Grant Guide for Capital Projects, Trails, and Recreation

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program

[www.rfans.com/training/programs/](http://www.rfans.com/training/programs/)

The goal of this program is to increase the number of AEDs installed in sport and recreation facilities in Nova Scotia. Through this grant program owners or managing partners of sport and recreation facilities can be eligible to receive up to 1/2 the total cost of the purchase of an AED or replacement batteries or pads for AEDs purchased through the program (taxes Included) to a maximum of $1,500.00. Support for the AED Grant Program has come from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

[Canada Post Community Foundation](https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/canada-post-community-foundation.page?)

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The Canada Post Community Foundation provides grants to Canadian schools, charities and community organizations that make a difference in the lives of children and youth (up to age 21).

***Grants for community-based support projects***Eligible projects should increase the capacity of an organization and create or expand services, rather than maintaining existing services. For example purchasing new equipment or launching new programs. Project grants are available for projects valued at up to $25,000 each.

***Signature Grant***The Signature Grant is meant to contribute to the overall work and mission of national organizations that deliver programs or support to Canadian children and youth. Up to three (3) Signature Grants of $50,000 each can be awarded each year.

***New Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant***The Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant is available to Indigenous regional or local organizations offering programming anchored in the principles of Indigenous truth and reconciliation that supports Indigenous children and youth across the country. One (1) Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant of $50,000 can be awarded each year.

[Community ACCESS-Ability Program](https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program)

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The Community ACCESS-Ability Program reflects the Government of Nova Scotia's commitment to persons with disabilities by providing equal opportunity and improved access to community facilities. This program offers cost-shared grants to community groups for accessibility related capital improvements.

The grants may cover up to two-thirds of the direct and indirect costs of renovations, installations, and/or equipment. The sponsoring organization must raise at least one-third of the funding from other sources. Organizations can receive funding for one project per year under the program.

**Who can apply?**

* Registered non-profit society/cooperative in good standing
* Federally incorporated non-profit organization
* Nova Scotian Mi’kmaw Band Councils
* Municipalities

[Community Facilities Improvement Program](https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-in-our-future/community-facilities-improvement-program)

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The Community Facilities Improvement Program supports community-led projects which enhance the public use of existing facilities. This includes repairs and improvements to building exteriors, and interior features that are integral to the long-term sustainability of the facility.

[Planning Assistance Program](https://cch.novascotia.ca/planning-assistance-program)

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The Planning Assistance Program assists community organizations and municipalities in obtaining professional assistance in planning, designing and researching proposed and existing sport and recreation facilities.

Funding is available for up to 50 percent of the total cost of the project to a maximum of $10,000.

[Community Recreation Capital Grant](https://cch.novascotia.ca/community-recreation-capital-grant)

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This program assists in the development of small scale indoor and outdoor capital recreation projects, less than $25,000.

The Community Recreation Capital Grant program funding must be used for:

* Public, community recreation purposes.
* Items of a permanent, non-consumable, capital nature.
* Projects where the need for financial assistance is demonstrated.

**Rink Revitalization Program**

[rink\_revitalization\_guidelines\_21-22.pdf (novascotia.ca)](https://cch.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/documents/rink_revitalization_guidelines_21-22.pdf)

The purpose of the Rink Revitalization Program is to assist community groups, municipalities and other ‘not-for-profit’ organizations who operate rinks to invest in the revitalization or upgrading of capital infrastructure to support the sustainability of the facility. Rinks include curling clubs and arenas as well as outdoor rinks of a permanent nature. The rink must be open to all members of the public at reasonable times and at a reasonable rate.

[Recreation Facility Development Grant](https://cch.novascotia.ca/recreation-facility-development-grant)

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This program assists community groups, municipalities, and other ‘not-for-profit’ organizations to develop facilities in order to increase public participation in sport and physical recreation.

Facilities may include:

* Recreation centres and halls, pools, arenas, athletic field, parks and playgrounds and trails.
* Enhanced schools for community use.
* Other facilities that promote sport and physical recreation.

