



Capacity Grants

Building support to help solve conservation and restoration challenges.

Overview

Capacity grants provide funding to support and develop strategies, abilities and processes to initiate actions to benefit of fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation and restoration. The focus of the grant is to build and strengthen capability and capacity of organizations to successfully design and deliver conservation or restoration projects aligned to the objectives of the HCTF. Capacity grants assist with the first steps in identifying, exploring, and undertaking actions to solve a local conservation challenge.

Goals of Grant

- **Advances conservation planning (assessing capacity).** Coordinate and conduct preliminary planning to address a conservation issue or challenge in the community or a feasibility study.
- **Engages organizations and communities (developing capacity)** to engage in and implement actions to achieve a shared conservation goal(s).
- **Developing skills and abilities (building capabilities)** of communities to undertake field-based conservation work through specialized training or knowledge sharing to conduct on-the-ground conservation or stewardship programs.

In support of our strategic plan, our grant will emphasize the following:

- Caribou habitat restoration or conservation projects taking place in current caribou herd ranges.
- Climate change adaptation, mitigation, and cumulative effects on fish, wildlife, and their habitats.
- Indigenous community-led fish, wildlife, and habitats restoration and conservation.
- Broad and diverse participation in HCTF programs and projects.





Criteria and Details

Funding: up to \$25K

Deadline: May 1st

Criteria

Grant Requirements:

- Grant completion – within 2 years of approval.
- 80% of grant will be issued up front and 20% once completed and final summary of work is submitted.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Applications must be made by an individual with the lead organization. The Project Lead is the individual with the authority and ability to administer the grant and fulfill the obligations to conduct the grant activities, deliver value for money, manage risk and financial controls while fulfilling other the terms and conditions of the grant.

Eligible activities and items this grant supports:

- **Advances conservation or restoration planning (assessing capacity)**
 - Pilot projects, surveys, test field methods, scoping or feasibility studies including desk-top research, mapping, literature review, discussions with regional and or biology experts, Indigenous knowledge systems and methodologies, and best practices review.
- **Strengthening organizational and community (developing capacity)**
 - Partnerships or networking meetings, planning workshops; focus groups; sharing knowledge, collecting community input.
 - Field equipment needed to undertake planning or preliminary field-work, with a maximum request of up to \$10K.
- **Developing skills and abilities (building capabilities)**
 - Hiring a consultant, short-term salary or facilitation fees to lead or do planning, training and advising including honoraria or salary for field-based mentors, trainers, advisors.
 - Specialized training courses such as guardians or keepers training (e.g., Streamkeepers, Wetlandkeepers etc.); technical and scientific application training (e.g., GPS, mapping, data, testing equipment); sampling and surveying techniques, monitoring and cameras, remote sensing or vegetation monitoring, or for development of a conservation leader(s) in Indigenous communities by supporting post-secondary training (1 or 2 year certificate/diploma).





Sample projects:

- Feasibility study to pilot stream mapping on a small scale to determine if it can be expanded to the entire watershed.
- Conducting a desktop mapping exercise to identify sites for potential road restoration and ground truthing.
- Developing the goals and approach for a new Guardian program.
- Holding meetings with potential partners to identify the expertise and sampling design needed to assess local Mule deer numbers.
- Hiring a consultant biologist or regional expert to help map out key restoration objectives for caribou habitat enhancement and engage with community members on overall goals and objectives.

Ineligible items:

- Administration costs such as office space, admin fees, furniture and office equipment and supplies.
- Standard Safety and survival training, small operator training or certifications e.g., boat, atv, firearms, chainsaw, etc.
- Purchase of vehicles, boats, atv's, quads, trailers, skidoos, building infrastructure, computers, phones, or cameras.
- Salaries for employees including government.
- Costs for legal fees or lobbying activities.
- Media production and communications.
- Purchase of land, tenure, lease, or licenses.

