



South Nation Conservation – Community Environmental Grants Application Guidelines – Revised March 2025

South Nation Conservation (SNC) is committed to supporting grassroots projects that foster environmental awareness, community participation, and stewardship of natural resources.

The Community Environmental Grants Program empowers local groups to lead events and initiatives that protect and celebrate the environment across the South Nation Watershed.

Grant Amounts

Applicants may apply for one of two fixed amounts:

- **\$250** – For small-scale projects or events
- **\$500** – For larger or more resource-intensive activities

*Note: Applications must be received before the scheduled activity.
Funding will not be approved retroactively.*

Who Can Apply

This program is open to:

- Non-profit organizations
- Community groups
- Municipalities
- Schools and educational institutions

All applicants must operate within SNC's jurisdiction in Eastern Ontario, and proposed activities must also take place within the jurisdiction.

Eligible Project Categories

1. Environmental Education & Outreach

Events or initiatives that raise awareness of environmental issues, promote environmental responsibility, or encourage learning through community participation.

Examples include:

- School workshops or eco-fairs
- Nature talks or demonstrations
- Youth engagement programs
- Environmental art projects or displays



2. Outdoor Recreation & Stewardship

Public activities that promote responsible enjoyment of the natural environment and encourage hands-on conservation action.

Examples include:

- Canoe or kayak excursions
 - Community clean-ups (e.g., parks, trails, rivers)
 - Fishing derbies or shoreline events
 - Outdoor nature activity days
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3. Agri-Environmental Projects

Initiatives that promote sustainable agricultural practices or showcase environmental leadership in the farming community.

Examples include:

- Soil health education
 - Pollinator habitat creation
 - Demonstration plots
 - Farm tours with an environmental focus
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4. Natural Heritage & Cultural History

Projects that highlight, celebrate, or preserve the natural or environmental history of the region.

Examples include:

- Interpretive signage
 - Heritage walks or tours
 - Displays about local ecosystems or watershed history
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5. Community Greening Projects (Tree Planting or Gardens)

Projects that enhance public spaces through native plantings or food-growing initiatives.

Examples include:

- Native tree or shrub plantings
- Pollinator or edible gardens
- Beautification of school or park spaces
- Urban shade or buffer planting projects








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Requirements:

- Must take place on public or publicly accessible land
 - Applicants must provide: location, landowner permission, and project specifications
 - SNC will support species selection and planting guidance (if needed)
 - Applicants are responsible for watering and maintenance
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How to Apply

Applicants must submit:

-  Completed and signed application form
-  One-page letter describing:
 - Project or event details, including location and timing
 - Category the project falls under
 - Budget and how SNC funds will be used
 - Any other partners or sources of funding
-  Quotes or specifications (if applicable)
-  Written permission for use of land (if required)
-  A brief promotional plan (if applicable)

Applications must be submitted at least 5 business days before the scheduled activity.

Submit your application to: South Nation Conservation

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



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General Conditions for Approved Community Environmental Grants

1. Eligible Applicants and Activities

- Grants are open to non-profit organizations, community groups, schools, and municipalities located within SNC's jurisdiction.
- The proposed activity must also take place within SNC's jurisdiction.

2. Public Health Requirements

- All activities must comply with the most current public health guidelines in effect at the time of the event.

3. First-Come, First-Served

- Applications will be considered in the order they are received.
- SNC reserves the right to limit funding to one application per category, per applicant.

4. Application Requirements

- Applicants must submit a signed application form and a one-page letter that includes:
 - A description of the activity and its location
 - Contact information
 - How the activity meets one or more grant categories
 - Other sources of funding and how SNC funds will be used
- All materials must be received at least five (5) business days before the scheduled activity.

5. Public Participation

- Projects must include opportunities for public and/or school engagement.

6. Promotion and Recognition

- Activities must be promoted through media such as print, radio, social platforms, or community networks.
- All promotional materials must be approved by SNC before use and must include the SNC logo.
- Copies of all materials must be submitted with the final report.

7. SNC Visibility at Events

- The SNC banner, flag, or roll-up must be prominently displayed during the activity.
- Applicants are responsible for picking up and returning display materials to the SNC office in Finch.



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8. Environmental Responsibility

- Waste must be disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner (e.g., recycling, composting).

9. Insurance and Liability

- 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).

10. Final Reporting Requirements

- A brief final report must be submitted to SNC within six (6) weeks of the activity.
- Reports must include a summary of results, photos, and copies of media or promotional materials.

11. Grant Payment

- Grant cheques will be issued after the activity has taken place and all program conditions have been met to the satisfaction of SNC.

12. Waiver of Conditions

- SNC may, at its discretion, waive certain conditions of grant approval.

13. Ongoing or Permanent Projects

- For permanent or long-term initiatives, SNC may adjust requirements related to recognition and reporting.
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Applicant Acknowledgement

I (We) have read and understand the above conditions and agree to follow them as outlined.

I (We) understand that grant funds will not be issued unless all conditions are met to the satisfaction of South Nation Conservation.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address for Payment: