#

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT GRANT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST QUESTIONS

**December 2022**

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**Expressions of Interest must be submitted through Alberta Ecotrust Foundation’s application portal.**

**The following questions are asked in our portal. Please take the time to review them before applying.**

# **Section 1: Organisation Profile\***

*\*Note: If your organisation has previously applied for a grant from Alberta Ecotrust Foundation, please use your existing account and organisation profile. If you need assistance with the log-in information for your account, please contact* *grants@albertaecotrust.com*

# **Contact Information**

Organisation Legal Name:

Doing Business As:

Organisation Email:

Country:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Website:

**Main Organisation Contact**

Main Organisation Contact First Name:

Main Organisation Contact Last Name:

Main Organisation Contact Job Title:

Main Organisation Contact Email:

Does your Main Initiative Contact differ from the Main Organisation Contact?

* Yes
* No

**Main Contact**

Main Contact First Name:

Main Contact Last Name:

Main Contact Job Title

Main Contact Email:

## **Organisation Information**

Year Founded:

Vision:

Mission:

Scale of Work:

* Local
* Regional
* Provincial
* National
* International
* Unknown

Organisation Annual Budget:

Percentage of annual operational budget supplied by government (cash and in-kind):

Organisation Registration:

* Not for Profit Society
* Not for Profit Corporation
* Registered Charity
* Band Councils; Tribal Councils, Tribal Associations or Tribal Governments; and Organisations of Indigenous communities across Alberta

Organisation’s Business Number:

Organisational Capacity:

* Paid Staff
* Volunteer Run
* Unknown

# **Section 2: Expression of Interest**

Initiative Title:

Ecotrust Funding Requested:

Total Initiative Budget (cash & in-kind):

Total Matching Contribution: (cash & in-kind) (note: must be at least 20%)

Which watershed is your initiative proposal focused on:

* Athabasca River Watershed
* Battle River Watershed
* Beaver River Watershed
* Bow River Watershed
* Hay River Watershed
* Lesser Slave River Watershed
* Might Peace River Watershed
* Milk River Watershed
* North Saskatchewan River Watershed
* Oldman River Watershed
* Red Deer River Watershed
* South East Alberta River Watershed
* Province-wide

Initiative Start Date:

Initiative End Date:

Please indicate which of the following Focus Areas your initiative will address (please choose one option):

* Nature-based Solutions & Conservation
* Climate Resilience & Emissions Reductions
* Circular Economy
* Overarching / Foundational

Please indicate which of the following Challenge Statements your initiative will address (please choose the statement that best fits your initiative):

**Nature-based Solutions & Conservation**

* Initiatives deploying Nature-based solutions for the purposes of measurable and attributable carbon sequestration, and ecosystem services.
* Initiatives that advance community led climate, water quality/conservation and biodiversity solutions that protect key ecosystems.
* Initiatives that improve understanding of agriculture’s role in Nature-based Solutions and decarbonisation pathways.

**Climate Resilience & Emissions Reductions**

* Initiatives that advance emission reduction strategies that can be attributed to municipal or community GHG emissions including Nature-based solutions.
* Initiatives that advance low carbon resilience - resulting in emission reductions **while also** adapting to climate change and improving community resilience.

**Circular Economy**

* Initiatives that enhance the knowledge and understanding, or ability for communities to engage in circular economy activities.
* Initiatives that accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

**Overarching / Foundational**

Justice/equity

* Initiatives that address environmental justice and its role in achieving environmental outcomes.
* Initiatives that address the lack of access for marginalised, under-represented groups in achieving environmental outcomes.

Monitoring

* Initiatives that strengthen the overall capacity of land and water leaders and stewards.
* Initiatives to undertake **and improve** monitoring, measurement, and reporting plans (e.g. water or biodiversity monitoring).

Financial

* Initiatives that value ecosystem services and the monetization of environmental attributes.
* Initiatives that facilitate sustainable conservation financing to sustain Indigenous stewardship of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) through research, policy, and capacity building.
* Initiatives that explore financing mechanisms for Nature-based Solutions.

**For more details and definitions relating to the following questions, please refer to the Application Scorecard or the Definitions in the Program Guidelines.**

We are interested in the co-benefits/community benefits that will result from your initiative. Please select up to three of the most relevant community benefits that will be supported by your initiative.

* Biodiversity
* Adaptation and resilience
* Air quality
* Circular economy
* Water quality/conservation
* Housing/energy affordability
* Mobility access/affordability
* Jobs/Skills development
* Industry/Economic Development
* Reconciliation, justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion
* Safety/Health/Well-being
* Community connectivity
* Emissions reduction

We are interested in understanding the potential for accelerated change beyond the initial scope of your initiative. Please select the primary pathway through which your initiative could or will be scaled.

* Policy advocacy
* Market or systems transformation
* Commercialization or technology diffusion
* Social innovation or behavioural change
* Applied science

**Narrative Section**

Describe your initiative as it relates to the selected Challenge Statement(s), including how it will address the Application Scorecard categories of Indigenous voices & Equity; community benefits; scale and systems change; and organisational capacity. The word limit for this narrative section is approximately 500 words (or 1 page single-spaced).

**Additional funding available for High Impact Initiatives**

Alberta Ecotrust Foundation will consider disbursing up to $100,000 to multiple groups in equal partnership on a high impact collaborative initiative[[1]](#footnote-0). Please indicate here if you want to explore this additional funding, and clearly outline your concept, approach, and partners.

1. High impact initiatives **must** include multiple groups in equal partnership and be exemplarInitiatives with potential for greater impact and include rich learning opportunities and outcomes. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)