

Guidelines for Environment and Animal Welfare Grants

These guidelines explain what kinds of projects are considered within this field of interest. Reading these guidelines will help you make an informed decision about your application.

These guidelines were revised 02 Mar 2016 – previous versions no longer apply.

What is the Environment and Animal Welfare field of interest?

The Environment and Animal Welfare field of interest supports projects that use social innovation to build healthy, vibrant, and livable communities across British Columbia.

In this field of interest, we look for social innovations that influence and change the social systems that affect the health and resilience of British Columbia's physical environment, and/or that protect and enhance the welfare of domestic, farm and wild animals. See more about social innovation in the [What we fund](#) section of our website, and in our funding guidelines.

We offer three types of grants – Develop, Test, and Grow – for new and existing social innovations that have the potential to address root causes and to contribute to systemic change. See more about the [types of grants](#) we offer on our website, and in our funding guidelines.

What outcomes should we work towards?

Although your project will have its own unique outcomes that you will work to achieve, we are well-positioned to support projects that strive towards at least one of the following broad outcomes:

- 1. Advance policies and practices which address and respond to climate change and other key environmental issues**
 - Develop and implement strategies and solutions to protect and enhance our climate and natural resources
 - Strive to achieve a fair and equitable distribution of environmental benefits and risks by addressing poverty, inequality and other social issues
 - Increase meaningful involvement of all people in civic governance and democratic participation
- 2. Increase public awareness, understanding and engagement in key environmental issues and solutions**
 - Encourage behaviours that reduce individual ecological footprints and that contribute to environmental solutions
 - Share skills and knowledge and strengthen capacity in order to create interdisciplinary and inter-generational collaboration and leadership development across all sectors
 - Recognize that local knowledge and cultural differences contribute positively to the exploration of issues and solutions

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3. Enhance and protect the health, well-being and habitats of domestic, farm and wild animals

- Develop and implement strategies and solutions to protect and enhance animal welfare
- Promote and increase awareness and action for the welfare, respect and humane treatment of all animals
- Support research, outreach, education and care that benefits and improves the quality of life for animals

What are the focus areas of this field?

We are especially interested in projects working towards the outcomes above that also have a focus on:

Freshwater

We will give priority to projects that strive for the long-term sustainability and protection of water quality and water flows.

Habitat Protection and Conservation

We will give priority to projects that demonstrate strategies for the protection and restoration of natural habitats and eco-systems.

We will give special consideration to projects that directly involve the people and communities closest to the challenges in the development of solutions.

How is grant size determined?

Vancouver Foundation funds no more than 50% of the budget for a project, due to funding limitations. Both cash contributions and in-kind donations of services or goods for incurred expenses are considered valid matching funds. In most cases, Vancouver Foundation does not expect to be the sole external Funder connected to the project, nor the largest source of funding listed. Generally, grant sizes are based upon:

- grant amounts for past proposals of a similar nature
- the size of the total project budget
- the availability of funds during the current granting cycle

Is my organization eligible?

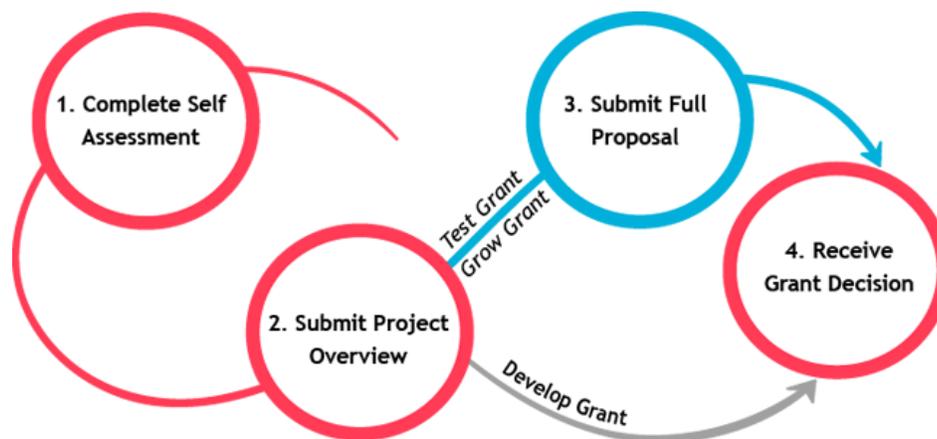
You can check the [eligibility](#) section of our website and take our eligibility quiz, or see our funding guidelines.

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How do I apply?

You can apply for a Field of Interest Grant via a simple one or two stage online application process, depending on the type of grant you choose.

Completing a self-assessment prior to submitting your application is the best way to increase your chance of receiving a grant.



1. Complete your Self-Assessment

- ✓ Find out [what we fund](#)
- ✓ Learn about the [fields of interest](#)
- ✓ Choose a [type of grant](#) (Develop, Test, Grow)
- ✓ Take the [eligibility quiz](#)

2. Submit your Project Overview (Online Application Form)

- ✓ Select your Field of Interest and Type of Grant
- ✓ Review the [submission deadlines](#)
- ✓ Read the [application guide](#), to help prepare you to submit a proposal
- ✓ Answer the online questions and estimate your project budget

If you submit a Test or Grow grant request and are invited forward to the next stage, you will then,

3. Submit a Full Proposal (Online Application Form + Support Documents)

- ✓ Answer additional questions that build upon the information you provided in the project overview
- ✓ Submit various supporting documents as requested by Vancouver Foundation

4. Receive a grant decision

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What is the role of Advisory Committees?

We review applications in partnership with our Advisory Committees - experts in this field of interest. Our advisory committee members help us to evaluate proposals and make funding recommendations.

Our advisory committee members generously volunteer their time and energy to help shape our work. These advisors also ensure that we remain in touch with the communities we serve. You can view a current [list of our Advisory Committee members](#) to find out more.

What about Copyright and Intellectual Property?

All submitted materials become the property of Vancouver Foundation, and may be shared with community advisors and/or other Funders at our sole discretion. A [list of approved grants](#) is made public on our website.

How do I find out more about Field of Interest Grants?

You can find out more about Vancouver Foundation's Field of Interest Grants by visiting our website at <http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/field-interest-grants>.

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