

SNO Scan: Granting Resources

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A preliminary list of grants available to environmental organizations in Ontario. *Information as of October 2015, please check individual granting websites for current information. The Stewardship Network of Ontario does not take responsibility for any errors or omissions.*

PUBLIC GRANTS

Acronyms

ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada

MNRF = Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

MOECC = Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Grant Name (Government Department)	Eligibility	Focus Areas	Application Timeline	Grant Amount	Grant Duration	Website
EcoAction Community Funding Program (ECCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations • Organizations must secure at least half of the total project funding from sources other than the federal government • Organizations must be able to measure the direct positive environmental results of the project and build the community's capacity to take action toward priority environmental issues 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean air 2. Clean water 3. Climate change 4. Nature 	Annual deadline: November 1 st	Maximum \$100,000	Maximum 36 mo.	www.ec.gc.ca/ecoa/ction/
Environmental Damages Fund (ECCC)	<p>Eligible groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental organizations • Community-based environmental groups • Universities and academic institutions • Aboriginal groups • Provincial, territorial and municipal governments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restoration (highest priority) 2. Environmental Quality Improvements 3. Research and Development 4. Education and Awareness 	Variable – generally early in the year	Variable	No maximum, generally 2 years	www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/default.asp?Lang=En&n=BD1220D8-1
Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund (MOECC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations • First Nations communities and organizations • Métis communities and organizations <p>Within one of the 5 eligible watersheds: Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protecting water quality for human and ecological health 2. Improving wetlands, beaches and coastal areas; and 3. Protecting habitats and species. 	<p>Fall of each year</p> <p>Aug 24, 2015 to Oct 19, 2015</p>	Maximum \$25,000	Approx. 1 year	www.ontario.ca/page/great-lakes-guardian-community-fund

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Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (ECCC)	<p>Eligible organizations are federal government departments other than ECCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial ministries • Municipalities • Aboriginal organizations and communities • Conservation authorities • Environmental non-governmental organizations • Universities • Schools • Private industry <p>Restricted to the Great Lakes Area of Concern</p>	Great Lakes Areas of Concern	Early December of each year	Variable		www.ec.gc.ca/raps-pas/default.asp?lang=En&n=F328E319-1
Habitat Stewardship Program (ECCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental organizations • Community groups • Aboriginal organizations and communities • Private corporations • Educational institutions • Provincial, territorial and municipal governments • Crown corporations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The HSP Species at Risk (SAR) Stream focuses on species at risk recovery projects; and 2. The HSP Prevention Stream focuses on projects addressing other priority species beyond the protection and recovery of species at risk under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) to prevent them from becoming a conservation concern. 	Fall 2015 for 2016-17 year	\$30,000 to \$100,000	May extend longer than one year	www.ec.gc.ca/hsp-pih/default.asp?lang=En&n=59BF488F-1
Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund (ECCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals • Aboriginal communities • Academia • Non-governmental community organizations • Agricultural associations • Conservation authorities • Businesses • Industries • Provincial and municipal governments <p>Projects must be inside the geographic scope.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and monitoring to improve environmental information for decision making in South-eastern Georgian Bay and/or Lake Simcoe; 2. Conservation (e.g. protection, restoration, creation) of critical aquatic habitats and their associated species populations; 3. Reduction of rural and urban non-point source phosphorous / nutrients; and 4. Reduction of point source phosphorous / nutrients. 	<p>For 2016-17 Program Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of Intent: September 27th, 2015 • Proposals: October 15th, 2015 	The fund normally provides up to one third of the required resources for a project but in exceptional cases will consider supporting up to two thirds	April 1 st to March 31 st annually	www.ec.gc.ca/eau-water/default.asp?lang=En&n=85C54DAE-1#Matching

