

2025 Indigenous Climate Action Grant Application Form

Welcome to the Indigenous Climate Action Grants. The City of Toronto invites First Nations, Inuit or Métis individuals, groups, grassroots collectives and non-profit organizations to apply for funding that supports local Indigenous projects and initiatives in Toronto. Visit our website for more information and full eligibility criteria. This application will be open from September 2, 2025 to October 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

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Notice of Collection

For Individuals and Indigenous Grassroots Collectives

The City of Toronto (Environment, Climate & Forestry Division) collects personal information in this application under the legal authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, section 83 and Item IE26.16, City Council Decision 1, as confirmed by the City of Toronto By-law 1110-2021.

The City will utilize this information for the purposes of administering the Indigenous Climate Action Grants program, including: the consideration and evaluation of applications, communication with grant applicants, selection of grant recipients, processing and entering into grant agreements with successful applicants as required, as well as monitoring and ensuring on-going compliance of grant recipients with the terms and eligibility of the Indigenous Climate Action Grants program.

For Non-Profit Organizations

As mandated by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 2.1 and 2.2, information collected on this form is considered business identity information. Business identity information could be publicly available and/or disclosed upon request, unless an exception applies.

For any questions regarding this collection, please contact: Project Lead – Indigenous, Outreach and Engagement, Environment, Climate & Forestry Division, USEW-2 C/O Metro Hall, 2nd Floor, 55 John Street, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C6.

Funding Streams

Funding Stream 1

Up to \$10,000 per application. This stream is for Indigenous-led grassroots groups [two or more people] and collectives, individuals or community projects.

Funding Stream 2

Up to \$20,000 per application. This stream is for Indigenous-led grassroots collectives, and individuals or community projects. And for non-profit initiatives or organizations that have an Indigenous project lead [or leads] directly leading project development and implementation. Please review additional eligibility requirements on the Indigenous Climate Action Grants website.

How to Use This Form

If you would like additional accessibility supports (examples include accommodation or alternative formats, language interpretation or off-hour meetings), please contact Project Lead - Indigenous, Engagement and Capacity Building, Environment, Climate and Forestry Division, Miranda Black at miranda.black@toronto.ca or Meegwun Logan at meegwun.logan@toronto.ca.

To get started, how would you describe your group?

- For individuals and community projects or grassroots collectives applying for less than \$10,000, please answer Questions 1 to 8. Start on page 3.
- For grassroots collectives applying for up to \$20,000, please answer Questions 1 to 8. Start on page 3.
- For non-profit organizations, please answer Questions 9 to 18. Start on page 5.

Individuals and community projects applying for less than \$10,000 and for grassroots collectives applying for up to \$20,000

1. Group Name [if applicable]
2. Provide the contact information for your Group Lead. The Group Lead is the main contact person for your group. This information collected will be used to communicate with you regarding your grant application and status. This section must be completed by the person who has agreed to act as your group lead contact.

Provide your email and phone number:

3. Do more than 50% of your collective identify as having First Nations, Inuit or Metis ancestry?

It is recommended that applicants requesting over \$10K have a trustee. Applicants do not require a trustee if they have a bank account in the name of the Grassroots Group or Collective.

4. Do you need a trustee? If you are not using a trustee, applicants must demonstrate that they can distribute funds appropriately to meet the goals of their project or initiative. Select the answer that best describes your situation.
 - a. We have a bank account in the name of the organization, group or collective, and do not require a trustee.
 - b. We have worked with a registered non-profit previously and would like to use them as a trustee for this grant.
 - c. We would like support finding an appropriate trustee to help us with this grant.
 - d. We are applying for under \$10,000 and do not require a trustee.
 - e. Other, please explain your answer...
5. Describe your group or grassroots collective in less than 300 words. Tell us who makes up your group, how many are in your group, what experience your group has. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.

6. Describe your project in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
7. Describe how you will be using the grant in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
8. Please attach a budget to demonstrate how you will be using the funds.

You've reached the end of the application! Please email your application and budget to Project Lead - Indigenous, Engagement and Capacity Building, Environment, Climate and Forestry Division, Miranda Black at miranda.black@toronto.ca or Meegwun Logan at meegwun.logan@toronto.ca.

Next Steps

Applications will be reviewed initially by City staff and will be evaluated by an Indigenous-led committee consisting of community members and City staff. Final funding recommendations are the sole responsibility of the committee. Successful applications will be listed on livegreentoronto.ca with initiative or group name, a description of the initiative or group, and a description of the project. Information about unsuccessful applications will be disclosed only to the Group Lead. If the funding offer is accepted, the successful applicants will enter into an agreement with the Trustee or with the City of Toronto and will be invited to an orientation session.

Non-profit Organizations

Non-profit organizations can trustee their own funds from this grant. Please ensure you meet the trustee requirements outlined on the Indigenous Climate Action Grants website.

9. Organization Name:

10. Provide the contact information for your Group Lead. The Group Lead is the main contact person for your group. This information collected will be used to communicate with you regarding your grant application and status. This section must be completed by the person who has agreed to act as your group lead contact.

Please provide your organization or business email and phone number:

11. Choose which answer best applies. Are you:

- a. an Indigenous-led non-profit organization?
- b. a non-Indigenous non-profit organization?

12. If you are a non-Indigenous non-profit, do you have a council or committee of Indigenous community members who will be guiding the project? Please select the answer that best applies.

- a. We are an Indigenous-led non-profit, therefore this question does not apply.
- b. Yes, we already have a council in place who leads our Indigenous-led projects.
- c. Yes, we will recruit the right people to help guide this project.
- d. Yes, the project we are applying for is led by an Indigenous group. They will be guiding the project.
- e. Not sure. We haven't worked with many Indigenous groups before, and we will need support to build a council.
- f. Other, please provide more information...

13. Is the project that you are applying for funding for led by an Indigenous project lead, employee, or group who are of Indigenous ancestry? Please explain your answer in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.

14. Describe your organization in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
15. Describe your project in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
16. Describe how you will be using the grant in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
17. Please explain how the Indigenous community are prioritized in this proposed project and how this project will serve the Indigenous community in less than 300 words. Please do not include any personal information in your response. Only enter information relevant to your project or initiative.
18. Please attach a budget to demonstrate how you will be using the funds.

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