academic institutions - Industry - Individuals NOTE: Cost-shared proposals are strongly encouraged, and project leaders should explore the possibility of partnerships with other organizations or agencies.	There is no maximum funding limit, but there is a 3 year limit to project funding. The HCTF now funds multi-year projects to a maximum of 3 years at a time and proponents must submit a continuing application each year of multi-year projects. Grant budgets typically range from \$10,000 to over \$100,000 annually. Grant requests for >\$100,000 will be reviewed with greater scrutiny to ensure the potential conservation benefits justify the higher level of funding.	The call for proposals is currently closed. The next opportunity to apply will be mid-Sept 2025. Applications are accepted on an annual basis and typically open in the fall. The 2026-27 Application Worksheet can be found here. Submissions are accepted through the Online application portal which typically opens in early- to mid-September. Questions can be directed to HCTF's Grants Officer (Amy.Perkins@hctf.ca) or (250)940-9780 1(800)387-9853
Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF)	The KLLCF provides funding for projects that benefit conservation in the rural areas around Kootenay Lake. The fund was established in 2014 and its terms of reference list aquatic systems and conservation of water, wildlife, and habitat as the fund themes. Funding is available for conservation projects that result in the reduction to a known threat of biodiversity. Priority is given to projects that are technically sound and effective, and provide value for money through partnerships with other funders.	Eligible applicants include: - Registered not-for-profit organizations - First Nations bands - Local governments Proposal requirements: - Projects must be delivered in the appropriate Fund Service Area - Projects must address at least one IUCN threat to biodiversity as specified in the Terms of Reference - Projects must address at least one of the Direct Conservation Action priorities (see Table 5) in the KLLCF Guidance Document - Proponents must be non-profit, have registered society status, or partner with an eligible organization - Proponents must make a 10 minute presentation on the outcomes of their work on an annual basis, in addition to submitting a written report - Only eligible activities will be considered for funding (can see illegible activities in the Terms of Reference linked above)	There are no maximum or minimum funding requirements for projects. Previous projects have ranged from \$4,000 to \$93,000 (most appear to be ~\$5,000-\$15,000). Multi-year projects are acceptable to a maximum of three years.	The call for applications is currently open. Applications will be accepted until Oct 31, 2025 at 16:30 MT. Completed application forms should be emailed to info@kootenayconservation.ca More information can be obtained from the KCP Program Director (Kendal Benesh) kendal@kootenayconservation.ca NOTE: It is highly recommended that applicants contact the KCP Program Director prior to submitting an application to discuss their project ideas.

North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA)	NAPECA is a grant program established in 2010 that is intended to support a flexible and diverse set of project types that improve access to resources provided by Canada, the USA, and Mexico through the CEC for small, hands-on organizations to build partnerships at the community level and address the strategic priorities set by the CEC council. Projects that address topics such as managing discarded personal protective equipment/pandemic-related waste, reducing habitat loss to conserve biodiversity, implementing nature-based solutions to increase communities' resilience, etc. are all welcome. The 2021-23 NAPECA grant program supports projects that meet the following criteria: - Community: focus on implementing measures that will enhance the environment and seek community participation - Concrete: include a complete implementation plan that identifies actors, actions, beneficiaries, goals, measurable objectives and results - Measurable: achieve positive environmental results - Scalable: may be replicable and/or scalable in other communities or regions - Partnership: create partnerships or collaborations - Leverage: increase the impact, scalability, and sustainability of project results by leveraging resources - Deadline: presented on time and through the established process	Eligible applicants include: - Non-governmental organizations - Nonprofit organizations - Environmental groups - Community-based associations - Academic institutions - Tribal nations - Indigenous peoples and communities Non-eligible activities (full list found on the Administration and Funding Guidelines page) include: - Activities for which the local, state/provincial, or federal government is responsible - Purchase of motor vehicles, property, or land - Renovations - Annual or regular organizational events/campaigns Grantees must be located in Canada, Mexico, or the USA. The Commission for Environmental Cooperation will not fund expenses related to travel or overhead/administration in excess of 15% of the total grant amount (each). It cannot accept applications from an applicant whose employee or officer is, or the immediate family member is (or has been within the last year), an official from the Government of Canada.	There are no minimum for funding requests. The 2021 maximum funding for a project was \$165,000. NOTE: NAPECA will not support potential applicants who are currently receiving or applying for funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada for their proposed projects.	Calls for applications last year started in Nov and proposals were due Jan 24, 2024. It is unclear if there will be another call for funding applications in the near future. Applications must be submitted via the online application portal. The maximum end date for a given project is June 2026. Questions can be directed towards the Grant Programs Coordinator (napeca@cec.org) (514)350-4347
Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) – Community Salmon Program (CSP)	The CSP grants support volunteer and community-driven projects from across B.C. and the Yukon with a focus on habitat stewardship, salmon enhancement, science, and education. Grants have been issued since 1989 to provide resources to enable the public to participate in DFO's Salmon Enhancement Program and in volunteer-based watershed stewardship activities. CSP offers two streams of grant funding: 1. Short Form 2. Standard Form The following are some of the indicators that will be used to assess each application/project: - Increased and improved salmonid habitat - Increased community capacity and involvement in salmonid enhancement, habitat protection/restoration, and watershed stewardship activities - Increased public awareness and support of the social, environmental and economic value of Pacific salmon - Increased number of local community project partners	Eligible applicants include (all components below required): - Volunteer-based group/organization or non-for-profit - Groups with a demonstrated significant volunteer component to their organization and to the specific project - Groups that have partnered or leveraged request with volunteer time, in-kind, donations, or other grants Eligible projects must qualify under one of the following categories: - Habitat assessment - Habitat rehabilitation - Stock assessment - Stock rehabilitation - Education and outreach - Stewardship and community planning	Approximately \$1.3-1.4 M is made available to the CSP annually (the exact amount varies). CSP offers 2 streams of grant funding: 1. Short Form: single-item requests not exceeding \$2,500; limit of one per applicant 2. Standard Form: requests over \$2,500, unlimited	The call for proposals is currently open. Grant intakes occur twice a year: the fall intake closes Oct 15 and the spring intake closes Feb 15. Apply through PSF's online web portal. Questions can be directed to Jim Shinkewski jshinkewski@psf.ca (640)664-7664x112 or rmartins@psf.ca

	Preference may be given to applications addressing urgent and high-priority salmon stocks or habitat .	CSP will pay up to 50% of the total value of each project and must be matched by other funds, donations, and volunteer labour.		
Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC)	The PSC oversees two Endowment Funds (Northern and Southern) established in 1999 to support projects in Canada and the USA that: - Develop improved information for resource management - Rehabilitate and restore marine and freshwater salmon habitats - Enhance wild stock production through low technology techniques Both committees use a two-stage submission and review process. Project proponents should focus on providing a clear description of project objectives and benefits in the first-round concept stage as opposed to focusing on the development of a detailed project implementation and budget information. Visit the fund project location map for a snapshot of all PSC's Northern and Southern Fund supported projects. As of 2022, project proponents are required to clearly identify which Pacific Salmon Treaty chapters and objectives the project's outcomes are intended to contribute to.	Northern Fund (Cape Suckling, Alaska to Cape Caution, B.C.) - Private, non-profit, and public sector applicants - Funding is more likely to go to projects that involve a) the development of improved information for resource management, including better stock assessment, data acquisition and improved scientific understanding of limiting factors affecting salmon production in the freshwater and marine environments; b) rehabilitation and restoration of marine and freshwater fish habitat, and improvement of habitat to enhance productivity and protection of Pacific salmon; c) enhancement of wild stock production through low technology techniques rather than through large facilities with high operating costs Southern Fund (Southern B.C. i.e., South of Cape Caution, Washington, Oregon, Snake River Basin) - Private, non-profit, and public sector applicants - Habitat restoration was a priority for 2024 - Other priorities based on advice from the Coho Technical Committee, Chum Technical Committee, and Fraser River Panel recommendations (specific recommendations linked here)	Funding for both the Northern and Southern fund is variable, as the interest from the original endowment is what is available for grants. Northern Fund - No specific values reported for funding availability for 2025. Southern Fund - Approximately \$3 M was available for funding for 2025 - If a project spans multiple years, funding needs to be re-applied for each year	There is an annual call for proposals for projects in late May or early June. Northern Fund –applications are to be sent to northfund@psc.org Southern Fund –applications are to be sent to southfund@psc.org Questions should be directed to the Fund Manager Funds@psc.org (604)684-8081
Real Estate Foundation of BC	The Foundation funds projects, builds relationships, and shares knowledge to advance sustainable, equitable, and socially just land use and real estate practices across BC. The Foundation has several large goals, but the main ones that would support salmon habitat restoration work would likely be related to land use and fresh water. There is emphasis on projects supporting Indigenous land and water governance and using this governance and community leadership to support land and freshwater protection.	The funding priorities document has a list of questions that applicants should reflect on and include in their application. Grants can cover project-related costs including staffing/ program delivery, consultant fees, workshops and training, honoraria, etc. Grants are prioritized to Indigenous-led organizations. Other eligible applicants include: - Charities and societies - Non-governmental organizations - Universities and colleges - Trade associations - Local and regional governments - Community contribution companies	Grants can range from \$5,000 to \$300,000 per project.	General grants are accepted each year, with the next intake opening in Jan 2026. Questions can be directed to grants@refbc.ca or (604)688-6800
Restoration and Enhancement Fund	The Yukon River Salmon Agreement authorizes US-sponsored appropriations for funding programs in the US and Canada which focus on the restoration, conservation, and enhancement of Canadian-origin salmon stocks. The R&E Fund is administered by the Pacific Salmon Commission Secretariat, which supports the Yukon River Panel.	A full list of program priorities can be found on their webpage. As of Oct 2024, there are no specific eligibility requirements for applicants.	The Priorities Plan was renewed in April 2024 and is scheduled to remain in effect until April 2030. \$1.2 million USD from the Yukon River Salmon Act	The call for proposals is currently open. Applications will be accepted until Nov 3, 2025.

	Prioritizations for the fund: conservation, restoration, enhancement, stewardship, viable fisheries, administration, and communications. Details for the 2026 Intake can be found in the Call for Proposals document online.		(US) goes to the R&E Fund each year, 50% of which must be disbursed on Canadian programs and projects.	Applications can be sent to yukonfund@psc.org or via the online submission form. Questions should be directed to funds@psc.org or by phone at (604)684-8081 Organizations interested in submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact members of the Panel ahead of submission deadlines.
Pacific Parklands Foundation – The George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program	This funding program was created to support hands-on citizen stewardship activities by park partners in Metro Vancouver regional parks and greenways. The program is administered by the Pacific Parklands Foundation, a non-profit society established to support and enhance Metro Vancouver's regional parks system. Applicants can apply for either: - Small projects (<\$2,500) - Medium projects (\$2,500-\$5,000) - Large projects (\$5,000-\$10,000)	Eligible applicants: - Regional park partners and non-profit organizations with current agreements with Metro Vancouver - Non-profit societies and community groups and post-secondary institutions that are active in Metro Vancouver regional parks and greenways Large projects: for incorporated regional park partners and/or park associations Medium projects: for unincorporated and incorporated regional park partners, including all park associations Small projects: for community groups, elementary school groups, university students, ad hoc groups, and more. Eligible projects must: - Occur in a Metro Vancouver regional park or greenway - Be a stewardship activity that contributes to the improvement of the region's ecological health through protecting, enhancing, or restoring natural resources - Be a one-off activity with a start and finish - If an event, be one-off and stewardship-focused or a component of a project - Have volunteer contribution Applicants may only apply once per calendar year.	A \$2.8 M endowment creates interest that funds the stewardship program. Additional funding sources are not required. Large projects: \$5,000-\$10,000 (can apply for two years of funding - \$20,000 spread over two years) Medium projects: \$2,500-\$5,000 Small projects: <\$2,500 Large projects must be completed within 2 years of award. Medium projects must be completed within 1 year of award.	Two application cycles for Large/ Medium grants in 2025: - Spring: letters of inquiry are due Mar 7, 2025 and applications are due Apr 11, 2025. - Fall: letters of inquiry due Sept 5, 2025 and applications are due Oct 10, 2025. Large and Medium Grants must be pre-screened by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks staff before the full application is submitted. Small Grants are accepted year-round by downloading the application form and emailing it to the Community Development Coordinator in your area. Questions can be directed to: West Area: Jennifer.swanston@metrovancover.org Central Area: trina.sakata@metrovancover.org East Area: jeff.rotin@metrovancover.org
SeaDoc Society	The SeaDoc Society supports science that results in positive conservation outcomes for pressing environmental issues facing the Salish Sea. This fund is intended to support projects where more science will benefit	Eligible applicants include: - Tribes, First Nations, and Indigenous-led organizations - Research institutions - Non-profit organizations	More than \$200,000 was awarded to 5 projects in 2024. Funding for individual projects was limited to \$50,000.	The call for proposals is currently closed. Letters of Inquiry were due Mar 10, 2025. Full proposals were due Apr 29, 2025.

	conservation and where investigators can demonstrate plans to: - Define the conservation need ahead of time - Collaborate with personnel from government agencies - Build and maintain relationships with natural resource managers and policy makers before, during, and after planned research	- Provincial natural resource trustee agencies - Wildlife research institutes - Marine conservation organizations Details about what 2025 proposals were looking for can be found in the Call for Proposals document.	Funding is available for up to 18 months of work.	
Sitka Foundation – Sitka Activator Fund	This fund will offer grants to community-based organizations around the Salish Sea that rely on volunteerism for their nature conservation goals.	Funding can be used to help cover human resource costs (management, coordination, operations, etc.), materials, events, digital infrastructure or communications, community-based monitoring, restoration, or knowledge gathering activities. Funding is currently only available for Canadian Salish Sea-based organizations or communities that are connected to a qualified donee or charity.	This fund offers 1-year grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 .	Applications are currently being accepted until Oct 1, 2025 via the online form on their website .
Vancouver Foundation	The Vancouver Foundation works in B.C. and gives grants to build healthy, vibrant, and livable communities. There are several grant programs, including: - Indigenous Priorities Granting Program - Recovery and Resiliency Fund - System Change Grants - Participatory Action Research Grants - Youth Engagement Grants - Level BIPOC Grants - Neighborhood Small Grants - Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants - Thriving Indigenous Systems Fund The most appropriate fund for most SEP community partner projects would likely be the Systems Change Grants. These grants support projects that take action to address the root causes of pressuring social, environmental, or cultural issues by influencing the behaviours of populations, organizations, and institutions. NOTE: The Vancouver Foundation is changing the way it distributes grants, and the Systems Change Grants are paused for 2024. These changes appear to be ongoing as of September 2025.	Systems Change Grants fund charitable projects in and across any sector. Some funding is allocated to specific sectors, such as the environment. Systems Change Grants must be led by a registered charity other qualified done listed by the CRA.	Historically three types of grants have been offered within the Systems Change Grants: 1. Develop Grants: up to \$20,000 for a maximum of one year; short-term grants to help with the development of a project idea and to understand the issue in place 2. Test Grants: up to \$100,000 per year for a maximum of three years; to help project teams test their influence on systems to learn what leads to change 3. Scale Grants: up to \$100,000 per year for a maximum of three years; help project teams extend the influence of an existing project to different scales within the system	The call for proposals is currently closed. Grant deadlines are updated throughout the year – subscribe to the newsletter for granting cycle changes. Applications can be submitted through the Vancouver Foundation's Online Grant Management System. Questions can be directed to grants.admin@vancouverfoundation.ca

