



# Watershed Security Fund

## Guide to Grants Program & Application

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of British Columbia



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# Grants Program Vision

*We envision a future where flourishing watersheds and the unimpeded flow of water are of the utmost importance and water is highly valued as the sacred source of life. Our grants program will support work that nourishes our waterways, upholds the strength of Indigenous voices and ways of being in relation to the land and water, and weaves together enduring relationships and partnerships that flow throughout and across watersheds.*

*Funding will meet water stewards and water champions where they are at, building partnerships and collaboration amongst First Nations, local governments, NGOs and community groups, and scientific communities.*

*Like the natural ebb and flow of our waterways, we will grow and evolve through this work with water remaining the most important environmental, cultural, economic, and spiritual wellspring we share.*

Monitoring at Boundary Bay. Photo credit: ARocha

# Grants Working Group

## Collective Experience:

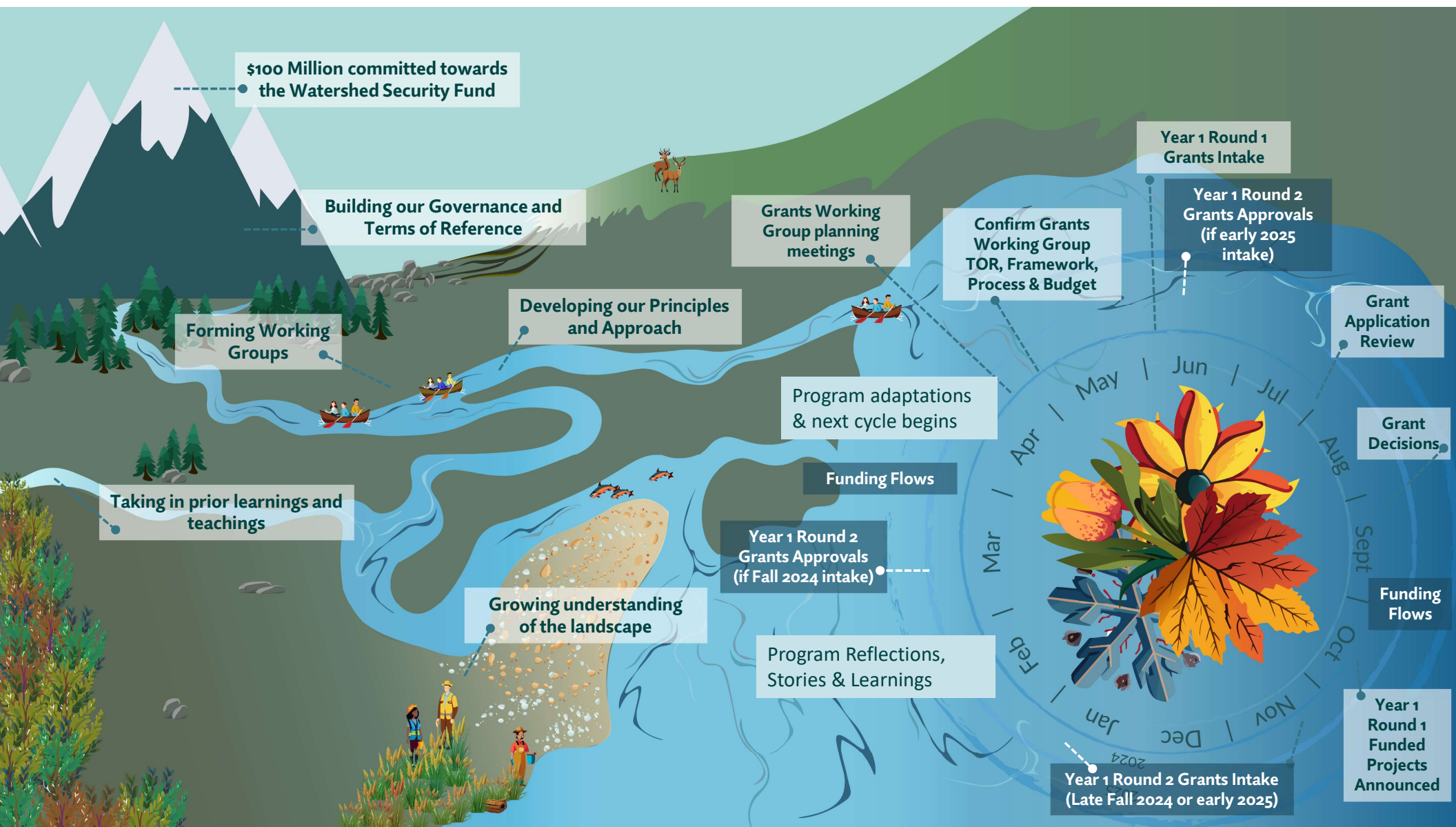
- Knowledge and experience relevant to addressing urgent and long-term watershed security needs in territories across B.C.
- Philanthropic and grantmaking experience
- Cross sector understanding, particularly in agriculture
- Geographic diversity among the members in their understanding or connections to regional watershed needs and communities.

The Watershed Security Fund is fortunate to benefit from the collective wisdom, experience and leadership of:

- **Lydia Hwitsum**, Co-Commissioner, First Nations Water Caucus (Cowichan Nation)
- **Teena Demeulemeester**, Delegate, First Nations Water Caucus (Saulteau First Nation)
- **Deana Machin**, Delegate, First Nations Water Caucus (Syilx, Okanagan, Nation)
- **Brodie Guy**, Chief Executive Officer, Island Coastal Economic Trust
- **Tara Marsden/Naxginkw**, Consultant, Hlimoo Sustainable Solutions (Gitanyow Huwilp, Gitksan peoples)
- **Tim Morris**, Director, BC Water Legacy
- **Ione Smith**, Senior Agrologist, Upland Agricultural Consulting

Contributing their own unique perspectives and are not representing the views or positions of their respective Nation, community or organization.





\$100 Million committed towards the Watershed Security Fund

Building our Governance and Terms of Reference

Forming Working Groups

Taking in prior learnings and teachings

Developing our Principles and Approach

Growing understanding of the landscape

Grants Working Group planning meetings

Program adaptations & next cycle begins

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# Outcomes

- Reconciliation and advancing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- Restoring and maintaining ecosystem services and watershed health
- Climate resiliency
- Local watershed governance, planning & monitoring initiatives
- Job creation and economic stimulus
- Learning and relationship-building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities

## Grants Program Workplan Goals & Objectives



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# Principles & Values

## **Core principles & values guide the Grants Program:**

- Shared reliance and care for the natural world and for water;
- Holistic, whole of watershed approach;
- Recognizing that First Nations title, rights, and sovereignty are crucial to the health and sustainability of lands and waters;
- Recognize the strength of First Nations voice and ways of being in relation a whole of watershed approach;
- Showing up in a spirit of reciprocity, relationship and meaningful partnership;
- Honouring a diversity of perspectives and shared decision-making; addressing power imbalances and equity;
- Intergenerational, long-term focus.



