

BC Hydro GO Fund

Site C Project Supporting Peace Region Community Non-Profits to Generate Opportunities

Application Guide



Program Overview

The BC Hydro GO Fund is providing support to Peace Region Community Non-Profits to Generate Opportunities. The **BC Hydro GO Fund** is a program administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development) on behalf of BC Hydro. The Fund will provide \$800,000 over eight years to community non-profit organizations in the Peace Region during construction of the Site C Clean Energy Project. Non-profit organizations supporting children, families and seniors will be eligible to apply for individual grants up to \$10,000 per year.

Features and benefits of the program:

- Supports non-profit organizations providing important community services and programs
- Provides a source of funding to assist in organizational capacity and program implementation
- An efficient approval process for complete and well documented applications

Objective

The purpose of the program is to reduce inequities through financial grants to local non-profit organizations that provide services to children, families, and seniors. The BC Hydro GO Fund is targeted to support non-profit organizations serving the communities of Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Taylor, Chetwynd, and residents of Peace River Regional District (Electoral Areas B, C and E). Funding decisions will be made by a regional committee with appointees from the communities and rural areas that the Fund is serving.

Application Intake Deadlines

Funding applications are continuously accepted to this program and reviewed by a regional decision-making committee on a quarterly intake cycle (November, February, May, and August). Once all funds have been disbursed in a year, the committee will cancel the remaining intakes.

The application intake deadlines and details are publicly posted on the [Northern Development website](#).

Program Eligibility

Eligible organizations and criteria

The BC Hydro GO Fund will provide grants to eligible non-profit applicants which best meet the program criteria:

- Registered non-profit organizations (✦Registered as a Society in BC)
- Provide support to reduce inequities, specifically children, families, and seniors
- Provide programming to residents in the designated local communities and rural areas in the Peace Region including Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Taylor, Chetwynd, Peace River Regional District (Electoral Areas B, C and E)

Non-eligible organizations

- Individuals, government, corporate, political organizations, and third party fundraisers.

Required project and grant application features

- The grant application program must target priority areas that have been identified by the region request including:
 - Healthy food options (food bank support, nutrition, education)
 - Child development programming (daytime: infant, toddler, pre-school and after-school: tweens and teens)
 - Family care (support and education around violence, addiction, and healthy relationships)
 - Affordable transportation to improve access to services and programs
 - Affordable access to technology
- The grant application must have a letter of support from a municipality, regional district or community organization
 - Applicants are responsible for securing a letter outlining support for the funding request. The applicant must provide a copy of the letter of support to Northern Development before a funding decision can be made (sample wording is provided in the application form)

Eligible costs *(including but not limited to)*

- Education or material development
- Program supplies
- Direct program staff salaries
- Additional operating costs

Ineligible event types and costs

- Examples: Regular sports programming, sports tournaments, school events, school equipment, Safe Grads
- GST
- Costs incurred prior to formal notification of funding approval
- Operating costs or rental expenses of applicant buildings or facilities
- Existing administrative staff wages

Funding terms

- The maximum allowable grant is \$10,000

Previously funded projects or programs are subject to the following funding terms:

- Second application for the same project or program: grant funding to a maximum of 75% of the eligible project budget, up to \$7,500
- Third application for the same project or program: grant funding to a maximum of 50% of the eligible project budget, up to \$5,000
- Maximum allowable approved applications for the same project or program is three (3)

Review Process

Northern Development staff will review the application to ensure completeness, eligibility and fund availability. Northern Development staff may contact the applicant if any questions arise from the application in order to provide clarity to the decision-making committee.

Applications meeting eligibility requirements will be provided to the regional decision-making committee for the fund for final review and funding approval decisions.

Successful applicants will receive an approval letter with grant funds attached. Unsuccessful applicants will also receive written notification and information on future intakes.

Reporting Deadlines

The applicant must submit an annual report using Northern Development's reporting form describing how the funds received impacted their organization and reduced inequities, specifically with children, families, and seniors it supports. Reporting must be submitted to Northern Development before a new application for funding can be accepted.

The [BC Hydro GO Fund Reporting Form](#) is available on Northern Development's website.

Questions?

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