

List of Grant Funders

The Okanagan Basin Water Board has compiled a list of granting agencies that fund programs in British Columbia and/or the Okanagan specifically. This list is not comprehensive, but does provide grant applicants with some viable options. This list was compiled in light of the popularity of the *Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Program*; as we cannot provide funding to all applicants we hope this list provides options for alternate funding. There is a range of agencies on this list, funding a variety of recipients from non-profit organizations, Aboriginal groups or local governments and beyond.

Funding Agency	Maximum Grant	Minimum Grant	Deadline	Notification to recipients	Who can apply?	OBWB Eligible?	Application requirements and process (letters of intent, interviews, etc..)	Weblink for more info	Notes
BC Gaming Branch - Direct Access Grants	\$100,000	not specified	July 1 to August 31	November (12 weeks from application)	Non profit community organizations	No	One application per organization per year. Application form mailed or online	http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/	
Brink/McLean Grassland Conservation Fund	varies yearly (for 2008 = \$3000)	not specified	February	March (6 weeks)	Non profit agencies completing grassland conservation work	No	Written application with no specific form to follow.	http://www.naturetrust.bc.ca/scol_grants.php	
Catherine Donnelly Foundation - Environmental Enhancement	not specified	not specified	Letter of intent: Feb 2009; Application: March 31	In May 2009	Non profit organizations with charitable tax status	No	Submit letter of intent, invited to apply, 6 page application form to follow strictly	http://www.catherinedonnellyfoundation.org/fundenviro.html	This is an agency with religious affiliation - some may not be open to that.
EcoAction Community Funding	\$100,000	not specified	By November 1	around April/May	Non profits (community groups, environmental groups, aboriginal groups and First Nations councils, service clubs, associations)	No	12 page application form	http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/	Must have matching funds (50% of project budget or more!!)
Endswell Foundation	not specified (likely \$100,000 or more)	not specified	Letter of intent; 2 deadlines March 31 and August 31	within 60 days for letter of intent, then invited to apply	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	One application per organization per year. Have to be invited to apply though.	http://www.renewalpartners.com/grants/endswell-foundation	Typically the grants support general operation of certain agencies and special projects are considered from time to time.
Green Municipal Fund (Green Infrastructure Fund too)	up to \$350,000	not specified	ongoing	can check status of application once applied	Local Government and local government agencies	Yes	Submit an Intent to Apply form (Adobe form) and once accepted do a detailed application	http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/	Not an organization meant for the local non profits, this is for local government.
Habitat Conservation Trust Fund	Generally not above \$150,000	not specified	Letter Intent: Oct 1; Application: Nov 1	late March/early April	anyone	Yes	Submit a letter of Intent and then be invited to submit full proposal	http://www.hctf.ca/	
Henry P. Kendall Foundation	About \$50,000	not specified, about \$10,000	not specified; likely ongoing	no information	Only charitable non profits; must be invited, little information on submitting letters of intent	No	Little information provided on this; assume you contact the agency directly for more details	http://www.kendall.org/	This is an international agency, funding both in the US and Canada
The John and Pat McCutcheon	not specified	not specified	Letter of intent: Feb 15; Application: April 15	At or near May 31	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Two areas of support: habitat protection/restoration and community economic development through capacity building.	http://www.jpncf.org/index.html	
Kongsgaard Goldman Foundation	not specified	not specified	Have suspended current funding		Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Watch the website, as of Nov 08 they had suspended funding to re-evaluate priorities of the foundation	http://www.kongsgaard-goldman.org/who	
The Max Bell Foundation	not specified, some >\$250,000	not specified, about \$10,000	ongoing	no information	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Must submit letter of intent (following specific format) and be invited for full proposal	http://www.maxbell.org/index.htm	Focus on public policy in each of three areas: Health, Education and Environment
Canada/BC Water Supply Expansion Program	not specified	not specified	Program is over March 31, 2009		individuals, groups, local governments, non profits	Yes	The program is wrapping up and the web indicates will be finalized in March 2009 - looks like no new grants	http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1184685458135&lang=e	Come back to this site to see if program is renewed for Fiscal 2009/10.
Pacific Salmon Foundation	no information	no information	no information	no information	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Not specified	http://www.psf.ca/	No information on how to get funding; funding is tailored to salmonids and salmon habitat.
Real Estate Foundation (of BC)	not specified	not specified	Quarterly for Letters of Intent: June, Sept, Dec	not specified	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Must submit letter of intent (following specific format) and be invited for full proposal	http://www.realestatefoundation.com/index.html	
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	a few programs within this council	multiple programs mean differing grant amounts	various	various	Scholarly organizations or post secondary schools, few charitable non profits	No	Must submit letter of intent (following specific format) and be invited for full proposal	http://www.sshrc.ca/web/about/about_e.asp	Funding is tailored toward post secondary institutions and research
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	not specified	not specified	ongoing	within 120 days of application receipt	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Online application form - appears simple and straightforward	http://www.td.com/fef/index.jsp	This is a huge national foundation with lots of funding but also lots of applications, no personal 'touch'
The Bullitt Foundation	occasionally > \$100,000	typically around \$10,000	Proposal inquiry: March 15 & Sept 15; Proposals: May 1 & Nov 1	Can take up to five months	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Fill out an internet form for the Proposal Inquiry, then are potentially invited to submit full proposal	http://www.bullitt.org/grantmaking	Proposals can take up to five months to review and approve. US agency that will fund in BC
The Carthy Foundation	not specified	not specified	ongoing	Within 60 days for unsuccessful recipients, 3 - 6 months otherwise	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Submit a preliminary inquiry (including financial statements) then be invited to submit full (extensive) proposal	http://www.carthyfoundation.org/index.htm	Based in Alberta but they have a national mandate
The EJLB Foundation	occasionally about \$100,000	about \$5000	ongoing	not specified	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Submit a letter of Intent and then be invited to submit full proposal	http://www.ejlb.qc.ca/	Also lots of involvement in post secondary research
The Ivey Foundation	occasionally > \$100,000	not specified	Letter of Intent: Jan 23/09; Proposal: Feb 20/09	not specified	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	One cycle of funding per year, letter of intent and invited to submit full proposal	http://www.ivey.org/	Main program is called Conserving Canada's Forests and must link to that, though broad spectrum still

