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SNC believes in providing opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from, and experience the River and to help protect and restore the local environment across our 4,441 square-kilometer jurisdiction in Eastern Ontario.

The Community Environment Grants program has traditionally encouraged and supported events that promote recreational use of our rivers, protect the environment, or celebrate the history of our natural heritage.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, SNC has amended the program guidelines for 2021 to accommodate applications for certain community environmental projects deemed appropriate by local public health officials.

Non-Profit organizations, community groups and municipalities are welcome to apply for a grant of up to \$300 for their activity. After-the-fact requests for funding are not eligible.

## **Eligible Grant Categories:**

#### Community Environmental Outreach Grant

The event must promote protection of our natural environment or recreational use of our natural resources.

#### Agri-Environmental Grant

The agricultural initiative must include an environmental component (i.e. promotion of beneficial management practice).

#### Heritage Grant

The event must preserve or promote natural heritage features and/or environmental related history within the SNC jurisdiction.

## Tree and Shrub Planting

Applicants may receive up to \$300 to help plant a native caliper-sized tree, or several potted stock trees or shrubs in a public community space.

Please provide SNC with suggestive locations, property ownership and permission. Should your application be successful, SNC will work with applicants to secure locates, confirm appropriate species and stock, and will work with applicants to plant trees. Applicants or property owners must be able to maintain trees and water weekly.



## Community Garden

Applicants may receive up to \$300 to help create a community garden in a public community space. Please provide quotes and specifications for your project when applying, including property ownership and permission. Applicants must be able to manage and oversee project without on-site support of SNC staff.

General conditions for approved grants are outlined on page 3 of this Application Form.

Applicants are required to submit a one-page letter with this Application Form detailing how their event meets one or more of the eligible categories.

Be sure to include all necessary contact information, location, any additional funding sources, project partners, how SNC grant funding would be spent, and any quotes or project specifications obtained.

The letter must also outline which measures will be taken to protect people and manage risks from COVID-19 while undertaking any work related to the project. The most current public health guidelines from your local health unit must be followed.

For more information or to apply to the Community Environmental Grants Program:

South Nation Conservation

Attn: Communications & Outreach Department
38 Victoria St., P.O. Box 29, Finch, ON, K0C 1K0
Phone: 1-877-984-2948

Fax: (613) 984-2872 Email: info@nation.on.ca www.nation.on.ca



# **General Conditions for Approved Community Environmental Grants:**

- 1. Community Environmental Grants are open to non-profit organizations and member municipalities within the SNC jurisdiction, and the proposed activity must also be within the SNC jurisdiction.
- 2. Proposed activities must take place following the most current public health guidelines and must respect physical distancing and limits on gatherings.
- 3. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. SNC reserves the right to limit grants to one per applicant per category.
- 4. Applicants must submit a signed application form and one-page letter to South Nation Conservation outlining:
  - a. The activity, location, and all necessary contact information,
  - b. How the activity meets the criteria of one or more of the Community Environmental Grant categories, and
  - c. Other funds applied and/or approved for the activity and how SNC funds will be spent.

Application letter and signed form must be received at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled activity.

- 5. The activity must allow for the involvement of the public and/or schools as participants.
- 6. Promotion of the activity must be done either through print, radio, online media, or any other means of advertising. Promotional products must be approved by SNC before using and must include the SNC logo. Copies of promotional materials must be provided within the final report submitted to SNC following project completion.
- 7. The South Nation Conservation banner, or flag, or roll-up must be featured prominently for the duration of the activity. It is the Applicant's responsibility to coordinate receiving and returning the banner/flag/roll-up to South Nation Conservation's office in Finch.
- 8. Waste must be properly disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner following the activity (recycling, compost, etc.).
- 9. It is the responsibility of the Applicants to arrange proper insurance coverage for the activity. South Nation River Conservation Authority, as Sponsor of the activity, accepts no liability and/or negligence to the Applicant or third parties, nor is it liable to participants of the activity (and activities related to the project).



Signature:

- 10. Applicants must provide final written report to South Nation Conservation describing the success of the activity with photos and any press coverage, which must be provided to SNC no later than six weeks following the activity.
- 11. Cheques will be issued after the activity has taken place and once all conditions applied by South Nation Conservation have been met.
- 12. SNC may, at its discretion, choose to waive some conditions of grant approval.
- 13. In cases where the grant is intended for a permanent or ongoing initiative, the conditions for acknowledgement of South Nation Conservation may be revised accordingly.

I (We) have read and understand the above provisions and agree to follow the Community Environmental Grant conditions as outlined. I (We) understand that grant funds will not be provided unless all conditions are met to the satisfaction of South Nation Conservation.

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Print Name:
Organization:
Date:
Contact Phone:
Email: