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What is the Land Trusts Conservation Fund (LTCF)?



Canadian Land
Trusts Working
Group*



- The Government of Canada is investing \$100M over 4 years in the Natural Heritage Conservation Program (NHCP)
 - Part of Budget 2018's Nature Legacy Initiative
- The NHCP will contribute:
 - 200,000 hectares towards Canada Target 1
 - to the protection of habitat for the recovery of species listed under the Species at Risk Act
- Wildlife Habitat Canada will be providing Program Administration Services for the LTCF
 - Approximately \$4.5M will be available through the LTCF annually over 4 years

** Representation from regional and community land trusts from the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and 3 provincial alliances (the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés, and the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia)*



Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicants must be a **Canadian land trust**;
- Applicants must be a **registered Canadian charity**;
- Applicants must have adopted and be in compliance with, or working towards substantial compliance with, the *Canadian Land Trusts Standards and Practices (2019)*; and,
- Applicants must demonstrate a **minimum of 2:1 in match funding** raised from sources other than Canadian Federal Government investments.





Project Eligibility

A project is defined as a parcel or grouping of parcels that may or may not share the same landowner:

- sharing the same conservation objectives;
- clearly contributing to Canada Target 1 (i.e., can be counted as Protected Areas or Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures); and,
- that may consist of either conservation agreements or fee simple acquisition or a combination thereof.

A parcel or a group of parcels may share up to 2 individual landowners.

- Projects with more than 2 individual landowners will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Consideration of multiple ownership exists to support land trusts in cases where securing lands with multiple ownership is required for the viability of the project.





Large Grant Projects

Year 2 program launch: coming soon, for projects with a closing date between April 1, 2020 and December 15, 2020

- Maximum of 3 Applications
 - Total ask of up to \$1M
 - Minimum ask of **\$30,001**
- Eligible Project Type
 - Acquisition of Fee Simple Lands;
 - Conservation Agreements; or
 - Combination thereof

- Required:
 - Minimum 2:1 Matched Funds
 - Stewardship Endowment Funds
 - Conservation Plan/Rationale
 - Baseline Documentation Report (*Conservation Agreements only*)
 - Financial Project Audit
- Evaluated on:
 - Conservation and biodiversity significance
 - Connection to other conservation lands
 - Project resiliency
 - Conservation co-benefits



Small Grant Projects

Year 2 program launch: ~Spring 2020, for projects with a closing date between April 1, 2020 and December 15, 2020

- 1 project per Application
 - Ask between \$2,000 - **\$30,000**
- Multiple Applications permitted
- Required:
 - Minimum 2:1 Matched Funds
 - Stewardship Endowment Funds
 - Conservation Plan/Rationale
 - Project Financial Check
- Consider an approval approach that maximizes engagement and geographic distribution of funds.
 - Year 1 - eligible projects approved in time stamped order:
 - 1st eligible project per land trust (time stamped order) funded;
 - When funds still available, 2nd eligible project per land trust (time stamped order) was funded; etc.
 - *Small Grant program design undergoing review; anticipated Spring 2020 launch.*



Capacity Building Services



- Provincial Alliances working collectively to support land trusts by providing capacity building services
- LTABC supporting land trusts in Western Canada
 - educational programs (e.g., conservation planning and engagement with the LTCF);
 - adherence to *Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices 2019*;
 - support and feedback in the development of project plans (Target 1 eligible) and funding applications.





How to Apply

Year 2 (2020-2021) Applications:

- Large Grants: launch anticipated end of February/early March 2020. Application window will be open for ~5 weeks.
- Small Grants: launch anticipated Spring 2020. Application window details to follow.

Visit Wildlife Habitat Canada's website

- www.whc.org/lctf
- Once launched, view full Program Details
- Access Online Grant Application System
- New applicants: create a login
Returning applicants: use your Year 1 login



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Application Process

To submit an application, all applicants must have read, acknowledge and agree with the requirements of the program Guidelines, Appendices and Glossary for their respective category (large or small grants).

Successful proponents are expected to enter into a signed agreement with the Nature Conservancy of Canada regarding the exchange of funds. All applicants are expected to review the draft Funding Agreement prior to preparing and submitting an application.

[Contact WHC](#)

Dates and Deadlines

Important Documents

Templates

PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION ONLINE

Grant applications must be prepared and submitted through Wildlife Habitat Canada's online grant system. [Click here](#) to access the logon page.

New users must create a new account to access the system. Please ensure you save your logon details. You can work on your application in stages using this system, save your progress and return at a later date to complete your submission. When you are ready to submit, please do so by clicking the "Submit" button.

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Welcome to Wildlife Habitat Canada's online grant system.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your user credentials.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact Jessica Burns (jburns@whc.org) to receive your username and password.



Year 1 Review

Year 1 was challenging

- Late-year launch of Large/Small Grant programs
- Tight timelines (application; awards; reporting)
- Requirements of federal funding
- New program growing pains / learning curve

Feedback

- Received from land trusts and the CLTWG
- Improvements for Year 2:
 - Earlier award notification / timeline for project completion
 - Large Grants (minimum ask increased to \$30,001)
 - Mid-term project milestones introduced to allow projects in planning stages to apply
 - Clarity around eligible expenditures / match
 - Review and modifications to application and reporting forms where possible, to reduce duplication

Preliminary results from the LTCF program *(final reports currently under review)*

- ✓ 22 Canadian land trusts completed projects
 - 14 Large Grants
 - 17 Small Grants

- ✓ Supported projects in:
 - British Columbia
 - Alberta
 - Ontario
 - Québec
 - New Brunswick
 - Nova Scotia

- ✓ Preliminary results indicate that LTCF funding has supported the securement of **over 3,000 hectares** of land

- ✓ Projects are expected to benefit many species at risk, such as:
 - Monarch Butterfly
 - Grizzly Bear
 - Eastern Meadowlark
 - ...and many more!



Thank You!
Merci!