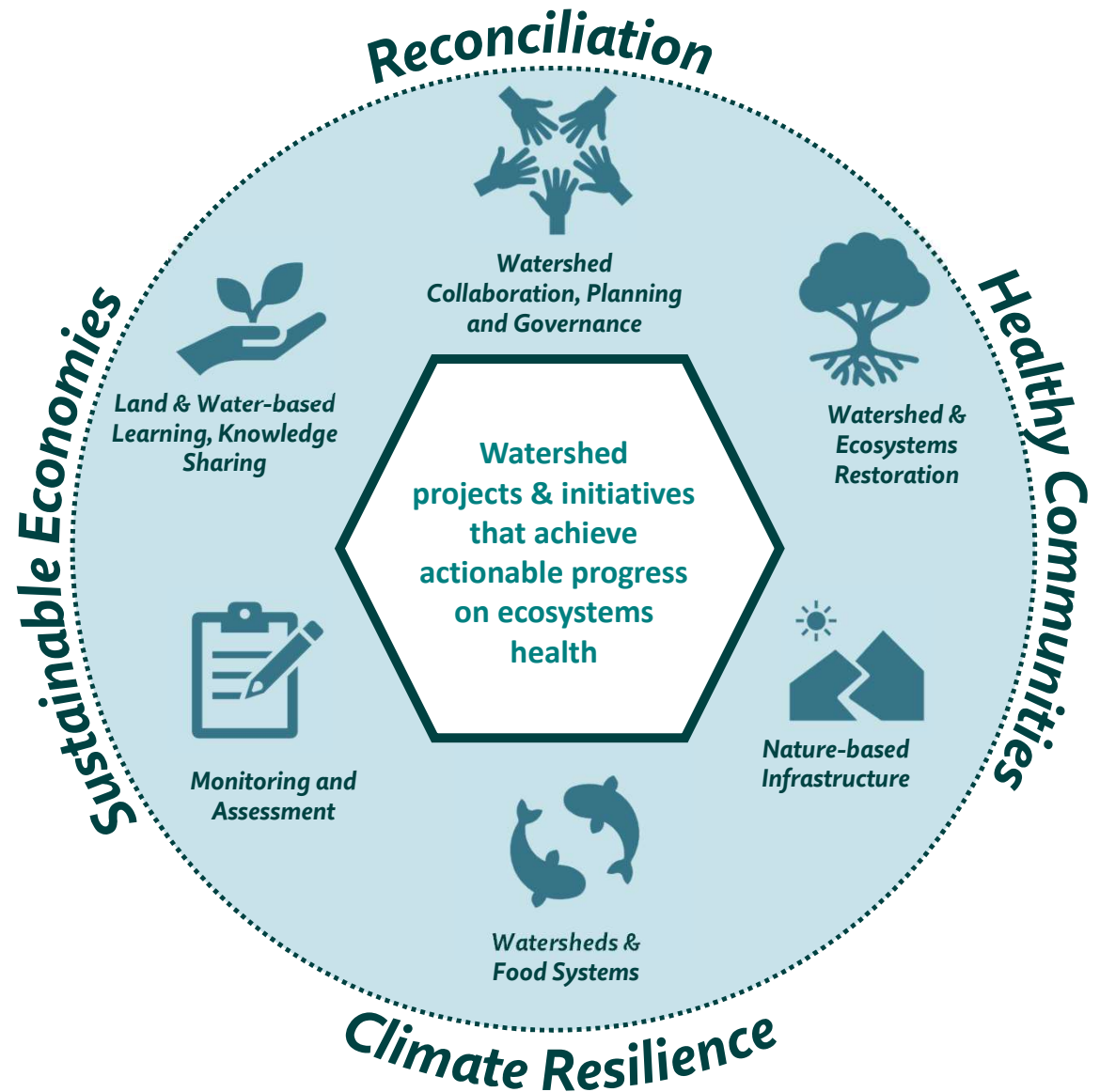


# Funding Themes

(Types of Work)

WSF funding is focused on land and freshwater systems within the watershed basins of what is known as BC.

Marine projects are not a focus of this funding.





### **Watershed Collaboration, Planning and Governance**

Projects or initiatives that enable or advance collaborative approaches to watershed governance, management & planning, or support partners to act upon shared priorities for healthy watersheds.

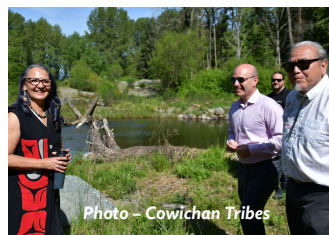


Photo - Cowichan Tribes



### **Watershed and Ecosystems Restoration and Protection**

Projects or initiatives that support and protect the natural function and health of watershed ecosystems by restoring watershed areas to their natural state.



Photo - Lower Keptenay Band



### **Nature based infrastructure**

Projects or initiatives that support and protect the healthy functioning of waterways using nature-based engineered methods with a mix of hard and natural infrastructure.



Photo - HWI

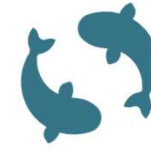


### **Monitoring and Assessment**

Projects or initiatives that gather and analyze data to understand the health and function of watersheds and ecosystems, and support long term planning and management.



Photo - HWI



### **Watersheds & Food Systems**

Projects or initiatives at the intersection of water resources and sustainable agriculture or food sovereignty and which contribute to watershed health and food security.



Photo - REFBC



### **Land & Water-based Learning, Knowledge- Sharing**

Projects or initiatives that support environmental education, cultural knowledge exchange, and experiential learning.



Photo - Stgeey's Learning Society

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# UNDRIP - An overarching priority

The WSF is committed to upholding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

In addition to holding ourselves accountable to UNDRIP through the WSF co-development process, organizational structure, governance and practices, our UNDRIP commitments are advanced by working with project teams whose funded projects are actioning UNDRIP.



## Example of optional UNDRIP Question for First Nations led Applications:

We recognize that each nation has their own distinct perspective on advancing UNDRIP that is grounded in their own culture, governance, and land relationships. If you'd like to share, we invite you to use this space to describe how UNDRIP might be informing your approach to your project, or any statements/vision/position on UNDRIP that your nation/organization may have.

## Required UNDRIP Questions for non-First Nations led applicants – please describe how the following are planned (or not applicable) to your project

- Project activities support the exercise of First Nations rights
- Incorporation of First Nations Knowledge into project planning
- Communications and outreach to First Nation leadership
- Project site/s Indigenous ceremony
- Training and other initiatives to strengthen the capacity of First Nations peoples to practice and uphold Indigenous rights and interests in ways that are meaningful to them
- Other (with specific references to UNDRIP articles if applicable).