Projects approved for funding are eligible to receive up to one-third of the total capital cost of the project to a maximum of $150,000.

**Legion Capital Assistance Fund**

Assists Royal Canadian Legions across Nova Scotia with capital upgrades to

existing buildings used to house legion events and community activities.

The department may contribute up to 80% of eligible project costs for a maximum of $10,000.

**Funding deadline:** March 31

[Legion Capital Assistance Program | Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (novascotia.ca)](https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/legion-capital-assistance-program)

[Trail Funding Programs](https://cch.novascotia.ca/trail-funding-programs)

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## ***Community Trails Leadership Fund*** This program supports trail development through the provision of funds for:

* Leaders, organizational development
* Capacity building for community trail groups

## ***Engineering Assistance Grant Program*** This program is designed to provide trail builders and managers with funding for professional engineering expertise. This could include planning and design work of bridges or other large structures.

## ***Trail Expansion Grant Program*** Government is expanding trail access across the province to help promote healthier communities, improve infrastructure, and foster economic growth. The Recreational Trail Expansion Grant program supports community groups, municipalities and ‘not-for- profit’ organizations to develop new trails, expand recreational trails, and do capital upgrades to existing trails. The program provides one-third of the total capital cost of a project, up to a maximum of $150,000.

## ***Trail Maintenance Program*** The program provides funding to community trail groups who are involved in regular and on-going maintenance on their trails, as well as emergency funding for major maintenance issues due to fire and weather related events.

[CSA Hockey Helmet Program](http://www.rfans.com/training/programs/)

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RFANS is pleased to continue to offer the program for another year in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage and our Corporate partner Cleve’s Source for Sports.

Through the CSA Hockey Helmet Program, local arenas can order affordable, CSA approved hockey helmets to provide proper protective gear for public skating, school skates and employee safety. Participating facilities can purchase CSA hockey helmets for $10.00 each or $24.00 each for helmets with a face shield. A maximum of 20 helmets per application (one application per facility per year) can be purchased as there are a limited number of helmets available.

[Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund](https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/giving-back.html)

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The FCC AgriSpirit Fund supports rural communities under 150,000 people across Canada with funding for capital projects that enrich the lives of community residents. Past projects include:

* Refrigeration and equipment to support food waste reduction and recovery
* Construction of or upgrades to community buildings
* Renovations or upgrades that reduce a building’s energy footprint
* Initiatives that support agriculture and food

[Jumpstart](https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/)

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Community Development Grants have two funding streams. The Operational stream assists organizations with operational and administrative costs, while the Programming stream helps organizations develop or sustain sports and recreational programming for kids aged 4-18 in financial need and youth with disabilities between the ages of 4-25. This stream assists organizations with the costs of delivering sport and recreational programming, including but not limited to:

* Program supervisors, instructors, coaches;
* Facility costs;
* Equipment costs;
* Costs incurred to meet return to play guidelines/provincial health protocols/regulations (e.g., PPE, cleaning supplies, individual equipment for participants, etc.); and
* Transportation costs.

[MEC Community Grant Program](https://www.mec.ca/en/explore/outdoor-impact)

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MEC’s Community Grants program supports organizations that identify and reduce barriers to outdoor activity and increase the community of active outdoor enthusiasts and teach responsible outdoor recreation practices and environmental stewardship.  
  
This may include inspiring and enabling participation in outdoor and indoor activities or providing opportunities to try new activities and developing technical or safety skills, or planning, construction and maintenance of facilities or infrastructure such as trails, skills--parks or backcountry shelters.

[TD Friends of the Environment Foundation](https://www.td.com/ca/en/about-td/ready-commitment/funding/fef-grant/)

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Organizations eligible to receive funding:

* Registered Canadian charities with a Charitable Registration Number (CRN)
* Educational institutions (primary/secondary/post-secondary)
* Municipalities
* Indigenous groups/communities

The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs. Eligible projects include schoolyard greening, park revitalization, community gardens, park programming and citizen science initiatives.