Victoria Foundation – Community Recovery Program Grants	The Victoria Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that managed charitable gifts from donors. There are currently 2 main grant streams: 1. Collaborative Practice Innovation 2. Collaborating for Systems Change The 2023 goal of the program was to strengthen the non-profit sector and long-term resilience of the community by supporting local organizations with flexible, general operation funding. The current scope of the program appears to have drifted away from environmental restoration, but it may change in future years.	The Community Grants Program supports registered charities and other qualified donees whose work benefits community wellbeing within the Capital Region (Victoria area, including the Southern Gulf Islands). Eligible expenses include: - General operating costs - Staffing costs - Program adaptation - Technology adaptation and upgrading - Projects, projects, or initiatives - Organizational capacity building - Capital costs critical to the organization fulfilling its mission Details about what 2025 proposals were looking for can be found in the Application Guide.	The maximum available funding is up to \$30,000. No matching funds from other sources are required. 1. Vital Stream – up to \$30,000 2. Collaboration Stream – variable amounts	The call for proposals for the Collaboration Stream is currently open and accepting proposals from Sept 10 to Sept 26, 2025 at 23:59. The call for proposals for the Vital Stream is currently closed. Applications were accepted from Feb 4 to Mar 11, 2025. Organizations can apply using the online grant portal or orally by appointment. For more information contact the grants team: grants@victoriafoundation.bc.ca (250) 381-5532
Western Mining Action Network (WMAN) – Indigenous Environmental Network Mining Mini-Grant Program	This grants program is in place to support Indigenous communities and non-profit grassroots organizations for projects related to the detrimental impacts of mining activity. Previous grants have funded activities involving education and awareness (e.g., events, workshops, podcasts), opposing mining projects in vulnerable areas, promoting salmon stewardship, water testing and monitoring programs, and ecorestoration efforts post-contamination. Grant priorities: - Priority is given to community-based grassroots groups and Indigenous organization directly affected by mining - Regional or national non-profit organization working on mining-specific issues - Priority is given to applicants with an organizational or mining-specific program budget under \$75,000.	Non-profit (registered or unregistered) or Indigenous organizations that have been adversely affected by mining in the USA or Canada can apply. Applicants may only receive one Mini-Grant in a 12-month period. Details about all grant guidelines can be found here.	Grants for individual projects are \$4000 (USD) and the program distributes over \$200,000 per year. The goal is for 50% of the Mini-Grants to go to Indigenous communities.	There are 3 Mini-Grant cycles per year: deadlines are Jan 1, May 1, and Sep 1. The application is online in a Google Survey, but a paper application can be found here as a guide. Questions can be directed to info@wman-info.org
World Wildlife Fund – Go Wild School Grants	Grants are available each fall for students and educators to kick-start school projects that help nature thrive. Project ideas must protect or restore nature, including activities directly related to creating, restoring, rehabilitating, or recovering natural ecosystems and habitats. Proposals that protect or restore nature can also: - Introduce new practices/monitoring that reflect the value of nature or related to the impact of climate change; or, - Celebrate or educate on the importance of healthy natural ecosystems via activities, campaigns, or events	Eligible applicants include: - Students - Ratified clubs and associations - Campus staff and faculty at Canadian primary or secondary schools, colleges, universities, and CEGEPs. Non-eligible costs include: - Staff salaries - Honoraria - Any fees not directly related to the proposed activity	There is a maximum grant amount of \$1,500 for primary and secondary schools, and \$2,000 for colleges, universities, and CEGEPs.	The call for proposals is currently open. The proposal intake will be open until Oct 24, 2025. Applications for Schools K-12 can be found here. Applications for Post-Secondary Institutions can be found here. Questions can be directed to GoWild@WWFCanada.org

