

2026 Indigenous Climate Action Grant Application Form

The City of Toronto invites Indigenous (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 Tkaranto (Toronto). Visit our website for more information and full eligibility criteria.

This application will be open from June 23, 2026 to September 2, 2026 at 11:59pm EST (midnight).

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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.

There are two streams of funding for the grant:

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.

For more information on the Indigenous Climate Action Grants such as a list of past recipients, expense eligibility guidelines, or to download the budget template that is required for your submission, visit 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.

To get started, how would you describe your group?

a. For individuals and community projects or grassroots collectives applying for less than \$10,000 please answer Questions 2 to 8. Start on page 4.

b. For grassroots collectives applying for up to \$20,000 please answer Questions 2 to 8. Start on page 4.

c. For non-profit organizations please answer Questions 9 to 18. Start on page 7.

2026 Survey on Solar Needs for Indigenous Groups

In 2026, we are encouraging applicants to think deeply about how their projects can utilize solar technology to reduce GHG emissions and improve the health of our planet. Converting to solar technologies can also advance food security and strengthen Indigenous self-determination. We encourage applicants to fill out our additional questions on community solar needs.

Would you like to fill out a survey on solar and renewable energy needs for your site or your Indigenous Climate Action Grants project? If yes, please fill out the survey on page 9.

The following questions are for 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.

If you would like to fill out a survey to tell the City of Toronto about your solar or renewable energy needs, see [page 9](#) for survey questions.

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.

The following questions are for 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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2026 Survey on Solar Needs for Indigenous Groups

Please fill out this short survey to tell the City of Toronto about your solar and renewable energy needs. The answers to this survey do not need to reflect your Indigenous Climate Action Grants application. If solar panels would be beneficial at a garden, a teaching lodge, a community space (etc.) where you are considered as Group Lead please let us know.

Please do not include any personal information in your response - only enter information relevant to your project/initiative.

1. What types of solar infrastructure could your site benefit from? Check all that apply.
 - Solar-Powered Irrigation Systems
 - Solar Rainwater Harvesting System
 - Solar-Driven Air Circulation & Cooling Systems
 - Off-Grid Solar Kits for Ceremonial & Community Spaces
 - Heat-Resilient Micro-Solar Units to Heat Overwintering Boxes for Bee
 - Solar-Powered Cold Storage for Seed Banks
 - Portable Solar Dehydrators for Medicines & Food
 - Solar Greenhouses with Indoor Grow Lights and Winter Heating
 - Solar-Powered Water Aeration Systems for Ponds & Wetlands
 - Other. Please explain your answer:

2. Our site is located on:
 - a. Private Land (Owned real estate, i.e. church, retail outlet, farm, etc.)
 - b. Public Land (City of Toronto Parks or Urban Forest, Conservation Area, etc.)
 - c. Other. Please explain your answer:

3. Do you or one of your group members have solar installation expertise?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Other. Please explain your answer:

4. Have you conducted a feasibility study on solar energy at your site?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Other. Please explain your answer:

5. Please tell us about your project site and your solar needs. (Less than 4000 characters).

6. Would you require additional funding for solar installation at your site in addition to what is being requested in your Indigenous Climate Action Grants application? Please explain in less than 4000 characters.

7. Is there anything else you would like to add about your project, your site, or your renewable energy needs? (Less than 4000 characters).