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Land Stewardship and Habitat Restoration Program (MNR)	You are eligible if you are incorporated and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal organization or community • Conservation organization • Business • Municipal government • Non-government organization 	Habitat maintenance and restoration	Fall of each year Dec 2, 2015	Maximum \$20,000	Projects must be resubmitted annually	www.ontario.ca/page/land-stewardship-and-habitat-restoration-program
National Wetland Conservation Fund (ECCC)	Eligible applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental organizations • Aboriginal organizations and communities • Individuals • Universities • Conservation authorities • Private corporations • Provincial, territorial and municipal governments • Provincial Crown corporations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wetland restoration 2. Wetland enhancement 3. Wetland science 	Fall of each year	<p>Typical funding ranges from \$50,000 to \$250,000, with a maximum amount available of \$500,000 per year per project</p> <p>Minimum 1:1 matching from non federal sources is required</p>	Multi-year projects are eligible	www.ec.gc.ca/financement-funding/default.asp?lang=En&n=923047A0-1#_09
Ontario Community Environment Fund (MOECC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations and Métis communities • Schools, colleges and universities • Conservation authorities • Municipalities • Incorporated not-for-profit organizations • Incorporated community-based groups 	<p>Projects focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental cleanup 2. Research and education about spills and restoring the environment 3. How to prevent or manage spills 	<p>Fall of each year</p> <p>Sept 30, 2015 to Nov 30, 2015</p>	Dependent on revenue collected previous year through EPs	Up to two years	www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-community-environment-fund

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Ontario Trillium Foundation (Government of Ontario)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A charitable organization or foundation registered as a charity with the Canada Revenue Agency • An organization incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation without share capital in a Canadian jurisdiction • A First Nation • A Metis, Inuit or other Aboriginal community • A municipality with a population of 20,000 or less, or their cultural and recreational agencies for initiatives in the Inspired or Active People action areas • A collaboration of two or more organizations, where the lead organization is an eligible organization 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fostering more active lifestyles 2. Building inclusive and engaged communities together 3. Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment 4. Enriching people's lives through arts, culture and heritage 5. Supporting the positive development of children and youth 6. Enhancing people's economic wellbeing 			<i>See below</i>	
OTF Capital Grants	<i>As above</i>	Broadening access to & improving community spaces	Multiple	\$5,000 to \$150,000	Up to 1 year	www.otf.ca
OTF Collective Impact Grants	<i>As above</i>	Bringing about fundamental change with collective action		\$500,000 per year	Up to 5 years	www.otf.ca
OTF Grow Grants	<i>As above</i>	Building on the success of a proven model or program	Multiple	\$50,000 to \$250,000 per year	2 to 3 years	www.otf.ca
OTF Seed Grants	<i>As above</i>	Starting projects at the idea or conceptual stage	Multiple	\$5,000 to \$75,000	1 year	www.otf.ca
Species at Risk Research Fund of Ontario (MNR)	Individuals and groups in Ontario	High-caliber scientific research activities that will address key threats or knowledge gaps and inform the protection and recovery of species at risk in Ontario.	Late Fall/Early Winter	Up to \$30,000 per year	Up to two years	Contact sar.stewardship@ontario.ca for more information
Species at Risk Stewardship Fund (MNR)	Individuals and groups in Ontario	Protecting and recovering SAR through stewardship activities	Fall of each year Oct 21, 2015		Up to three years of funding	www.ontario.ca/page/grants-protecting-species-risk