Funder	Description	Conditions/Leverage	Funds Available (annually)	Timing
Corporations				
BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)	The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholder to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams. Projects are funded to compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife, and their supporting habitat resulting from the construction of existing BC Hydro dams. The FWCP is funded annually by BC Hydro, and the FWCP directs those funds towards projects that address priority actions across its three regions to fulfil its mission. Types of projects supported by FWCP: - Actions to create, restore, or improve the function of ecosystems that have been impacted by BC Hydro activities or alternative ecosystems that provide a better opportunity for investment - Participate as a team in species of interest planning - Specific management actions for species of interest as identified by recovery teams and action groups - Baseline inventory that contributes to the development of habitat- or species-based actions within action plans - Monitoring programs designed to measure the effectiveness of FWCP-funded habitat- and species-based actions - Contribute to all aspects of managing co-operatively managed conservation lands	Eligible applicants include: - First Nations - Consultants - Agencies - Non-government organizations - Individuals - Academic institutions All successful grant applications must be able to provide: - A WorkSafe BC clearance letter - Proof of commercial general liability Action plans guide investment: - Coastal Region Watershed Action Plans - Columbia Region Action Plans - Peace Region Action Plans	Seed Grants: - Aimed to help explore the feasibility of a project idea (could be the first step towards submitting a grant application in a subsequent year) - Intended to fill info. gaps, explore project feasibility, and prepare technical information - Up to a maximum of \$5,000 Large Grants: - Aimed at applicants ready to implement a proposed project - No maximum grant request - No other funding sources required If a project spans multiple years, funding must be applied for annually.	The call for proposals is currently open until Nov 3, 2025 at 16:00 PT. Grant applications are accepted via the online system. For more information contact FWCP's Program Coordinator Margo Sadler Margo.Sadler@bchydro.com or fwcp@bchydro.com (604)528-8136 Note: a mandatory Letter of Intent was required for Columbia and Peace regions by Sep 9, 2025. Coastal Region applicants are not required to submit a notice of intent.
Canada Post – Community Foundation	The Canada Post Community Foundation provides grants to Canadian schools, charities and community organizations that make a difference in the lives of children and youth. The Foundation offers 3 types of grants: 1. Community-based support project grants - Projects should increase capacity of an organization & create/expand services (not maintain existing ones); Acceptable funding uses include purchasing new equipment or launching new programs 2. Signature grant - Projects should contribute to the overall work/missions of national organizations that support Canadian children and youth 3. Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature grant - Available to Indigenous regional or local organizations offering programming anchored in the principles of Indigenous truth and reconciliation that supports Indigenous children and youth across the country.	Eligible applicants for each project stream include: - Small project grants (<\$5,000): Schools, school/parent organizations, community libraries, daycares, Indigenous groups, recreation facilities, unregistered organizations, small municipalities (<5,000 residents) - Project grants (\$5,000-\$25,000): registered charities, registered non-profit organization, registered Canadian amateur athletic associations, small municipalities (<5,000 residents) - Signature Grant (\$50,000): national charities and organizations - Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant: Indigenous regional or local organizations; See if groups are eligible here	1. Community-based support project grants are available for projects valued at up to \$25,000 each. 2. Signature grants are valued at \$50,000 (there is a limit of 3 grants awarded each year). 3. Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature grants are awarded once per year and are valued at \$50,000.	The call for proposals is currently closed. The next round of applications will be open from Feb 9 to Feb 27, 2026. Questions can be directed to community@canadapost.ca

Community Engagement Grants (BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program)	BC Hydro's FWCP encourages stewardship groups and others (particularly FWCP stakeholders) to apply for community engagement grants to take tangible actions to benefit fish and wildlife in any BC Hydro region.	Eligible applicants include: - Non-profits - Environmental groups - Rod and gun clubs - Stewardship organizations - Government - First Nations Eligible costs include: - Supporting volunteer involvement - Supporting workshops, meetings, and conferences that raise awareness about fish and wildlife - Supporting in-stream or on-the-ground conservation or enhancement activities - Stewardship materials The proposed project must be implemented in the FWCP Coastal or Columbia Region, or in the Peace Region and its supporting communities.	Grants up to \$1,500 (one grant per organization once per year) are available.	Applications for Community Engagement Grants are accepted all year, subject to available funding. Applications can be emailed to fwcp@bchydro.com. Applicants will be notified within three weeks of the date of receipt of the application.
Greater Victoria Savings and Credit Union Legacy Foundation	The funding for this foundation was provided by Vancity after it merged with Greater Victoria Savings Credit Union in 2008. The purpose of this fund is to provide grants to organizations engaged in non-profit endeavors in the area formerly served by the Greater Victoria Savings and Credit Union in the Capital Regional District of British Columbia. The Foundation will consider funding requests for the following types of activities: - Arts (e.g., music, dance, visual arts) - Sports and Recreation (e.g., team or club sponsorships) - Educations (not funding for individuals) - Capital for community projects - Community, Social, and Environmental support groups	Eligible applicants include: - Both the organization for projects/activities and the project/activity for which funding is requested occur in the Capital Regional District of the Province of British Columbia - Non-profit organizations located in the Capital Regional District of British Columbia registered with the Federal Government as having charitable status - Non-profit organizations located in the Capital Regional District of British Columbia without charitable status NOTE: as long as most of the activities are completed within the Capital Regional District, applications will be considered	2 application streams: - Under \$10,000 - Over \$10,000 All grants will be considered regardless of amount requested.	Deadline for application submission is Apr 30 and Sept 30 each year. Completed applications should be sent to the email at the bottom of the application page. Questions can be directed to the Donor Services team at give@vancity.com or (604)877-7647
Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation	The Foundation for the Americas' mission include a) realizing and inclusive society, b) empowering the next generation, and c) conserving the environment. Some themes that may align with proposed projects related to salmon restoration include advancing decarbonization, supporting biodiversity conservation, and supporting local communities.	This fund can only support programs geographically within the Americas. Grants are limited to non-profit organizations.	Projects can request funds for activities ranging from one to four years. There seems to be no set range for funding requests, though most approved projects appear to range in value from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.	Applications can be submitted using the online application form. Grants are approved in the fall of each year, with the ideal timing for proposals during the first quarter of the calendar year. Questions can be directed to Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas 151 West 42nd St, New York, NY 10036