# Additional Principles Based Assessment Criteria

Principle based lenses for understanding funding applications

On the application form, applicants have the opportunity to briefly describe how their project addresses one or more of these aspects.

## Free, Prior, Informed Consent

- Are you a First Nation working in your own territory?
- If not, is your project addressing FPIC? What policies or practices do you have to work towards or to obtain First Nations free, prior and informed consent for a project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, in connection with the development or use of water resources?

## Regional Equity

- Are there particular regional challenges in terms of access to funding or other resourcing and in relation to urgent/pressing watershed security needs or impacts in your community or watershed basin.

## Community Connection

- How are the communities most impacted or served by the project involved in its design, direction and/or implementation?
- How do you stay engaged and responsible to your community?

## Economic resiliency and jobs / training

- Will your project create or sustain jobs, training and economic opportunities that contribute to economic and community resilience?
- Does the project embrace and advance mentorship and intergenerational learning, leadership and knowledge building?

## Diversity of Interest & Collaboration

- If there are other communities, organizations, or sectors whose partnership and collaboration are key to project goals, how are you engaging them or building relationships?
- Are you working on watershed-based shared decision-making, co-development, and co-governance work? Or engaged in community foundation building for those efforts?

# Assessment Lenses – Why We Believe these are Important

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## **Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC)**

The WSF respects and promotes the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples and recognizes that respect for Indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditional practices contributes to sustainable and equitable development and proper management of watersheds (UNDRIP). UNDRIP Article 32 recognizes Indigenous peoples right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources, and establishes principles for free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

## **Regional Equity**

Funding needs to strive for regional equity across what is referred to as British Columbia, recognizing that some regions experience particular challenges or barriers in terms of access to water-related funding or other resourcing, and/or may also be at greater risk in terms of climate and impacts or need for restoration stemming from cumulative industrial development (ILAC). Our grant funding is intended to support projects, build relationships, and facilitate the sharing of knowledge to advance sustainable, equitable, and socially just land use and watershed stewardship (Grant Agreement, C2A).

## **Community Connection**

Communities directly connected to their watersheds have a deep understanding of needs, priorities and solutions. Community-based connections that maintain and uplift relationships, accountability and responsibilities across generations are foundational to watershed security and governance. They take time, resourcing, and trust building.

## **Economic Resiliency, Jobs, Training & Mentorship**

The watershed sector supports a diverse spectrum of jobs in rural and urban areas. From entry-level to skilled, seasonal to permanent, technical to policy, the watershed sector has the potential for training and employment at all career stages and specialization levels. Embracing and advancing inter-generational learning between youth and elders, and growing the next generation of water stewards, contributes to a continuity of learning and leadership, and builds deep cultural and community connections. This is strengthened when education, training, and community development initiatives are in place. Rural and First Nations communities often embrace family and community connected jobs and support local business with local spending.

## **Diversity of Interests & Collaboration**

The WSF recognizes the shared and distinct interests and responsibilities of diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organizations in supporting watershed security, and the value of collaborating and working together and across jurisdictions to address pressing watershed needs. Relationships between Indigenous people and organizations, NGOs, local government, industry, and local communities are all essential to healthy watersheds now and in the future.

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## 2024/25 Grants Budget Envelop: \$7-10M

➤ WSF + REFBC Contribution

## Funding Spread Across Two Intakes

**A first Intake – opening June 3-26, 2024** - for grants approved in Sept and **funds flowing starting in Oct 2024** – allocate approx. 1/3 of the 2024/25 Funding.

**A second intake – opening late 2024/ early 2025** - for grants approved in Spring 2025 and **funds flowing in mid to late Spring 2025** – allocate approx. 2/3 of the 2024/25 Funding.

- ❖ Funded projects do not need to spend their grant funding within a specific fiscal year.
- ❖ Projects can be short term or multi-year (up to 3 years), with the option to extend timelines if needed.
- ❖ Funding does not support work/costs retroactively. Funded work can start any time after grants are approved.



# Three Funding Streams

## Stream 1: Headwaters – Application of up to \$50,000

- Emergent, early forming, or smaller projects or those at exploratory and learning stages, partnerships and relationship building
- Scope: Project design, research & planning, initial partner conversations & readiness building
- Organizational relationship to First Nations ([I4DM](#)): anywhere along the continuum, and also outside of it where a commitment to building understanding of relationships with First Nations in B.C. is demonstrated

## Stream 2: Creek – Applications of up to \$150,000

- Small to medium scale, further along in design, development, collaboration and implementation than headwaters
- Scope: community engagement, detailed research planning, partnership, and project development; smaller scale implementation and shovel ready projects.
- Organizational relationship to First Nations ([I4DM](#)): some greater focus on First Nations led, partnered, informed and benefitting organizations and projects.

