

Water Funding Prospects

Update: June 2022

Funder	Classification	Regional Scope	Est Amount	Intake Period	Funder Priorities
Airlie Foundation	Private	National	\$10,000.00	0	From GrantConnect - Primarily funded Health & Education, some focus on Environment
BC Gaming Grants	Provincial Government	BC	\$100,000.00	July 1 to August 31	Not-for-profit organizations providing programs or services of direct benefit to the broader community.
BenefAction Foundation	Private		0	\$50,000.00	0
Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk	Federal Government	National	\$200,000.00	October	Funding will target proposals that address a priority threat, species or place. DFO will prioritize recovery activities with the greatest potential to benefit aquatic species at risk. DFO's focus is on supporting multi-year, multi-partner initiatives that apply an ecosystem or multi-species approach, and create a legacy by enabling recovery actions to carry on beyond the 4 years for which funding is eligible
Canon	Industry	National	\$0.00	Ongoing	Environment (local and national)
Capital Power	Industry	BC, Alberta, Ontario	\$100,000.00	Ongoing	Climate Action: Leading action, education and implementation of technologies and practices to strengthen the resiliency of our communities in the face of climate change.
Cascades	Industry	National	\$0.00	Ongoing	Cascades encourages the leadership of foundations and organizations that focus on areas of expertise pertaining to climate change, recovery of residual materials, land conservation and the development of the local and circular economy.
Carthy Foundation	Private	National	\$5,000.00	Ongoing	Initiatives that advance innovative policy and practice to enhance ecological systems in cities. Urban environmental sustainability incorporates issues such as smart growth and urban planning, urban ecological design, energy efficiency, water conservation, habitat and connectivity, green infrastructure, natural capital practices, and urban pricing reforms. Priority will be given to initiatives that apply an ecosystems approach; seek collaborations with local governments, nonprofits, academia, and the private sector; address the gap between policy and implementation; and strive for broad-scale application.
Catherine Donnelly	Private	National	\$26,000.00	44774	We seek to mobilize public opinion to build up "just" industries and livelihoods that generate green jobs as part of a low-carbon economy. These efforts should support well-being economies that eradicate poverty, distribute wealth equitably, and uphold human rights.
Chamandy Foundation	Private	National	\$100,000.00	Summer 2022	Environmental sustainability, environmental awareness, nature programs, environmental entrepreneurship, fighting climate change, access to clean water
CN Stronger Communities Fund	Industry	National	\$50,000.00	Ongoing	Environmental Sustainability - The CN Stronger Communities Fund supports organizations who are actively engaged in: Protecting the natural environment by reducing waste and pollution through important conservation strategies; and Promoting innovative solutions towards reducing the carbon footprint and conserving natural resources.
Community Foundations of Canada	Public Sector	National, Place Based	Varied	Varied	0
Consecon Foundation	Private	National, Ontario (Prince Edward County)	\$0.00	Ongoing	We fund a combination of conservation, public policy research, scientific research, and educational programming. We encourage anyone making a difference in these fields to submit a letter of inquiry.
CUMIS	Industry	National	\$0.00	Ongoing	Environmental Sustainability – protecting our communities As a co-operative insurance provider, we know the degradation of our natural environment is a serious problem that impacts our health, our homes, our businesses and our communities. We are committed to working with our stakeholders to find solutions to these issues, to decrease our negative impact and support the creation of more resilient communities for generations to come.
de Gaspé Beaubien Foundation	Private	Atlantic, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia	\$25,000.00	Invitation only	Aquaaction - To the fourth generation of the de Gaspé Beaubien family, water is a priority. The well-being of future generations depends on this natural resource that is essential to life. Through its actions to promote water conservation, the Foundation is encouraging people to show the highest respect for water and is working with communities, businesses, and governments to identify issues and find appropriate solutions.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Federal Government	National		\$200,000.00	0	Funding for oceans management priorities, including outreach, monitoring, stewardship and capacity building. Funding for projects that help restore coastal aquatic habitats.
Donner Canadian Foundation	Private	National		\$47,000.00	0	In addition to ongoing funding of public policy research, the Foundation supports environmental, international development, and social service projects.
Dragonfly Ventures	Private	National		\$50,000.00	Ongoing	Clean land and water: We value our relationship with the earth. For people and ecosystems to thrive, we need clean, accessible water, healthy land and soils free from harmful toxic chemicals. We work to restore, regenerate and protect these life-sustaining elements. For each of our grants, the Dragonfly Fund invites organizations to request a 'top-up' grant to support the emotional health and well-being of their employees and volunteers.
Earthwatch Institute	Private	National		\$50,000.00	Spring 2023	We support research projects that produce rigorous, relevant, and impactful science, address global change, and actively involve citizen-scientist participants. We distribute requests for proposals (RFPs) annually. We evaluate proposals based on scientific merit, appropriateness of citizen-scientist activities, expected project outcomes and impacts, safety, and logistics.
Environment and Climate Change Canada Funding Program	Federal Government	National		\$75,000.00	Annual (Q4 or Q1 intake usually)	*New* projects: Canadians contribute to the improvement of water quality through: the diversion and reduction of harmful substances and plastic waste in fresh water or the improvement and restoration of aquatic habitat; or Canadians contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of Canada's fresh water Preference will be given to proposals that engage Indigenous Peoples, youth or small businesses.
Frank J. Flaman Foundation	Private	National		\$100,000.00	Quarterly	Our Foundation focuses on supporting women and children with the five following criteria: food, shelter, supporting basic education, water and safety.
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation			0	0	\$0.00	0
Hewlett Foundation	Private	Western Canada		\$0.00	Ongoing	The Environment Program makes grants to protect people and places threatened by a warming planet by addressing climate change globally, expanding clean energy, and conserving the North American West.
HSBC Bank	Industry	National		\$0.00	Ongoing	HSBC Bank Canada supports measurable programs in the areas of climate solutions, employability and financial capability.
Ivey Foundation	Private	National		\$250,000.00	By Invitation	Ivey's Economy and Environment Program supports Canada's transition to a sustainable economy by identifying opportunities to enhance resource efficiency, foster innovation and advance the field of sustainable finance.
Jackman Foundation	Private	National		\$8,000.00	Ongoing	Environment, Canadian Culture, Community Improvement, Education
Max Bell Foundation	Private	National		\$75,000.00	Ongoing	We seek to support projects that have a high likelihood of informing public policy and/or practice. To help ensure that happens, we look for alignment between government priorities and our own program priorities. Our current program priorities are listed below: 1. Environment Program 2. Health and Wellness Program 3. Education Program 4. Global Thematic Lenses: Improving the well-being of Indigenous individuals and communities; and Addressing the impacts of new technologies on the structure and function of society and the economy, and in particular on public policy decision making.
McConnell Foundation	Private	National		\$20,000.00	Ongoing	Climate: Contribute to Canada's transition to a net-zero carbon economy in a way that produces sustainable and equitable outcomes for all. Communities: This focus area aims to strengthen collective resilience and create conditions for more inclusive, future-ready communities.
National Bank Financial Group	Industry	National		\$150,000.00	Ongoing	Youth, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Diversity - No political or lobbying funding
Okanagan Basin Water Board	Public Sector	BC (Okanagan)		\$20,000.00	February	Small grants to local governments and nonprofits for projects that conserve water or improve water quality, with a valley-wide focus.
Olive Tree Foundation	Private	National		\$5,000.00	May	We invite applications from community-based groups working within the fields of social, health and community services; education and library services; policy institutes and think tanks; and arts, culture and heritage

