

Funding Sources for School Stewardship Projects

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Consider applying for a grant to help fund materials and support your action project.

Some tips:

- » **Plan ahead!** It takes time to plan a project, find partners and granting organizations, and apply for funding. Grant application deadlines are not always convenient or aligned with the school year
- » **Collaborate.** Consider partnering with local non-profits or First Nations communities, which will not only strengthen your project but may open up other sources of funding. Partners may also have the capacity and experience to look for and apply for grants.
- » **Think local.** In addition to the list of funding organizations below, there may be funding support in your community from local environmental groups, regional district initiatives, community foundations and service clubs. For example, see [North Okanagan Conservation Fund](#).
- » **Get students involved.** Consider tying in the English Language Arts or Career Education curriculum and have students be involved in the research and grant writing process. Grant writing may be as important a skill as writing a résumé!
- » **Share with us.** Contact us at education@bcinvasives.ca if there are other grants that you would like to see included on this list and we will update it.

Here are some suggestions of organizations – primarily with a BC or Canada-wide focus- who provide funding to schools and/or community organizations.

- » [HCTF Education Grants](#) (Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation), including:
 - Leadership in Environmental Action Project (LEAP) grants for BC high schools to support conservation and stewardship of the province's biodiversity.
 - Get Outdoors (GO) Grants for K-12 classes in BC that cover transportation, project materials and program fees to conduct field studies that focus on BC's biodiversity, fish, wildlife, and their habitats.
- » [Learning for a Sustainable Future \(LSF\) Action Projects](#) provides funding for any student-led action that contributes to the sustainability of your school or community in Canada.
- » [Tree Canada: Community Tree Grants](#) supports schools, community groups and Indigenous communities with tree planting, green infrastructure, or stewardship projects. Recipients receive funding and technical support.
- » [WWF Go Wild Grants](#) are for school projects that will protect or restore nature, including activities related to creating, restoring, rehabilitating, or recovering natural

ecosystems and habitats in your school community.

- » [TDFEF](#)- TD Friends of the Environment Fund grants are for educational institutions, registered Canadian charities, and Indigenous groups. TDFEF funds a wide range of projects that focus on environmental education and green spaces, such as schoolyard greening, park revitalization, community gardens and citizen science initiatives.
- » [Tolko](#)- Youth at Risk and Forestry Education grants (Focal areas in the Cariboo and Southern Interior)
- » [Community Gaming Grants](#) including grants to support PACs and DPACs.
- » [BC Government grants](#) for non-profit organizations.
- » [BC Hydro](#) grants for community groups. Funds non-profit organizations and registered charities that align with the focal areas of youth STEM and trades education, safety education, and developing a sustainable future (e.g. environmental conservation, reducing carbon emissions)
- » [Megan Zeni](#), List of grants to support school gardens in BC.