Patagonia – Corporate Grants	Patagonia's Corporate Grants Program supports small, grassroots activist organizations that have proactive direct-action agendas and are working strategically on multipronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Local groups working to protect local habitats and frontlines communities through original actions are supported by these grants. A full list of funded and non-funded work can be found on the How We Fund webpage. Patagonia Corporate Grants do not fund hatchery programs, human-assisted fish passage infrastructure, or projects that focus solely on environmental education.	Projects must take place within the USA and Canada and be either national in scope or not local to one of Patagonia's North American retail stores. You can recommend an environmental nonprofit organization here.	A typical grant generally ranges between \$5,000 and \$20,000. 1% of the total sales from Patagonia goes to supporting grassroots organizations.	NOTE: This grants program is currently operating on an invitation-only basis. Check the website to see if this is changed for future years. Questions related to technical assistance with the application process can be directed to cgsupport@cybergrants.com
RBC Tech for Nature	RBC's Tech for Nature is a multi-year commitment to preserving the natural ecosystem, working with partners to leverage technology and innovation capabilities to solve pressing environmental challenges. There are 5 funding paths: - Seed: help initiate and develop new ideas or projects, focusing on innovative and experimental approaches - Scale: help expand and grow successful projects, increasing their reach and/or impact - Sustain: help maintain and support ongoing projects to help ensure long-term success and stability - Respond: help enable rapid response to an immediate community need, such as those related to disaster or humanitarian relief - Build: help increase accessibility and/or environmental sustainability of community spaces	Eligible applicants include: - Organizations that are registered charities in their jurisdictions - Projects or programs that take place in communities where RBC has as business presence - Charitable organizations that provide direct community benefit - Programs with measurable social outcomes A full list of eligible and ineligible activities and groups can be found on the Funding Guidelines and Eligibility webpage.	Each funding stream has a different guideline with respect to funding terms, maximum amounts, and project limits. Please see the website for details. Funding terms range from 1 to 5 years, and maximum amounts are up to \$500,000 per year. RBC funds programs and projects rather than 'bricks and mortar'.	Applications for Community Investments are currently closed. Last year they were open in Winter 2025. Applications for Seed, Scale, Sustain, and Respond funding pots are accepted on a rolling basis. Apply via the online portal. Please check the website for updates on the next funding cycle. Questions about the application process can be directed to environmentaldonations@rbc.com
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (FEF)	The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) was founded in 1990 and is a national charity that funds environmental projects across Canada. The TD FEF supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary funding focus on revitalization, animating, and stewarding public green spaces.	Eligible applicants include: - Registered Canadian charities with a Charitable Registration Number - Educational institutions (primary, secondary, and post-secondary) - Municipalities - Indigenous groups/communities Eligible projects include: - Schoolyard greening - Park revitalization - Community gardens - Park programming - Citizen science initiatives A full list of eligible projects and their requirements can be found on the Common Questions tab.	Funding requests are needs based – there is no set minimum or maximum amount. However, grants are typically between \$2,000 and \$8,000.	Applications are accepted in two submission cycles: - Winter: applications due Jan 15; applicants notified in Apr - Summer: applications due Jul 15; applicants notified Oct Applications can be completed using the online CyberGrants portal. Questions can be directed to the TD FEF Pacific and Prairies Regional Manager: Mandip.Kharod@td.com