PRIVATE GRANTS

Grant Name	Eligibility	Focus Areas	Application Timeline	Grant Amount	Grant Duration	Website
3M Community Giving	Registered Canadian charities	Education Health and Wellness Environment	One per year. Unsolicited financials proposals are rarely funded Product applications reviewed every 10 days	Financial support and product donations	Not specified	solutions.3mcanada.ca/wps/portal/3M/en_CA/CommunityGiving/Home/Pages/Initiatives/
Aviva Community Fund	Canadian registered charity, sports foundation or sports non-for-profit organization, publicly-funded school, university or college, municipality or government entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Resilience • Community Health • Community Development 	2015 intake: Sept 15 to Oct 2	Max \$100,000	One year	www.avivacommunityfund.org/about-the-competition
Canadian Wildlife Foundation Funding Programs <i>Other grants available through CWF: Endangered Species (Research Fund)</i>	Registered Canadian charities	<p>Must satisfy 3 or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be demonstrably beneficial to wildlife conservation, management, education, or research. • To achieve direct conservation benefits for a species or habitat • To address an important threat to or fill an important gap in our knowledge of a species or habitat • To increase public knowledge of or respect for nature • To provide benefits to and opportunities for the promotion of CWF 	September 1 st	\$500 to \$5,000	One year	cwf-fcf.org/en/about-cwf/foundation/foundation-funding-programs.html
Carthy Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Environment: focused on market-based initiatives and urban sustainability 	Year-round	Not specified	Not specified	www.carthyfoundation.org/index.htm
Catherine Donnelly Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Environmental Enhancement Initiatives (among others)	Late in year	Variable (approx. \$50,000)	Not specified	www.catherinedonnellyfoundation.org/fundenviron.html

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Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	Charitable, educational or governmental organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on freshwater in the Great Lakes Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening the environmental community - Informing sound public policies • Special Initiatives 	Ongoing	Generally \$15,000 to \$250,000 annually	Multi-year projects eligible	www.mott.org/FundingInterests/programs/environment/AddressingFreshwaterChallenge
CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up	Municipalities, local community groups, business associations, aboriginal communities and not-for-profit organizations	Greening of municipal properties	October 8, 2015	Max \$25,000 Min 50% matching funds	One year	www.cnfromthegroundup.ca
Coca Cola Foundation	Registered charities	Women Water Well-being	Ongoing	None	Not specified	www.cocacola.com/stories/the-coca-cola-foundation
Donner Canadian Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public policy research and education • International development and human rights • Conservation • Social Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not regularly respond to letters of inquiry or unsolicited requests for funding • Charitable organizations may send a two-to three-page description of their goals and programs 	Not specified	Not specified	www.donnerfoundation.org/granting.htm
Echo Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Environment 	Ongoing	Not specified	Multi-year projects eligible	www.ejlb.qc.ca

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Erb Family Foundation	Not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture & Arts • Environment (focus on Great Lakes and Environment Health, Justice and Equitable Development) • Alzheimer's • Other opportunities 	Not specified	Not specified	Typically 1 to 3 years	www.erbff.org
Evergreen Foundation (with industry partnerships)	Community groups and non-profit organizations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Ground Greening Grants 2. Green Grants 3. Community Innovation Grant 	Varies by grant	Varies by grant, max \$10,000	Not specified	www.evergreen.ca/get-involved/funding-opportunities/
Freshwater Future	Registered Canadian and US charities	Multiple grants, focused on protection and restoration of the shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin	2015 Fall Cycle Deadline: September 30, 2015	Varies by grant program	Variable	www.freshwaterfuture.org/grants/
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian registered charity or other qualified donee • Must take place/have an impact on the Greenbelt 	<p>Currently support activities in two focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Successful 2015 Review • Strengthening Farm Viability in the Greenbelt 	Fall 2015	Not specified	Multi-year projects eligible	www.greenbelt.ca/grants
Fund for Wild Nature	Registered Canadian charities Organizations with annual budgets under \$250,000	Campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions designed to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity	May 1 st October 1 st	Max \$3,000	One year	www.fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-a-guidelines/dates-a-guidelines.html
Gosling foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Organizations for Nature • Nature Festival Seed Fund • Secondary School Integrated Programs • Unsolicited Proposals 	Not specified	Variable	Not specified	www.goslingfoundation.org/index.cfm?page=bofn

