

CANADA FEDERAL GRANTS

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/government/grants-funding.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding.html#programs-comm>

BC GOVERNMENT ETC.

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/grants>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/funding>

<https://heritagebc.ca/funding/funding-resources/>

<https://heritagebc.ca/funding/funding-opportunities/>

<https://communitygrants.islandhealth.ca/>

RESOURCES

<https://www.allianceforarts.com/grants-funding> Lots of info and lists of funders

<https://charityvillage.com/>

<https://charityvillage.com/funding-programs-for-nonprofits/>

<https://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants>

<https://grantsofficecan.com/common-proposal-questions/>

<https://grantsofficecan.com/funded-november-21/#pdf-funded-volume-1-issue-1/9/>

SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

<https://www.imaginecanada.ca/en>

<https://www.imaginecanada.ca/en/grantconnect>)

<https://grantstation.com/search/canadian-charitable>

<https://canada.grantwatch.com/>

<https://canada.grantwatch.com/grants-for-nonprofits>

<https://britishcolumbia.grantwatch.com/>

<https://britishcolumbia.grantwatch.com/grants-for-nonprofits>

<https://www.bigdatabase.ca/>

<https://grantadvance.com/home-ca/>

<https://grantadvance.com/document-generator-ca/> (services for fees, complimentary consultation)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RBC <https://www.rbcroyalbank.com/business/beyond-banking/government-grants.html>

for RBC clients

CIBC <https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility/community-and-sponsorship.html>

BMO <https://capitalmarkets.bmo.com/en/culture/employee-giving-volunteering/>

BNS <https://www.scotiabank.com/ca/en/about/sponsorships.html>

TD <https://www.td.com/ca/en/about-td/sponsorship/td-music>

Coastal Community Credit Union <https://www.cccu.ca/about/community/community-funding-request>

VanCity Credit Union <https://www.vancity.com/community/grants/>

First Credit Union <https://www.firstcu.ca/our-difference/community-impact>

<https://humanityfinancial.ca/resources/grantscan-access/> (free spreadsheet)

LOCAL CITIES, TOWNS, MUNICIPALITIES

Town of Ladysmith <https://www.ladysmith.ca/>

City of Nanaimo <https://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants>

District of Lantzville <https://www.lantzville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=455>

District of Tofino <https://tofino.ca/your-government/finance/grants-funding/>

District of Ucluelet <https://ucluelet.ca/community/finance/grants-in-aid>

City of Parksville <https://www.parksville.ca/>

Town of Qualicum Beach <https://www.qualicumbeach.com/>

City of Courtenay <https://www.courtenay.ca/EN/main/departments/financial-services/grants.html>

Town of Comox <https://www.comox.ca/>

Village of Cumberland <https://cumberland.ca/community-grant-program/>

City of Port Alberni <https://www.portalberni.ca/community-investment-program>

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/home> (Alberni Valley, Tofino)

Regional District of Nanaimo <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/> (Bowser, Qualicum, Parksville, Lantzville, Nanaimo, Mt Benson)

Cowichan Valley Regional District <https://www.cvrld.ca/> (Ladysmith)

Comox Valley Regional District <https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/> Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland)

FOUNDATIONS

Community Foundations of Canada <https://communityfoundations.ca/>

Comox Valley Community Foundation <https://cvcfoundation.org/>

Ladysmith Community Fund <https://ladysmithcommunityfund.ca/>

Nanaimo Foundation <https://www.nanaimofoundation.com/>

Parksville Qualicum Foundation <https://www.parksvillequalicumfoundation.com/>

Alberni Foundation <https://albernifoundation.ca/>

Tofino Community Fund <https://clayoquotbiosphere.org/tofino-community-fund>

Victoria Foundation <https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/>

Vancouver Foundation <https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/>

Canadian Women's Foundation <https://canadianwomen.org/grants-communityneeds/>

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE in your area for help locating funding

Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce <https://nanaimochamber.bc.ca/10967-2/> (vandalism relief fund)

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce <https://www.albernichamber.ca/>

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce <https://www.ladysmithcofc.com/>

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce <https://comoxvalleychamber.com/> (Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland)

Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce <https://www.qualicumbeachchamber.com/>

Parksville Chamber of Commerce <https://www.parksvillechamber.com/>

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Ladysmith <https://www.ladysmithdowntown.com/>

Nanaimo <https://downtownnanaimo.ca/>

Comox <https://downtowncomox.com/>

Courtenay <https://downtowncourtenay.com/>

Parksville <https://parkvilledowntown.ca/>

MEMBERS of PARLIAMENT (MP) in your area

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en/search?province=BC>

MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MLA) in your area

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/members>

BIG BUSINESSES/CORPORATIONS IN YOUR AREA

MOSAIC Forest Management <https://www.mosaicforests.com/sponsorships-donations>

COSTCO <https://www.costco.ca/community-relations.html>

HOME DEPOT <https://www.homedepot.ca/en/home/corporate-information/our-community/the-home-depot-canada-foundation.html>

WAL-MART https://www.walmartcanada.ca/content/walmart-canada/en_ca/purpose/community/corporate-giving.html

CANADIAN TIRE <https://corp.canadiantire.ca/English/Environmental-Social-Governance/People-Community/default.aspx>

WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS

<https://www.westernforest.com/responsibility/community/community-enhancement-funding-application/>

GRIEG SEAFOOD <https://griegseafood.com/bc-community>

CANADA POST <https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/community-foundation.page>

CO-OPS

Mid Island Co-op <https://www.midislandco-op.crs/sites/midisland/local/detail/community-support-fund>

Peninsula Co-op <https://www.peninsulaco-op.com/community/>

Your employer may have an “ambassador” program for you as a volunteer, even when you are retired. (CIBC does)

Excerpt from the Internet

Idea

The first step is the idea. We need to have an innovative approach to respond to the new needs of our communities. Innovative thinking and idea generation may be the most challenging parts, but if you listen to your stakeholders and staff members, you can figure

out many original ideas.

During challenging periods and in complex environments, one of the best strategies is to empower your staff and volunteers and nurture an innovative atmosphere. The ideas will grow naturally.

Project

The second step is to convert your idea into a project which has five project management components.

- a. Budget plan
- b. Time plan
- c. Scope
- d. Partners
- e. Human resources (including staff and volunteers)

Project management is relatively new in the nonprofit sector and quite different than routine operations and daily activities. The PMI (Project Management Institute) defines a project as “a temporary endeavour undertaken to create a unique project service or result.” Since they are temporary, they need to have a specific timeline, budget and scope. It is not difficult. It is just slightly different than the continuous operations.

Grant application

The grant application is maybe the most straightforward step if you have correctly finished the first two. Before you apply for a grant, check your eligibility and make sure you have the necessary capacity to implement your project.

The following step is to understand the objectives of the grants. Keep in mind that it won't matter how good your project is if it is not aligned with the grant opportunity. Don't fight with the waves. Don't try to change the grant requirements. Change your project to match the formal needs of the application.