



Expression of Interest: Area-Based Conservation Initiative

Thank you for your interest in the BC Conservation Fund. This document serves as a reference for the questions included in the Area-Based Conservation Initiative Expression of Interest (EOI).

Please note that this document is for reference purposes only. Applicants are encouraged to use our online grant management system, Fluxx, to submit any official EOIs or proposals to the BC Parks Foundation.

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Grant Information

Project Title: _____

Project Summary: _____

What are the main outcomes you are looking to achieve with the financial support of this grant application, as well as your project's overall goals and deliverables:

Dates & Financials

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Total Project Budget: \$ _____

Project Team

What role do First Nations play in your project?

- ☐ Leaders
- ☐ Supporters
- ☐ No current support

Which of the following are currently involved in this project?

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| ☐ First Nations | ☐ Universities and Colleges |
| ☐ Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) | ☐ Local and Regional Governments |
| ☐ Foundations | ☐ Provincial or Federal Governments |
| ☐ Charities and Societies | ☐ Other: |

Which First Nations or delegated First Nations organizations are involved? Are there any First Nations who should be involved and are not currently?

Is there a formal mandate for the project/protection from the communities involved:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress

Please provide any additional details on securing a formal mandate for this project:

Please provide an indication of current capacity and/or resources within your First Nation/organization to support this project. (This could include internal staff, contractors, budget, assets/infrastructure, etc.):

Please provide the name of each of your partners and nature of support (Financial, Partnership, Both, or Other):

Project Area Identification

Estimated size of proposed area in hectares:

- ☐ Unknown at this time
- ☐ Less than 20,000 ha
- ☐ 20,000 – 40,000 ha
- ☐ 40,000 – 60,000 ha
- ☐ 60,000 – 100,000 ha
- ☐ 100,000 – 500,000 ha
- ☐ Greater than 500,000 ha

If available, please indicate the exact size in hectares: _____

In order to evaluate your project accurately, please upload a map showing the boundaries of the project area. We strongly prefer shapefiles or .kmz files for the map upload - do you have a shapefile or .kmz file of the project area?

- ☐ **Yes:** If you do, please upload a shapefile (as a zipped folder) or a .kmz file of the project area in the Fluxx system. For shapefiles, ensure all associated files are included within a single zipped folder (with a .zip extension). Note that uploading only a .shp file will not be compatible with the Fluxx system.
- ☐ **No:** If you don't have a shapefile and have no way of obtaining one, please upload a map of the project area in an alternative format, such as a PDF, JPEG, or PNG, that clearly shows the project boundaries. If you are able to obtain a shapefile, please do so and upload it, as it is the preferred file type for this process.

Importance of Project Area

Please select up to five key benefits you are looking to achieve with your area-based conservation project:

- ☐ Climate Resilience
- ☐ Restoration of Traditional Stewardship Practices
- ☐ Food Security
- ☐ Cultural Revitalization
- ☐ Biodiversity Protection
- ☐ Community Health and Wellbeing
- ☐ Sustainable Jobs
- ☐ Carbon Sequestration
- ☐ Recreation/Tourism
- ☐ Corridors for Wildlife
- ☐ Re-connect community to project area/territory
- ☐ Other:

What are the most significant/important biological, ecological, climate, and/or cultural features or values present in the terrestrial/freshwater ecosystems in the proposed project area? (e.g., Biodiversity, Old Growth, Rare Species, Rare/Important Habitats, etc.)

Threats to Project Area

Please identify up to 3 threat(s) to biodiversity in the project area, and provide details on the threats and their level of urgency:

Types of Funding Support

There are 3 funding priorities (phases) for area-based conservation initiatives. For which of the following phases are you interested in accessing funding support. Please select all that apply:

- ☐ Phase 1: Community visioning capacity building and partnership support leading to formal internal mandate for conservation.
- ☐ Phase 2: Conservation planning and agreements leading to conservation designations by First Nation and Provincial governments
- ☐ Phase 3: Long-term stewardship and restoration of new conservation and/or Indigenous Protected Areas

Phase 1: Community Visioning, Capacity Building and Partnership Support

Please indicate all eligible activities for which you need funding:

- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Data gathering, analysis and mapping to identify values and baseline status in areas of conservation interest
- ☐ Community visioning and planning for area
- ☐ Cultural activities related to beginning in a good way, connecting community to areas of conservation interest, and transferring knowledge for stewardship

Estimated financial need for this phase: \$ _____

Estimated timeline for this phase: _____

Phase 2: Conservation Planning and Agreements

Please indicate all eligible activities for which you need funding:

- ☐ Costs associated with reaching conservation agreements (facilitation, negotiation, legal)
- ☐ Data gathering, analysis, and modelling related to scenarios and impacts
- ☐ Public and third-party outreach and engagements
- ☐ Tenure relinquishments
- ☐ Private land acquisitions

Estimated financial need for this phase: \$ _____

Estimated timeline for this phase: _____

Phase 3: Long-term Stewardship and Restoration of New Conservation and/or IPAs

Please indicate all eligible activities for which you need funding:

- ☐ Restoration or re-wilding activities
- ☐ Research, data collection and analysis, monitoring, science, and engagement initiatives relating to land conservation and stewardship
- ☐ Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge research, documentation, application, and training supporting conservation and stewardship planning and outcomes
- ☐ Ecosystem resilience initiatives and research to understand and address climate change impacts
- ☐ Developing protected area management plans and agreements
- ☐ Educating and engaging visitors in protection and conservation
- ☐ Land guardian and stewardship programs (including related training initiatives and capital assets)
- ☐ Intergenerational knowledge and culture transfer related to conservation and stewardship
- ☐ Traditional and local food security, medicines and healing, restorative justice, nature-based education, and cultural practices reinforcing conservation and stewardship values and principles
- ☐ Conservation-based jobs and economic opportunities and initiatives (i.e. ecotourism, etc.)
- ☐ Investments in Indigenous governance capacity, laws, and leadership training as they relate to land conservation and stewardship
- ☐ Investments in endowment funds to support long-term stewardship

Estimated financial need for this phase: \$ _____

Estimated timeline for this phase: _____

Additional Information

If there are any additional factors in understanding your project, please provide details in the text box below AND/OR please upload any relevant documents in the following section and provide context to those document(s) in the text box below:

Terms of Information Use

As part of our commitment to fostering collaboration and maximizing the impact of our funding, we may need to share details of your project with additional funders and partners. This will help us to leverage additional resources and support for your project, thereby increasing its chances of success.

- 1. Sharing of Project Information:** You understand and agree that the details provided in this application may be shared with other potential funders and partners. This includes, but is not limited to, project goals, objectives, activities, budget, and any other relevant information.
- 2. Confidentiality and Data Protection:** We will ensure that all shared information is handled with the utmost care and confidentiality. Your personal contact details will not be shared without your explicit consent.
- 3. Purpose of Information Sharing:** The primary purpose of sharing your project information is to seek additional funding and support that can enhance the scope and impact of your project.
- 4. Withdrawal of Consent:** You have the right to withdraw your consent to share your project information at any time by contacting us. However, please note that withdrawing consent may affect the funding process.

By checking I agree, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined above:

☐ I agree ☐ I disagree