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Green Municipal Fund	Municipal governments and their partners	Supports Plans, Studies, and Projects within 5 sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfields • Energy • Transportation • Waste • Water 	Not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans & Studies: Up to 50%, max. \$175,000 • Pilot Projects: Up to 50%, max. \$350,000 • Capital projects: low interest loan max. \$5 million, grant amount set at 15% 	Not specified	www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/what-we-fund.htm
Helen McCrea Peacock Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land • Wildlife • Watershed 	Spring, annually	Generally \$2,000 and \$8,000		www.torontofoundation.ca/helen-mccrea-peacock-foundation
Honda Canada Foundation	Charitable organizations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational institutions (primary, secondary, college, university) • Charitable non-profit organizations • Scientific and educational charitable non-profit groups • Education-research organizations • Other, tax exempt, national institutions in the fields of education, environment, and engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Environment • Engineering 	Continual basis	Not specified	Not specified	www.hondacanadafoundation.ca
IESO (Ontario Power Authority) Conservation Fund	Non-profit and for-profit entities	Innovative electricity conservation projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build marketplace capacity for conservation actions; • Test new or unique conservation program elements; • Verify the energy savings potential and cost-effectiveness of novel demand-side technologies and processes; • Can be scaled-up to achieve significant energy savings in Ontario. 	Ongoing basis	Max. \$1,000,000	Maximum 3 years	www.powerauthority.on.ca/cfund

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J.W. McConnell Family Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered charities and “qualified donees” Generally makes larger grants with a national focus (not small, local grants) 	Multiple initiatives	Not specified	Not specified	Often 2 to 4 years (no official max)	www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting
Jesse and Julie Rasch Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine conservation Habitat conservation Desert preservation Other environmental stewardship 	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	www.raschfoundation.org
John and Pat McCutcheon Charitable Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection Social Enterprise 	Deadline: February 1 st	Not specified	Maximum 3 years	www.jpacf.org
Joyce Foundation	Non-profit foundations	Environment grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy efficiency Great Lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invasive aquatic species Reducing polluted runoff Public Policy Education and Engagement 	3 intakes per year	Unspecified	Multi-year projects eligibly	www.joycefdn.org
Max Bell Foundation Project Grants <i>(other grants include Development Grants and Senior Fellow Grants)</i>	Registered Canadian charities	Public policy and practice, with an emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Wellness Education Environment 	Year-round	\$50,000 to \$200,000	1 to 3 years	www.maxbell.org/grant-types-and-guidelines
McLean Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Education General Conservation Health Welfare 	Ongoing basis	Not specified	Not specified	mcleanfoundation.ca

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MEC Community Contributions <i>Access & Activity Advocacy & Awareness Capacity Building Land Acquisition</i>	Not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access And Activity • Advocacy And Awareness • Capacity Building • Land Acquisition 	A spring (March 10) and fall (September 10) cycle	Access and activity: \$500 to \$15,000 Advocacy And Awareness: \$1,000 to \$15,000 Capacity Building: \$5,000 to \$35,000 Land Acquisition: \$10,000 to \$100,000	One year (with the exception of Land Acquisition)	www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Community/CommunityContributions.jsp
Metcalf Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Canadian charities • Projects within the GTA 	Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Cycle – support cycling within Toronto • Electrifying Movement – Electric transit system in GTHA 	Early in the year	Not specified	Multi-year projects eligible	www.metcalffoundation.com/grants/overview/
North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Community Grants	Non and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), environmental groups, community-based associations, academic institutions, Tribal nations, and indigenous peoples and communities	Environmental ‘focus area’ varies annually	Late summer	No specific cap. Average amount is \$70,000 Requests over \$500,000 subject to particular scrutiny	2 year maximum	www.cec.org/our-work/napeca
Oak Foundation	Non-profit foundations	Multiple. Under “environment” main focus is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine conservation • Climate change 	Ongoing	Do not fund initiatives under \$25,000	Not specified	oakfnd.org
Patagonia Environmental Grants Program	Registered Canadian charities	Focus on habitat protection, biodiversity, ecosystem	Two annual deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30th • August 31st 	Maximum \$12,000	Not specified	www.patagonia.com/ca/patagonia.go?assetid=2927

