



# Capacity Grants

Strengthening support to solve a conservation challenge and deliver a conservation project

## Overview

Capacity grants build and strengthen the capability and capacity of organizations to successfully design and deliver conservation or restoration projects. The grant provides funds to support and develop strategies and abilities to initiate actions that benefit fish, wildlife and habitat conservation aligned with objectives of the HCTF. Capacity grants assist with the first steps in planning, designing, engaging, or implementing a project.

### Goals of Grant

- **Support preliminary planning** to address a conservation issue or challenge in the community.
- **Increase capacity** to enhance the ability to implement a project.
- **Develop skills and abilities** of communities to undertake conservation projects.

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

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

## Criteria and Details

**Funding:** up to \$25K

**Deadline:** March 31st

### 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Consulting with local community and landowners to create an action plan for restoration of the wetland.
- 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.

