

Grant Allocation Recommendations

Date: July 4, 2024
To: Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund
From: Senior Grants Manager

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of two grants with a combined value of \$155,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senior Grants Manager recommends that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund

1. Approve the following grants to be funded from the endowments indicated:
 - a. \$35,000 over 10 months (*from the Canada, Toronto and Ontario endowments*) to Toronto Society of Architects to create a Design Guide for low-carbon mid-rise housing building typologies.
 - b. \$120,000 over 18 months (*from the Toronto and Canada endowments only*) to Clean Energy Canada to ensure home charging access for condominium and apartment dwellers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If the recommended grants are approved, \$120,000 would come out of TAF's 2024 grants budget and \$35,000 would come out of the 2025 budget.

Grants Program Budget	2024
Total available	\$1,507,118
Grant allocations committed to date	\$951,042
Currently available	\$556,076
Recommended allocations from the June 2024 intake	\$120,000
Remaining balance in 2024 grants budget	\$436,076

There are no additional program allocations from the 2024 budget in this intake. In February 2024 TAF's Board of Directors approved \$946,000 to support TAF-led programming in 2024; of this amount, \$876,400 has been allocated across TAF teams and \$69,600 remains available to support emerging opportunities during the year. At the

June 27, 2024 meeting of the Grants and Programs Committee, staff presented a mid-year update on the status of TAF's 2024 internal programs request.

DECISION HISTORY

Members of the Grants and Programs Committee met on June 27, 2024 to discuss two grant applications. Their recommendations are described in the next section.

COMMENTS

Two grant proposals were received in this intake, including one in response to a targeted call for proposals issued by TAF staff. Both proposals are recommended for funding by the Grants and Programs Committee; they are summarized below.

Climate Action Design Guide – Mid-Rise Housing

Proposed grant: \$35,000 over 10 months

Applicant: Toronto Society of Architects (TSA), Centre for Social Innovation, 720 Bathurst Street, Toronto ON M5S 2R4

Location of proposed activities: Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

The objective of this project is to create a Design Guide for low-carbon midrise housing building typologies for use by architects, builders, developers and regulatory officials. It would provide a financially and technically feasible set of options for adopting passive and active systems and measures needed to achieve low to zero carbon buildings. If successful, the Design Guide could be replicated for other common building typologies. Key deliverables that will be completed during this grant include:

- Publication of the first Climate Action Design Guide.
- Delivery of a Climate Action Design Guide seminar/workshop to TSA members, and others.
- Evaluation of the uptake and impact of the Climate Action Design Guide

Ensuring Home Charging Access for Condo and Apartment Dwellers

Proposed grant: \$120,000 over 18 months

Applicant: Clean Energy Canada, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre 3300, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3

Location of proposed activities: Ontario

The objective of this project is to expand access to affordable and convenient home EV charging for Canadians by reforming existing federal- and Ontario-level EV charging programs to support EV-ready charging infrastructure in multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs). Key deliverables that will be completed with this grant include:

- Development of research-based policy recommendations that reflect the importance of EV-ready MURBs to the achievement of political commitments to EV adoption and carbon reduction.
- Advancement of policy recommendations to support EV-ready MURBs at the provincial and federal level in coordination with diverse stakeholders.

- Dissemination of strategic communications highlighting the importance and benefits of comprehensive EV-ready MURB retrofits.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil