

JOAN FEYNMAN

CLIMATE CHANGE FUND 2024

2024 Guidelines

Program Dates:

Beginning of Application Period: March 1, 2024

End of Application Period: April 1, 2024

Grant Completion Date: December 30, 2024

Program Objective:

RCFNS Joan Feynman Climate Change Grants are small matching grants for climate change related projects throughout Nova Scotia, with particular emphasis on rural Nova Scotia. The grants are designed to support innovative, community-based action and to promote environmentally sustainable, socially supportive, and economically thriving communities.

Program Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for this grant, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The grantee(s) must be a resident of Nova Scotia and have direct connection to the community in which the project takes place. Youth grant recipients must be between the ages of 13 and 25.
- Grantees should be associated with a sponsoring organization which can receive the funds

(*1). The sponsor organization must be a qualified donee, that is an organization that is able to issue an "official donation receipt" for Canadian Income Tax purposes.

- Grantees must be able to provide a 50% match from community-based or local sources to qualify for matching funds from the RCF Joan Feynman Climate Action Fund.
- Grantees will be available for virtual Convening Sessions, one for beginning of the programs and the other for showcasing their funded project. Dates for these sessions will be announced later.

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(*1) The Sponsoring Organization has the responsibility for ensuring the project takes place and will be accountable for the grant received from RCFNS. In some cases, the sponsoring organization will provide the community-based match of the funds but that is not a requirement to be a sponsor.

- Grantees are asked to make a simple video at the end of their project, that can be added to RCFNS's web site, and provide amateur photos of the project that make up the final report.

Please see next section

Assessing Grant Impact & Promotion:

RCFNS highlights the impact of its granting programs through 'vital conversations' with grantees, both in person (where possible) and/or by virtual means (Zoom).

Grantees must agree to their name and the organization's voice, image and story being used by RCFNS to highlight and promote RCFNS Joan Feynman Climate Change grant and the work of RCFNS. Youth under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian to participate in these vital conversations and promotional activities. In addition, there is the option for youth to agree to be contacted by other youth participants in the program.

Funding Limitations:

- The program/service that is the focus of the project must be directed toward a rural area of Nova Scotia.
- RCFNS Joan Feynman Climate Change fund grants will not provide funding to cover deficits or to retire debt.

Priority Areas/Criteria:

RCFNS Joan Feynman Climate Change grants are intended to be the 'spark' between idea and action for projects on climate change. Creative and innovative ideas are encouraged.

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Applications must include a plan specifying how the project will involve working with the people, resources, and natural environment of your community.

Projects which show leadership, meet a demonstrated need, raise public awareness on climate change issues and promote racial, economic or gender equity are particularly encouraged.

The project context should be elaborated. For example, some interests are as follows:

- Food and Water
- Connections between Climate Change and Health
- Clean Energy Production and the Reduction of Emissions
- The Ocean
- Carbon Sequestration Through Conservation and Restoration
- Clean Growth
- Eco-tourism

Grants Available:

Except in specific unusual circumstances, maximum matches are \$5000 for general projects and \$2000 for youth grants. Projects should be completed by Dec 30, 2024.

Documentation and Communication:

Participants are encouraged to document all stages of their projects via social media or other methods, and to stay in contact with the project training cohort and foundation staff if they need assistance. We welcome photographs of your organization or activities for RCFNS's communications tools, including use on the website, annual report, or articles. We respect your privacy and will not sell, give, or distribute your information. Grant recipients are encouraged to acknowledge, where possible, the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia as the funding source.

A final report must be submitted, utilizing the provided link for uploading photos and inputting necessary information. This link will be sent to your organization upon the conclusion of your project.

Application Deadline: Noon, April 1, 2024

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