Patagonia	Industry	National	\$20,000.00	May 1 to April 30	Patagonia supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change.
Peter Gilgan Foundation	Private	National	\$25,000.00	Ongoing	We believe that environmental reform is both an absolute necessity and an enormous opportunity for economic growth. Large-scale national and international efforts to slow climate change require adjustments to public policy and business practices, and a move away from fossil fuels as a major source of energy. To meet this challenge, we all must work towards a comprehensive climate solution. Our environment and sustainability grants support renewable and low-emission solutions, education and public awareness, green development, and communities.
Project learning Tree Canada	Public Sector	National	\$32,000.00	Ongoing	Wage Subsidy Youth - 50% or 80%
R. Howard Webster Foundation	Private	National	\$50,000.00	Ongoing	The world in which we live is dependent on many factors, one of which is our environment. Centuries of abuse have taken their toll on the environment and we need to foster change for the benefit of all society. The R. Howard Webster Foundation is pleased to support innovative programs that aid in advancing research and encourage change.
RBC Foundation	Industry	National	\$10,000.00	Ongoing	Environment Events & Programs, focus on highlighted RBC name and getting good media coverage
Redpoll Foundation	Private	National	\$10,000.00	0	Strong focus on education
REFBC	Public Sector	British Columbia	\$100,000.00	February	Real Estate Foundation of BC grants support projects that strengthen communities and protect our shared land and water. To align with our mandate, REFBC grants can support: Applied research, Public education, Professional education, Policy analysis and law reform.
Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc.	Industry	National, Alberta	\$100,000.00	Ongoing	Environment & Safety - Programs that contribute to the safety of the communities where we operate, long term health and biodiversity of local and regional ecosystems, water and land conservation and stewardship.
Richardson Foundation	Private	National	\$50,000.00	Ongoing	Richardson Foundation is the charitable arm of James Richardson & Sons Ltd. Specifically, the Richardson Foundation endeavours to support registered Canadian charities in the following areas: the Visual and Performing Arts, Education, Youth Initiatives and Environmental Issues.
Roche Canada	Industry	National	\$0.00	Ongoing	Our philanthropic efforts have a broad alignment to our organization as a healthcare company. We will consider supporting charitable organizations that meet one or more of the following criteria: Humanitarian and social projects Culture and arts projects Community and environment projects Science and education projects
Sitka Foundation	Private	BC	\$250,000.00	Invitation only	The Sitka Foundation directs its limited resources to support and speak for the millions of species without voices whose existence is being threatened by our heavy human footprint. We are convinced that economic growth cannot persist as it has for the past 200 years without degrading our global environment beyond redemption. Humans must moderate their expectations, reduce their per-capita consumption and live more sustainably. Exponential growth in any finite natural system always ends in collapse; to avoid this, humans must adapt their lifestyles to more permanence. But we cannot be all things to all causes, and our focus on environment and biodiversity comes first. For example, climate change is a drastic threat to many species, yet it is a subset of all the issues affecting biodiversity.
Sustainable Capacity Foundation	Private	National	\$5,000.00	Ongoing	A funding program to support capacity building efforts of small shop environmental organizations. Grants are provided for specific projects that support administration, operations, training, and other capacity priorities. There are many wage subsidy programs funded through federal and provincial governments. We provide some matching funding to help cover the difference not funded by these wage grants.
The Barraclough Foundation	Private	National, BC	\$10,000.00	0	0
The Brian and Joannah Lawson Family Foundation	Private	National	\$15,000.00	Check Mid 2022	https://lawson.ca/ideas-portal/
The Byler Foundation	Private	Alberta, Ontario, BC	\$10,000.00	0	Strong focus on environment

