

BC Water Funders

COLLABORATIVE

The BC Water Funders Collaborative has adopted a new priority of ***strengthening the interface between water leaders and water funders***.

To begin strengthening this interface, the Collaborative is endeavoring to consolidate Funders' current water-related granting priorities, requirements, and processes.

The aim is to bring this information together in one place to make it easier and more efficient for water leaders to identify where their work connects with funders' interests, priorities and funding approaches. This consolidated information will also support further collaboration between funders to leverage and align collective resources and avoid duplication of processes and efforts.

[TAKE THE SURVEY!!](#) - Funders who are not yet included in the table below can **[complete the survey](#)** to have their organization's information added.

Any edits or updates to the information displayed in the table can be communicated to Olivia Allen (olivia@bcwaterfunders.org).

Funder	Granting Programs	Granting Process	Multi-year funding available	Grantee Requirements	Typical Grant Amounts
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in projects that improve conditions for native freshwater fish in BC. 	Open.	Yes	N/A	\$25,000 - \$50,000
Real Estate Foundation of BC	General Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting work to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize freshwater policies, implement policy and financial tools, and build community capacity for watershed management, planning, and governance. Pool and expand freshwater knowledge through coordinated, robust, and credible community-based monitoring and reporting; Build the freshwater movement through education and public engagement; and Support Indigenous communities' capacity for freshwater management, planning, and governance. 	Open	Yes	N/A	\$5000 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000 \$50,000 - \$100,000 \$100,000 - \$250,000 \$250,000 +
Pacific Salmon Foundation	Community Salmon Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports community and volunteer-driven projects that support salmon conservation. 	Open.	Yes	N/A	\$500 - \$25,000
Vancouver Foundation	Systems Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting projects that focus on social innovation. Participatory Action Research Donor-Advised Funds Previously funded project include: Water for Fish: Supporting BC First Nations Engagement in Fresh Water Governance and Stewardship, B.C. Water Leaders: consolidating a strategic core and expanding the network to advance freshwater sustainability, ReFRESH Water Lab - Exploring the Future of the Columbia River Treaty, Our Water BC, Connected Waters: Reconnecting lower Fraser Valley waterways for healthy salmon and communities, Wildsight Citizen Science Series.	Open.	Yes	Qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000 \$250,000 +
RBC	RBC Environmental Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in projects that address Sustainable Development Goals 6 & 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure availability and sustainable management of water; and take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. 	Open.	Yes	Registered charity or qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000
West Vancouver Foundation	Community Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a wide range of community programs and projects that create connection and belonging for the community of West Vancouver. Major Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support community initiatives that focus on systems-level change and transformation for current and emerging issues for the benefit of the community of West Vancouver. 	Open.	No	Registered charity or qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000
Okanagan Basin Water	Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grants	Open.	No	Qualified donee	\$3000 - \$30,000

Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small grants to local governments and nonprofits for projects that conserve water or improve water quality, with a valley-wide focus. 				
Victoria Foundation	Community Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting projects that address one or more Vital Signs, and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals within the Capital Regional District. 	Open.	No	Qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000
LUSH Cosmetics	Freshwater Strategy (BC & ON) Charity Pot Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year (2019-2021) strategic focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy and Campaigns; Community-based monitoring; The assertion of First Nations rights; and Capacity building. National Charity Pot Grants (CA, US, Int'al) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support small, grassroots organizations that are working on the root causes of issues and creating long-term sustainable change. 	Both.	Yes	Qualified donee	\$1000 - \$25,000
Tides Canada Foundation	Pacific Salmon Watersheds Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding supports the protection and sustainable use of wild salmon ecosystem watersheds in British Columbia Full Circle Small Grants Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports conservation and stewardship activities in northwestern Canada. Indigenous Authority and Leadership Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Indigenous authority and leadership activities in BC 	By invitation.	Yes	Registered charity or qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000
Environment and Climate Change Canada	Water Quality and Ecosystem Partnerships Program - Fraser River Basin (By Invitation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Indigenous and other collaborative watershed organizations to effectively engage in water governance. Support will target the development of policy, technical, and organizational tools and resources which could include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efforts to identify water governance priorities, policies, plans, and actions with a basis in local and Indigenous knowledge and natural laws; Defining culturally and ecologically relevant water objectives and codifying these in terms that may be implemented through BC's WSA or through other Indigenous-led approaches to water governance; and Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in the Fraser River Basin to engage in water governance discussions that enhance coordination and cooperation across Indigenous communities and other orders of government. Opportunities that also support other ECCC priorities for sharing water quality information and increased coordination with decision-making will be considered. EcoAction Community Funding Program (Open) Environmental Damages Fund (Both/targeted)	Both.	Yes	N/A	\$25,000 - \$50,000 \$50,000 - \$100,000
DeGasper Beaubien Foundation	Aquahacking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in innovative technological solutions for water challenges. 	By Invitation.	Yes	Registered charity or qualified donee	\$5000 - \$25,000

BC Water Funders Collaborative - Funders Granting Areas of Interest

	Stewardship Acquisition Preservation	Public Education & Awareness	Research	Data Mgmt	Public Policy	Direct Action	Capacity Building	Advocacy	Comms & media.	Market Transfor mation	Litigation	Others:
Victoria Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Vancouver Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vancouver Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LUSH Cosmetics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Bullitt Foundation	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Real Estate Foundation of BC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Tides Canada Foundation	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			
Okanagan Basin Water Board	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			
Pacific Salmon Foundation	✓	✓	✓				✓					
Environment and Climate Change Canada			✓		✓		✓		✓			Convening (in between “advocacy/organizing” and “capacity building”)
RBC	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	✓	✓	✓									
DeGaspe Beaubien Foundation												Leveraging the AquaHacking program in regions.