Wawanesa Climate Champions: Local Grants	New granting initiative to support organizations working on the front lines to improve climate resiliency in local communities across Canada. A total of \$250,000 in funding will be available and will support local projects dedicated to climate adaptation and mitigation.	Eligible applicants include: - Non-profit/charitable organizations - Non-government organizations - Indigenous communities - Social enterprise - Academic institution - Municipal or provincial government entity Eligible activities include: - Projects that address a local challenge and how it can be mitigated or adapt to climate change and build climate resiliency - Align to one or more of their pillars: Environmental Guardians, Community Protectors, Youth Stewards - Have measurable impact and broad community benefits - Include a project budget and timeline - Take place in Canada and will be completed within 12 months of receiving funding	Each project can receive up to \$25,000.	The call for applications is currently open until Sept 26, 2025 at 23:00 CT. Applications can be filled in and submitted via the online form. Questions can be directed to communityimpact@wawanesa.com
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Retired applications:

- [Aquatic Habitat Restoration Fund \(AHRF\)](#) - 6-year initiative that provided funding for community capacity and Indigenous-led aquatic habitat restoration activities in freshwater and marine ecosystems.
 - o Funds were available from 2019 to 2025
 - o Project goals: Build capacity within Indigenous communities to enable habitat restoration in areas of priority to Indigenous groups, rehabilitate aquatic habitats and contribute to the mitigation of stressors affecting marine, coastal, and freshwater species and their habitats, contribute to the long-term sustainability of aquatic, coastal, and riparian habitats through monitoring and maintenance, and contribute to strategic planning and studies in coastal and riparian areas
 - o Questions can be directed to DFO.AHRF-FRHA.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
 - o 2 Phases: Phase 1: 2020-22 – AHRF team contacting eligible Indigenous communities to identify interest and capacity required for participation in the collaborative development of program and project priorities; Phase 2: 2021-25 – funding provided for projects in designated areas
- [Bullitt Foundation](#) – sunset its grant funding program as of 2024
 - o Funding from the Bullitt Foundation is focused on supporting the region from Portland to Vancouver for projects focusing on regional ecosystem health and more. It invites nonprofits working to safeguard the natural environment by promoting responsible human activities and sustainable communities in the Pacific NW (priority put on projects/initiatives that promote sustainability within Vancouver, Portland, and Seattle).
 - o Eligible applicants include: Nonprofit organizations (must have a Canadian Certificate of Incorporation and charity registration documents)
 - o Geographic region of projects must be between Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia.
 - o Grantees must have a 11-13 month work period.
 - o Previous grants have been between \$15,000-\$50,000.

- [Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk \(CNFASAR\)](#) – full budget has been allocated, so no further call outs expected at this time; see website for future potential calls for proposals. Application period closed October 21, 2021.
 - CNFASAR aims to support the recovery and protection of aquatic species at risk. The fund enables multi-species, place-based and threat-based approaches to recovery and protection.
 - Funding is aimed at supporting stewardship projects that help recover and protect aquatic species at risk and is targeted towards 2 priority threats, 9 priority places, and 3 priority species. [List of priority threats, places, and species.](#)
 - Focus on supporting multi-year, multi-partner initiatives that apply an ecosystem or multi-species approach and create a legacy by enabling recovery actions to carry on beyond the 4 years for which funding is available.
 - Eligibility requirements:
 - Address a CNFASAR priority threat, species, or place and align with or complement the activities that DFO is seeking to fund
 - Target aquatic species listed in Schedule 1 of SARA, or assessed as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern by COSEWIC
 - Align with existing federal, provincial or other local plans where recovery measures and priorities have been identified in recovery documentation (i.e., management plans, recovery strategies, and action plans)
 - Benefit multiple species at risk
 - Engage a broad number of partners
 - Budget 2018 provided \$55 M over 5 years; Budget 2021 provided \$23 M for projects from Apr 1 2022 to Mar 31 2026
 - Preference given to projects that are between \$100K and \$1M per year

- [Climate Action and Awareness Fund \(CAAF\) – Advancing climate science and technology](#)
 - CAAF will invest up to \$206 M over 5 years to support Canadian-made projects that help to reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions. It is designed to support projects that create middle class jobs for Canadians who work in science and technology, academia and at the grassroots community level. It is unclear if one more openings for proposals will come through.
 - Three main priorities: 1) Support youth climate awareness (request for proposals closed summer 2020) and community-based climate action (request for proposals closed fall 2020), 2) Advance climate science and technology (request for proposals closed June 2021), 3) Support climate research at Canadian think tanks and in academia (request for proposals last closed July 2022)
 - **Up to \$6 M per project** available for a total of \$59 M to eligible organizations over a maximum of 5 years. **Funding may cover up to 100% of eligible project costs.**
 - Eligible applicants include universities and other academic institutions, not-for-profit non-government organizations, and Indigenous organizations
 - Proposals must fall under one of the following themes:
 - Informing carbon sink enhancements nature-based climate solutions
 - Understanding the potential for, and implications of, negative emission technologies
 - Understanding city- and municipal-level GHG emissions and mitigation effectiveness
 - Understanding multiple benefits of integrated mitigation approaches for greenhouse gases and air pollutants
 - Understanding and quantifying transportation sector emissions in Canada