The Chawkers Foundation	Private	National	\$10,000.00	44666	The foundation is interested in new initiatives in environmental programs, education and/or non-fiction writing. We also look for projects that have an element of community-building and network-creation in the goals.
The Coca-cola Foundation	Industry	National	\$100,000.00	Ongoing	Water: access to clean water, water conservation and recycling
The Flanagan Foundation	Private	National	\$75,000.00	Ongoing	0
The Gordon Foundation	Private	National, Northern	\$50,000.00	0	Formerly known as the Walter and Duncan Gordon Charitable Foundation. The Gordon Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to protecting Canada's water and empowering Canada's North.
The HOP Foundation	Private	National	\$50,000.00	Ongoing	Interested in water conservation initiatives
The Houssain Foundation	Private	BC	\$35,000.00	Ongoing	A thriving environment in British Columbia that will sustain healthy ecosystems for future generations, and the collaborative approaches needed to get there
The John and Pat McCutcheon Charitable Foundation	Private	National	\$25,000.00	Closed	0
The McLean Foundation	Private	National	\$5,000.00	Ongoing	Supporters of numerous charitable causes, particularly in the areas of social welfare, education, environmental conservation and the arts. Broad conservation focus
The North West Company	Private	Northern and Western Canada	\$0.00	Ongoing	Environment, Youth, & Education
The Schad Foundation	Private	National	\$100,000.00	Ongoing	Canada has set the ambitious goals of conserving 25% of our land and oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent of each by 2030. These goals represent not only the largest conservation opportunity in the world, but also provide a unique opportunity for Canada to become a world leader in Indigenous led conservation. The Schad Foundation is working in partnership with the federal government, indigenous governments and communities, provinces and territories and other foundations across North America to help Canada achieve this ambitious goal.
Trottier Family Foundation	Private	National	\$45,000.00	Quarterly Intake	The Foundation considers projects in our key granting priorities. The main interests of the Trottier Foundation are in the following areas: Climate, Science, Environment, Health, Education
Uplands Charitable Foundation	Private	BC, Ontario	\$50,000.00	0	Strong focus on education
Vale Canada	Industry	National	\$0.00	Ongoing	Support initiatives that bolster the health, environmental and educational capacity in our communities; Enhance national, provincial and regional programming; Create a community of engaged, civic-minded employees and friends; and Build the infrastructure that a community needs to reach its potential.
Vancity Community Foundation	Private	BC (Vancouver)	\$10,000.00	Ongoing	When we give to the environment, the environment gives back to us. That's why the program's focus from 2018-2022 is to support lighter living initiatives that encourage communities to live lighter and gain more of what matters - more time for ourselves and for connecting with others and our natural world, quality long-lasting goods, affordable lives, service to our communities, health, security and wellbeing.
Vancouver Airport Authority	Industry	BC	\$50,000.00	Closed	Funding under this pillar is prioritized for initiatives focused on: Reduction of emissions, waste and water consumption; Ecosystem health; Education and stewardship. Closed to requests this year