

Approved Capacity Grant Projects

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Grant Amount *	Project Leader
Capacity Building for Foodlands Corridor Development	CAP-189	Bringing together agricultural landholders, First Nations rights and title holders, and other community stakeholders to develop a collective restoration vision, the Foodlands program addresses both environmental and cultural concerns, creating a space for cross-cultural learning, together, on the land and about the land. This project will provide capacity funding for the implementation of two new corridors: Bell Slough and Nechako-Stoney Creek.	\$25,000	Rivershed Society of BC
BC Bee Atlas Capacity Building	CAP-190	This project will respond to pollinator declines by training community scientists in bee survey and identification techniques. These community scientists will create a detailed record of the 500+ bee species present in B.C., where and when they occur, and what plant species they utilize. This vital data will detect changes to species distributions in response to habitat and climate changes and inform conservation plans for all rights holders.	\$25,000	Native Bee Society of BC
Skwłāx Traditional Knowledge Building Initiative	CAP-209	This project aims to address the need to ensure that the Nation's Guardians can apply Skwłāx's traditional ecological knowledge, cultural protocols, and the Secwépemc language to contemporary environmental stewardship practices. By creating opportunities for direct knowledge transfer between Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Guardians through knowledge-building workshops, the initiative supports intergenerational learning, strengthens participants' connection to Secwépemc culture, and reinforces the Guardians' role as knowledge holders and protectors of the land.	\$17,880	Skwłāx te Secwepemcúlecw
Ndi yun neghuhinli – We are the Caretakers of the Land	CAP-233	This project will develop a comprehensive Wildlife Population and Land Use Plan that aligns with the Nak'azdli Whut'en Land Stewardship Plan, enhancing wildlife and habitat protections across 25,820 km ² of traditional territory. Building on established conservation targets for forests and wildlife, the plan integrates traditional Indigenous knowledge with Western data collection methods to guide long-term monitoring, habitat mapping, and the management of disturbance indicators. Co-developed through community and key stakeholders' workshops with technical experts, the final roadmap will inform future land use decisions by identifying high conservation value habitats for protection and areas for restoration that reflect the community's vision and stewardship practices.	\$25,000	Nak'azdli Whut'en
Knowing our Fish Creeks on Chá7elkwnech/ Gambier Island	CAP-246	This project is working to increase stream stewardship capacity and fill knowledge gaps within the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, with a current focus on Chá7elkwnech/Gambier Island. Through collaboration with stewardship groups, governments, and private landowners, it seeks to enhance baseline monitoring efforts and ultimately increase local involvement and capacity such that there are systems and people in place to sustain long-term watershed stewardship activities in support of biodiversity conservation and informed decision-making for the conservation of fish, amphibians, wildlife, and freshwater habitats.	\$5,200	Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society

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Plant Identification Training for Saulteau First Nations and Aski Employees	CAP-250	This project will provide a culturally tailored plant identification course for the Saulteau First Nations and Aski technical team to enhance community-led conservation efforts through building essential botanical skills. The course will support preliminary planning and capacity building to address habitat conservation and restoration challenges, including climate change adaptation and caribou habitat restoration within local ecosystems.	\$25,000	Aski Reclamation Limited Partnership wholly owned by Saulteau First Nations
Building Capacity for the Katzie First Nation Guardian Program	CAP-252	Watershed management often lacks the involvement and leadership of First Nations, limiting the integration of Indigenous knowledge and long-term conservation perspectives. This project focuses on a watershed located on the southern coast of B.C., in the territory of the Katzie First Nation, and aims to support the Nation in fulfilling the following objectives: 1) Develop a terrestrial biodiversity monitoring program using data from land surveys, camera trapping, acoustic monitoring, and non-invasive genetic sampling, which will complement current Katzie-led habitat enhancement and monitoring projects; 2) Strengthen the Katzie Guardian Program capacity to lead terrestrial wildlife monitoring projects and build technical field skills.	\$25,000*	Raincoast Conservation Foundation
Aski's Forests for Carbon and Caribou	CAP-262	Aski Reclamation LP will purchase a multispectral drone and a desktop computer for processing drone imagery to support their caribou road restoration program. The drone will improve fieldwork productivity by facilitating pre-restoration site assessments, post-planting vegetation monitoring, and more. This specialized equipment will increase Aski's technical capacity and complement current sources of funding.	\$9,840	Aski Reclamation Limited Partnership wholly owned by Saulteau First Nations
The BC Wild and Domestic Sheep Stewardship Program: Long-Term Capacity	CAP-264	The BC Sheep Separation Program has been an informal "working group" of wildlife biologists, wild sheep conservationists, veterinarians, and domestic sheep and goat farmers working together on and off for 25 years to try to find a solution to the greatest threat facing wild sheep - the transmission of respiratory bacteria from domestic sheep and goats to wild sheep. The effort has struggled over the years in part due to its lack of formal structure and strategic planning. A core group of current program members will work with a strategic organizational and governance consultant with expertise in the agriculture and natural resource sectors to create a strategic plan and a focused formal program that supports long-term wild sheep conservation in B.C.	\$8,000*	Phyla Biological Consulting Inc
Elk Root Conservation Pollinator Highway Stewardship Program	CAP-266	Elk Root Conservation's Pollinator Highway Stewardship Program (PHSP) is an innovative, community-driven initiative aimed at revitalizing native pollinator populations in the Slocan Valley by transforming degraded roadside spaces, currently overtaken by invasive species, into vibrant, pollinator-friendly habitats filled with native flowering plants. The PHSP will build on 2024's phase one work by empowering local landowners, land managers, and NGO volunteers along the Pollinator Highway Project route with the knowledge and tools needed to care for these habitats until they become established, ensuring they flourish and become self-sustaining, driving the expansion and success of the project in the Slocan Valley to create a long-lasting environmental and community impact.	\$20,000	Elk Root Conservation Farm Society

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Restoring the Balance Through Building Capacity to Steward Forests	CAP-267	This project will increase the capacity of the Galiano Island community to safely and effectively restore and enhance forested habitat by providing Certified Faller training for a local Indigenous forest worker.	\$25,000	Galiano Conservancy Association
St'át'imc Grizzly Bear Guardianship Program	CAP-268	This project aims to support the recovery of the critically endangered Stein Nahatlatch grizzly bear population by providing Indigenous-led solutions to mitigate potential human-bear conflict and promote coexistence within the Sekw'el'was Territory. With continuing pressure from recreational activities within critical habitat and along historical grizzly bear connectivity routes, on-the-ground support is needed to prevent unnecessary mortality resulting from human habituation and food conditioning. This project is essential to create an internal St'át'imc Nation Grizzly Bear Response Team who will conduct outreach and education within communities in response to developing situations with the potential of escalating to human-bear conflicts.	\$16,000	Splitrock Environmental Sekw'el'was LP



Bighorn Sheep M.Ovi Sampling
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