- [Coastal Restoration Fund \(CRF\)](#) – relaunched as the [Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund](#)
 - CRF is part of the national Oceans Protection Plan launched in May 2017. The fund provided \$75M over 5 years to support projects that help restore coastal aquatic habitats. [Details on funded projects and progress can be found online.](#)
 - Fund addresses threats to marine habitats and species located on Canada’s coasts and supports efforts that:
 - Contribute to strategic planning and identifying and responding to restoration priorities
 - Rehabilitate aquatic habitats
 - Contribute to long-term sustainability
 - Encourage and build local community capacity
 - Preference was given to projects that included Indigenous partners, engaged a broad number of partners, and/or addressed regional coastal restoration priorities
 - Eligible groups that could apply included:
 - Non-profit organizations (including non-governmental environmental organizations and stewardship bodies)
 - Community-based organizations
 - Indigenous organizations (e.g., tribal councils, Indigenous communities, Indigenous conservation groups, governments of self-governing First Nations)
 - Academic researchers or institutions
 - Funding for projects was valued between \$100K and \$500K per year, for a maximum of 3 years

- [Columbia Basin Trust – Ecosystems Enhancement Program](#) – 5/5 year program ending in 2022
 - The Ecosystem Enhancement Program was to help maintain and improve ecological health and native biodiversity in a variety of ecosystems, such as wetlands, fish habitat, forests, and grasslands across the Columbia Basin. The grant supported projects focused on restoration, enhancement, and conservation. Priority was given to project that demonstrated broad community support and confirmed cash contributions.
 - Eligible applicants included registered non-profits, Indigenous communities and local governments in the Columbia Basin Trust region.
 - Eligible projects included ones that:
 - Implement on-the-ground actions to support ecological health at a landscape-level
 - Yield meaningful and measurable benefits for ecological health and biodiversity
 - Reflect input received from Indigenous communities, community/non-profit groups, and technical experts
 - Are ready or almost ready to implement
 - Help address sub-regional ecological priorities and emerging issues
 - Incorporate the perspectives of Indigenous peoples in the Basin
 - Incorporate climate change mitigation and/or adaptation considerations
 - Are seeking or have other sources of funding secured
 - Do not displace or duplicate government efforts or industry responsibility
 - Demonstrated leverage of at least 25% of project costs (in-kind excluded) from sources other than the Trust
 - Maximum amount of funding for any one project was \$750,000, with a maximum duration of five years for multi-year projects
 - Final deadline was August 13, 2021

- [Lush \(Charity Pot\)](#) – grant program no longer exists as of 2024
 - Charity Pot grants support small, grassroots organizations that are working on the root cause of issues and creating long-term sustainable change. Organizations working in areas of animal protection, environmental justice, and humans rights are supported by these grants.
 - Priority is given to less popular issues where it's often more difficult to raise funds. Far-reaching projects that promote and implement viable, fair and sustainable solutions are preferred. Charity Pot grants support groups that are non-violent and direct-action.
 - Eligible applicants include: registered or unregistered organizations, non-profit organizations, Indigenous groups, community organizations (must have an annual revenue of \$500,000 or less)
 - Grants ranged from a few thousand dollars to a maximum of \$15,000 per project.

- [Mountain Equipment Co-op \(MEC\)](#) – currently suspended until further notice
 - Granting program focused on funding projects that conserve places where Canadians outdoor recreate and to encourage Canadians to get active outside. Over the years, MEC has downgraded many of their fund/grant opportunities.
 - Previously, the following grants have been offered:
 - Community Grants: support organizations that can demonstrate commitment to either 1) identifying and reducing barriers to outdoor activities and increasing community of active outdoor enthusiasts; or, 2) teaching responsible outdoor recreation practices and environmental stewardship. Grants up to \$20,000. Historically two grant cycles: spring (Jan 31 – Mar 28) and fall (Jul 1 to Sep 1).
 - Expedition Grants: support expeditions that are exploratory in nature, unique in approach, geographically remote, and/or technically difficult. Grants in variable amounts. Applications open early each year.
 - Grassroots Product Donations: enable conservation/access groups to raise funds or reward volunteers through product donations or gift cards. Donations in MEC gift cards valued up to \$200. Applications on-going through the year.
 - MEC grants do not support governmental organizations, including organizations that receive core funding from the government.

- [Walmart \(Evergreen Fund\)](#) – no future application rounds anticipated
 - Walmart Canada and Evergreen partnered to offer a national program funding community-based initiatives across Canada for 11 years.
 - Supported projects included those with native planting initiatives and invasive species removal, community food gardens, wildlife habitat restoration, aquatic stewardship projects, environmental workshops and educational events, and community skills sharing workshops
 - Projects served underserved communities, with funding providing up to 50% of the project budget.
 - Offered grants of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,500.