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Patagonia World Trout Initiative	Registered Canadian charities	Restoration and protection of wild, self-sustainable trout, salmon, and other fish species within their native range	Not specified	\$3,000 to \$15,000	Not specified	www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=33354
RBC Blue Water Project Community Action Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local or community scale organizations Registered charity or other qualified donee 	Protect and preserve water in towns, cities and urbanized areas	Deadline announced annually (late in year)	\$1,000 to \$10,000	Annual	www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/environment/rbc-blue-water/index.html
RBC Blue Water Project Leadership Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger-scale organizations who lead program delivery Registered charity or other qualified donee 	Protect and preserve water in towns, cities and urbanized areas	Deadline announced annually (late in year)	\$10,001 to \$100,000	Annual	www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/environment/rbc-blue-water/index.html
Richard Ivey Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Economy and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not specified First step is contacting program staff 	Not specified	Generally one or two years	ivey.org
Salamander Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Environment, focused on pollution and its implications for human and ecosystem health including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental contamination: remediation and prevention 'Best practices' in resource management Management/conservation measures at a watershed, regional or transboundary level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be contacted anytime First step is contacting program staff 	Not specified	Not specified	www.salamanderfoundation.org/generalGuidelines.cfm
Schad foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Focused on biodiversity and habitat conservation	Ongoing	Not specified	Not specified	www.schadfoundation.wordpress.com
Sitka Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Education and Youth Engagement Research, Crossover, Public Engagement & Advocacy Community & Cultural Investment 	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	www.sitkafoundation.org/s/Philosophy.asp

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Small Change Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Canadian charities or “qualified donees” “Grassroots” organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability, Ecology and the Environment Helps communities across Canada generate fast, flexible funding for projects that deepen our connection to nature Uses a crowdfunding platform Source matched funds 	Not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matches donations 1:1 Not specified 	Not specified	smallchangefund.org
Suncor Energy Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-profit organizations Registered Canadian charities 	<i>Program currently on standby</i>				www.suncor.com/en/community/679.aspx
TD Friends of the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered charities Educational institutions Municipalities Aboriginal groups 	A wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education, urban greening and enhancing biodiversity, and energy conservation	A least 3 months in advance of anticipated start date. Four intakes per year. Upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 15, 2015 February 15, 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of \$2,500 No set minimum or maximum 	Not specified	www.fef.td.com/funding/
TD FEF Leadership Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations must be a registered Canadian Charity with an environmental focus Organizations must have received prior funding from TD FEF Organizations must have an annual operating budget of \$1M or less Applicants should be leaders/ innovators in their organization or field Applicants must have the endorsement of their Executive Director, or a Board Member in the case that the applicant is the Executive Director <p>Organizations can apply for one grant of up to \$5,000 per twelve month period</p>	Funding for both formal and informal training and development opportunities for leaders within these organizations	• July, annually	Maximum \$5,000	Must be used within 1 year of approval	www.fef.td.com/funding/leadership-grant/

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Tides Canada	Not specified	Organization focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and energy • Land and water • Food • Inclusive societies • Leadership and capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donor advised model • Can submit one page description of missions and program 	Not specified	Not specified	www.tidescanada.org/contact/
Toronto Atmospheric Fund	Registered charities and non-profit organizations	Reductions in the City of Toronto's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficient buildings • Social innovation • Knowledge transfer 	4 annual submission intakes	Generally \$10,000 to \$300,000	Mult-year projects eligible	www.taf.ca/grants/
Wildlife Habitat Canada	Eligible groups include: not-for-profit organizations; aboriginal organizations, associations and wildlife management boards; research, academic and educational institutions; for profit organizations; local and community organizations; and, provincial, territorial, municipal and local governments	Focus on waterfowl and other migratory game birds. Applicable categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat Conservation Grants • Conservation Networking Grants 	First week of November annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1:1 matching from non federal sources required 	Multi-year projects are not eligible	www.whc.org/conservation/conservations-grants/
Zukerman Family Foundation	Registered Canadian charities	Mandate: "change"	Year-round	Not specified	Not specified	www.zukermanfamily.com/awards.htm