## Stream 3: River – Applications up to \$500,000

- Larger scale, stronger foundation of prior work and partnerships, collaboration, and readiness to implement)
- Scope: Partnerships in place, plans and projects or initiatives are well developed and 'implementation' or 'shovel' ready
- Organizational relationship to First Nations ([I4DM](#)): potentially more focus on First Nations led and partnered organizations and projects. Indigenous informed organizations and projects could also be a fit. Others may be considered, with demonstrated actions to build understanding of relationships with First Nations in B.C., and to address restoration and restitution of watershed damage caused by non Indigenous communities and industries which negatively impact Indigenous rights.

Organizations are eligible to make one project application per intake in one of the three funding streams.

Decisions on how many projects will be funded in each of the streams have not been made and will depend on the mix of applications received.

The Circle on Philanthropy's I4DM is a helpful tool for understanding organization's relationship to First Nations: [I4DM Definitional Matrix](#) and [article](#)

# Organizational Relationship to First Nations

THE CIRCLE

## I4DM Definitional Matrix

	INDIGENOUS BENEFITING	INDIGENOUS INFORMED	INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS	INDIGENOUS-LED
LEADERSHIP	No Indigenous leadership at the board or staff levels	Holds Indigenous leadership at some levels and a commitment to Indigenous recruitment	Partnerships where Indigenous decision makers sit equal and share leadership with non-Indigenous partners	Indigenous leadership at all levels of decision making within the organization
VALUES + PROTOCOL	Interest or mandate to serve Indigenous communities but no ongoing connection with Indigenous-led organizations and/or communities	Culturally informed programming with demonstrated ongoing connection with Indigenous peoples, communities, organizations	Protocol driven by Indigenous peoples with Indigenous ways of knowing that inform the work and values	Culture, knowledge, language guide the organization and deliverables
PROGRAM + TEAM	Supports Indigenous causes within organization's existing mandate or vision	Culturally aware staff deliver programming and maintain relationships to Indigenous peoples and communities	Indigenous peoples, worldviews, and wisdom are prioritized in the work with non-Indigenous partners	Indigenous peoples own, lead and deliver programs in relationship and response to their communities
ACCOUNTABILITY TO COMMUNITY	Some awareness of Indigenous needs and culture but little to no collaboration	Often collaborates with Indigenous knowledge holders or organizations	Full Indigenous-settler partnership in learning, sharing and reporting	Sustains a reciprocal relationship with Indigenous community (local and or direct)
RECIPROCITY	No consistent or meaningful practice of reciprocity	Demonstrating a desire to show reciprocity	Clarity and action towards reciprocity	Reciprocity is deeply embedded through values, policy, practice and behaviours

I4DM Definitional Matrix, The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada (2022). Available at [the-circle.ca](https://www.the-circle.ca) [2]

Article link: <https://thephilanthropist.ca/2024/03/learning-with-the-i4dm-a-tool-to-increase-accountability-to-uphold-indigenous-self-determination/>

As the inherent rightsholders of these lands and waters who have protected and cared for them for millennia, First Nations must have a central role in this work if we are to uphold commitments to UNDRIP and achieve transformative change towards healthy, secure watersheds. (IWI)

It is also recognized that repairing the harms of 150 years of colonial and settler impacts cannot fall solely on the shoulders of First Nations.

There is a shared reliance and need to care for the natural world and water that we all depend upon.

Using the I4DM, applicants self identify where they fit on the continuum.

<https://www.the-circle.ca/the-i4dm.html>

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Our goal is to center First Nations voices, experiences, approaches, and leadership while also making space for resourcing important work of non-Indigenous led initiatives that contribute to holistic, collaborative, shared ways forward for addressing watershed needs.

Across the three funding streams, at higher levels of funding there will be some prioritization of projects led by organizations who are generally further along the continuum towards First Nations Led or Partnered work. Right now, we have these general guidelines, rather than specific funding targets and percentages.

## Organizational Relationship to First Nations

- **Stream 1 (Headwaters – up to \$50k)** - open to organizations anywhere along the continuum, and also outside of it where a commitment to building understanding of relationships with First Nations in B.C. is demonstrated.
- **Stream 2 (Creek – up to \$150k)** - some greater focus on First Nations led, partnered, informed and benefitting organizations and projects.
- **Stream 3 (River – up to \$500k)** – potentially more focus on First Nations led and partnered organizations and projects. First Nations informed organizations and projects could also be a fit. Others may be considered, if there are demonstrated actions to build understanding of relationships with First Nations in B.C., and to address restoration and restitution of watershed damage caused by non Indigenous communities and industries which negatively impact Indigenous rights.



# Eligibility

WSF Grants are ***not able to fund***:

- Activities that primarily provide financial benefits for individuals
- Debt retirement, reserves, mortgage paydowns
- Retroactive expenses (costs incurred prior to funding being approved)
- Purchase of land or large scale development of buildings
- Endowments
- Partisan political activities
- Projects or initiatives that do not take place in what is known as B.C.

Eligible Organizations for WSF grant funding include *Indigenous or non-Indigenous*:

- Registered Non-profits
- Educational Institutions
- Social Enterprises (C3)

Or

- First Nations (including First Nation governments, Tribal Councils and others)
- Local/Regional Governments

Eligibility is not restricted to Canada Revenue Agency registered charities or qualified donees. In addition to those listed above, some other types of organizations may be eligible.

# Application Supports and Guidance

3 Ways to apply:

- Online Portal
- Word Document
- Zoom, Teams, Facetime or Phone Call



## Website Information

Downloadable application questions, budget template, other supports and contact info

<https://watershedsecurityfund.ca/grants/>

## Application Guide & FAQs

Available on our Watershed Security Fund grants website page

## Interactive Zoom Webinars

With program staff offered once before and once mid-way through intake and recorded and available on our grants website page

## Emails, Phone Calls and Connections

Connect via our Grants Program Coordinator at [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca)

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# Part 2 – Application & Budget Form

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## Watershed Security Fund Application Form Application & Program Information

Welcome to the Watershed Security Fund funding application (WSF). Thank you for taking the time to apply for funding.

In 2023, the Province of B.C. made a historic investment to initiate the formation of the Watershed Security Fund (WSF/The Fund). The Real Estate Foundation of BC and the First Nations Water Caucus – with the First Nations Fisheries Council – are working together to provide interim Fund stewardship, and to support the co-development of the permanent, co-governed entity that will oversee and manage the Fund and grant program funding stream over the long term (details on our [website](#)).

In the interim, we are [honoured](#) to collaborate with community partners to begin flowing critical dollars into community to support watershed health and security through a WSF grant funding program. Water is life, and remains the most important, environmental, cultural, economic, and spiritual well-spring we share. Thank you for your shared commitment to this inspiring, impactful, and healing work.

**Our current WSF funding intake opens June 3-26, 2024, for grants approved in September. Our second intake is planned to open in late 2024/ early 2025 for grants approved in Spring 2025. You can sign up for grant intake notifications [here](#).**

Before completing this application, we recommend you download our application guide from our grants program website [here](#). It includes information on our funding intakes, streams, priorities, assessment criteria and eligibility guidelines.

Some high-level information is provided below.

### The Watershed Security Fund supports:

- Reconciliation and advancing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Restoring and maintaining ecosystem services and watershed health
- Climate resiliency
- Local watershed governance, planning & monitoring [initiatives](#)
- Job creation and economic stimulus
- Learning and relationship-building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities

### There are 3 Funding Streams by grant sizes:

- **Stream 1: Headwaters** – grants of up to \$50,000
- **Stream 2: Creek** – grants of up to \$150,000
- **Stream 3: River** – grants of up to \$500,000

Grant funding will support projects and initiatives that take place in territories and regions within what [is known](#) as BC, and that prioritize reconciliation, ecosystem restoration, climate resilience and sustainable economies. Funded projects will support healthy watersheds across a range of project types in any of these areas of watershed-based work:

- Watershed Collaboration, Planning & Governance
- Watershed & Ecosystems Restoration
- Nature-based Infrastructure
- Watersheds & Food Systems
- Monitoring & Assessment
- Land & Water-based Learning, Knowledge Sharing



### Eligibility

Eligible Organizations for WSF grant funding include *Indigenous or non-Indigenous*:

- Registered Non-[profits](#)
- Educational Institutions
- Social Enterprises (C3)

Or

- First Nations (including First Nation governments, Tribal [Councils](#) and others)
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- Purchase of land or [large scale](#) development of buildings
- Endowments
- Partisan political activities
- Projects or initiatives that do not take place in what is known as BC.

Applications for short-term or multi-year projects and initiatives (up to 3 years) can be submitted.

### HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Questions with an asterisk (\*) are required questions that need to be completed to submit the form. **Please feel free to use brief, point form answers.** See our application guide on the WSF grants website page [here](#) for more details.

You can also reach out to our Program Coordinator, Adarshana Thapa, [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca) | 604-343-2620 | toll free 1-866-912-6800 ext. 101, if you have questions or feedback about the application process or our funding criteria and eligibility.

### There are three ways to submit an application:

- **Online Portal** – Accessed through a link on the WSF [grants website page](#).
- **Word Document** – Available to download from the WSF [grants website page](#) and submitted by email to [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca).
- **Zoom, Teams, Facetime or Phone Call** – Arranged through our Grants Program Coordinator, [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca). You'll be [connected](#) with one of our grants program staff who will complete the application based on your conversation. A word version of the application will then be sent back to you, for you to confirm, finalize and submit by email to [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca). This option is available between June 3-18, 2024. Please arrange this with our team well in advance, to allow time for us to schedule the call and then confirm and finalize the application content before the deadline of June 26.

If you reach out to our Program Coordinator well in advance of the deadline, there may be other options, such as [submitting an application](#) you previously prepared for another funding program, in lieu of our standard application. Please allow plenty of time so we can jointly ensure it provides the information we need to receive and review your application.





## SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

### Date of Application\*

Month/Day/Year:

### Applicant Organization – Full Legal Name\*

Please provide the full legal name of your organization followed by the preferred acronym - without punctuation in parenthesis. eg: Watershed Security Fund (WSF)

Response:

### Applicant Organization – DBA

Please provide your organization's DBA (Doing Business As) Name if this is different from your legal name.

Response:

### Applicant Organization – Website

Please provide the Organization's website

Response:

### Organization Type\*

Please select the organization type listed below that best describes your organization.

Your organization is an **Indigenous or non-Indigenous**:

- Registered Non-profit
- Educational Institution
- Social Enterprise (C3)
- Other - Describe below

Or

- First Nation (including First Nation governments, Tribal Councils and others)
- Local/Regional Government

If your response above is Other, please provide a few words describing your organization type. Character Limit: 100

Response:

If your response above is First Nation, please describe in a few words (e.g. First Nation government, Tribal Council, other). Character Limit: 100

Response:

The application starts off asking for basic information about your organization, and contact information. In addition, as part of our commitment to UNDRIP, we ask applicants to identify their organizational relationship to First Nations in B.C. using a matrix, [called the I4DM](#), developed by the Circle on Philanthropy (see part 1). On the application form, we provide a link to information on the matrix and ask project teams to familiarize themselves with it, so they can self identify their relationship to First Nations, or they can let us know if they don't currently have a relationship.

### Organizational Relationship to First Nations\*

We recognize that First Nations title, rights, and sovereignty are crucial to the health and sustainability of lands and waters in the unceded and/or treaty territories across what is referred to as British Columbia. As the inherent rightsholders of these lands and waters who have protected and cared for them for millennia, First Nations in B.C. must have a central role in watershed work if we are to uphold commitments to UNDRIP and achieve transformative change towards healthy, secure watersheds. The Circle on Philanthropy developed a matrix based on guidance from Indigenous advisors from across Canada to help define organizations' relationships to Indigenous Peoples.

Please download and review the [Circle's I4DM Definitional Matrix](#) and select the classification below that best represents your organizational relationship to First Nations in B.C. based on the criteria within the matrix. It should reflect the current state of your organization, rather than your organization's future goals or aspirations. Please note that for this question, an organization that has one or more First Nations project partners is not necessarily in the I4DM category of "Indigenous Partnerships" (or in our case, "First Nations Partnerships"). For the purpose of this question, the I4DM category representing "First Nations Partnerships" would only be indicated where First Nations decision makers sit equal and share leadership with non-First Nations partners (along with other criteria – see I4DM). There is a separate question (further in the application) where you can identify First Nations partners who you are working with in a variety of other types of roles and we look forward to learning about those too.

- First Nation/s Led
- First Nation/s Partnerships
- First Nation/s Informed
- First Nation/s Benefitting
- Other

### 'Other' Comments:

You are welcome to provide comments or context to your I4DM selection above or if you chose 'other'. We suggest under 200 words.

## SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

### Project Name\*

We suggest under 80 characters, including spaces.

Response:

### Project Description\*

Please provide a brief overview of your project proposal, including goals or objectives, and major activities. What type of work are you seeking to do and where? To achieve what outcomes? We suggest under 500 words.

