



Action Grants

Changing community behaviours or practices impacting
conservation in BC

Overview

The focus of this grant is supporting conservation actions that directly involve people and communities in changing behaviours and/or practices that lead to measurable conservation outcomes in British Columbia. Projects should work to create solutions and sustainable practices or mitigate human-caused impacts to prevent or reduce impacts to a species or ecosystems. These projects should have well-defined deliverables to achieve outcomes within the two-year term for this grant.

Goals of Grant

- **Influencing change** in behaviors and/or practices towards conservation outcomes
- **Implementing actions by collaborating** with individuals, organizations or communities

Details

Application Deadline: February 28th

Duration: 2 Year Grant

Funding Cap: \$50K

Funding Dispersal: 80% of the grant will be issued up front and 20% once completed and the final summary of work is submitted.

Eligible Budget Items

- Wages, Honorarium, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Local Knowledge holders (EKLK), and contract labor costs
- Materials and supplies (to a maximum of \$10,000)
- Mileage and other travel expenses
- Administration fee of no more than 15%

Ineligible Projects and Activities:

- Projects that only focus on the development or production of communication or marketing materials, general education publications, signs, electronic databases, websites, file systems, and/or collect data for maps.
- Single day events, conferences, workshops or programs.
- Production or sponsorship of commercial programs.
- Costs for legal fees, law enforcement, and lobbying.
- Salaries for regular provincial government employees (wages for Auxiliary employees dedicated to the proposed project are eligible).





(Ineligible Projects and Activities continued)

- Captive breeding and rearing, feeding and/or control of native wildlife species with the exception of activities that are part of population recovery projects. This includes fish rearing, farming, stocking, or hatchery projects and wildlife rescue or rehabilitation centers.
- Marine or salmon-only projects that do not also benefit provincially managed fish species or their habitats.
- Training costs for staff or project personnel (e.g., costs associated with professional development training, attending conferences, software licenses, first aid courses, etc.).
- HCTF does not fund invasive species programs, however, Action Grants may support targeted projects that aim to change behaviours or practices related to invasive species management, include initial control efforts, focus on a specific audience and location, and that have a supporting plan for future long-term controls.
- Purchase of capital assets such as vehicles, boats, ATVs, quads, trailers, or snowmobiles.
- Purchase of infrastructure such as docks, buildings, or campsites.

Sample Projects:

- Restore riparian habitat in a commercially zoned area by working with commercial property owners adjacent to the habitat to implement identified best management practices on their property to enhance riparian and fish habitat.
- Working with forestry companies on western Vancouver Island to identify, protect, and/or restore critical wetland habitat for Western Salamanders.
- Creating a winter crop cover incentive program in collaboration with local farmers to provide high-quality feeding and resting habitat for resident and migratory birds.
- Working with farmers and landowners of the Sunnyside community to promote bat-friendly practices on agricultural lands to maintain roosts, habitats, and bat populations.