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The McLean Foundation	occasionally > \$50,000	about \$2,500	ongoing	not specified	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Submit a letter of Intent and then be invited to submit full proposal	http://www.mcleanfoundation.ca/	About 25% of total grants go to Environment, last year that was just over \$330,000
The Weeden Foundation	not specified	not specified, about \$20,000	next deadline: Dec 19, 2008. Check web	for letters of intent: 4 to 6 weeks	Charitable tax status non profit organizations	No	Submit a letter of Intent and then be invited to submit full proposal	http://www.weedenfdn.org/	This is a big international funding agency, happens to fund some BC environmental projects
Unilever - Evergreen Aquatic Stewardship Grant	\$10,000	\$3,500	Around June	not specified	no information, assume Charitable non profit organizations	Unlikely	Not specified	http://www.unilever.ca/ourvalues/environmentandsociety/UC_Foundation/Unilever_Evergreen.asp	Limited information on this. Linked to Evergreen, which is a separate agency, funded by big business in Canada
Vancouver Foundation	occasionally > \$50,000	about \$5000	Letter of Inquiry: TBD; Full application: TBD (Usually May & August)	usually 3 months	Charitable tax status non profit organizations and first nations groups	No	One cycle of funding per year, letter of inquiry and then invited to submit full application	http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/index.htm	The current economic struggles have put funding announcements on hold from the Van. Fndn at the time being
Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation - Freshwater Resources Program	occasionally > \$20,000	about \$2500	Ongoing, committee meets every four months	usually 3 months	Charitable tax status non profit organizations and first nations groups	No	Pitch your proposal to Tim Morris, Programme Officer, at tim(at)gordonfn.org or (416) 601-4776 (ext. 230). Then get invited to submit letter of intent, then invited to submit full proposal. See website	http://www.gordonfn.org/index.cfm?cp=89	The application process appears long, but could be very beneficial it as it appears they fund larger projects than most.
Western Economic Diversification Canada	various funds, each with own allotments	various funds, each with own allotments	Ongoing, depends on fund	up to 3 months	Charitable tax status non profits, local government, some business, first nations groups	Yes	Before submitting proposal, call office to make sure fits with goals of program. Might be required to submit very detailed proposal in addition to 3 page initial one. See website.	http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/default.asp	The application process varies for each program and each type of recipient (non-profit or business). Most of the focus is on economic diversification, but can link to some environmental projects.

The information presented here was compiled from external websites in December 2008 and is not guaranteed to be accurate – please use the links provided for more information about a specific agency. Please do not hesitate to contact Genevieve Dunbar if you have any comments or questions. Phone: 250-469-6270 or email: genevieve.dunbar@obwb.ca