Response:

### Project Reason, Vision\*

How does your project address urgent or long-term watershed health and security issues, conditions or opportunities? How is it achieving actionable progress on ecosystems health and climate resilience? What is the change you want to see? We suggest under 500 words.

Response:

### Relationship to past or future work

Does this project build on past or current initiatives within your organization or by other organizations that support the change you are trying to create? Or will it build capacity or a foundation for future work or initiatives? We suggest under 200 words.

Response:

### Project themes -Primary\*

To help us and others understand the many dimensions of watershed security work, we have identified some project categories or themes. For the purpose of this application, at this stage we are only asking you to identify up to two; however, we do recognize that watershed work is inherently holistic and interwoven across many of these themes.

Please let us know which of these categories best reflects the strongest area of focus for your project:

- Watershed Collaboration, Planning & Governance
- Watershed & Ecosystems Restoration
- Nature-based Infrastructure
- Watersheds & Food Systems
- Monitoring & Assessment
- Land & Water-based Learning, Knowledge Sharing
- Other

### 'Other' theme description (\*required if 'Other' was selected above)

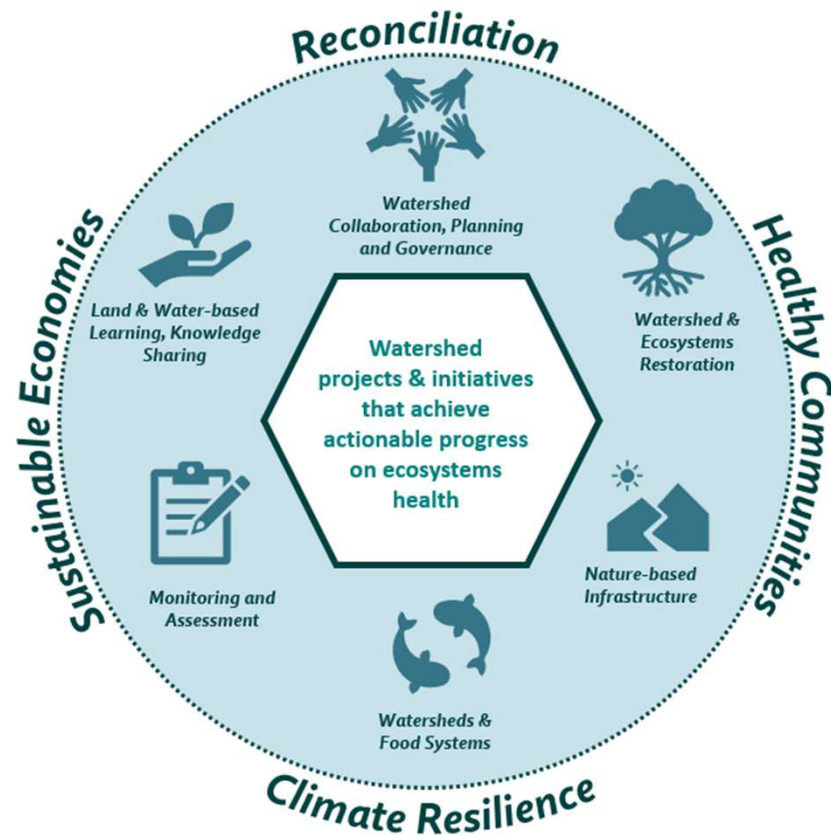
If you chose 'other' for project theme, please describe in a few words:

Response:

### Project themes – Option to Identify an Additional Project Theme

Section 2 of the application gives an opportunity to describe your project or initiative and how it addresses watershed health and security, including relevant prior or future work.

We also ask applicants to identify up to 2 funding themes or areas of work that are most relevant to their project (see descriptions of the project streams in Part 1 of this Guide).



## SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION cont.

### Geographic Area Served\*

Please select the watershed basin that best includes the area or territory in which your project activities will take place.

- Mackenzie
- Fraser
- Columbia
- North Coast - Pacific Ocean Seaboard
- South Coast - Pacific Ocean Seaboard
- Nass
- Skeena
- Stikine
- Taku
- Yukon
- More than 1 Basin



### Geographic Impact and First Nation/s Territory/Territories\*

If your project impacts multiple watershed basins, please comment briefly on which ones. Please also list the First Nation/s territory/territories on which your project will take place. We suggest under 250 words.

Response:

We also ask people to indicate which water basin and territories their project activities will take place in, so we can understand and document geographic distribution of funds and project work.

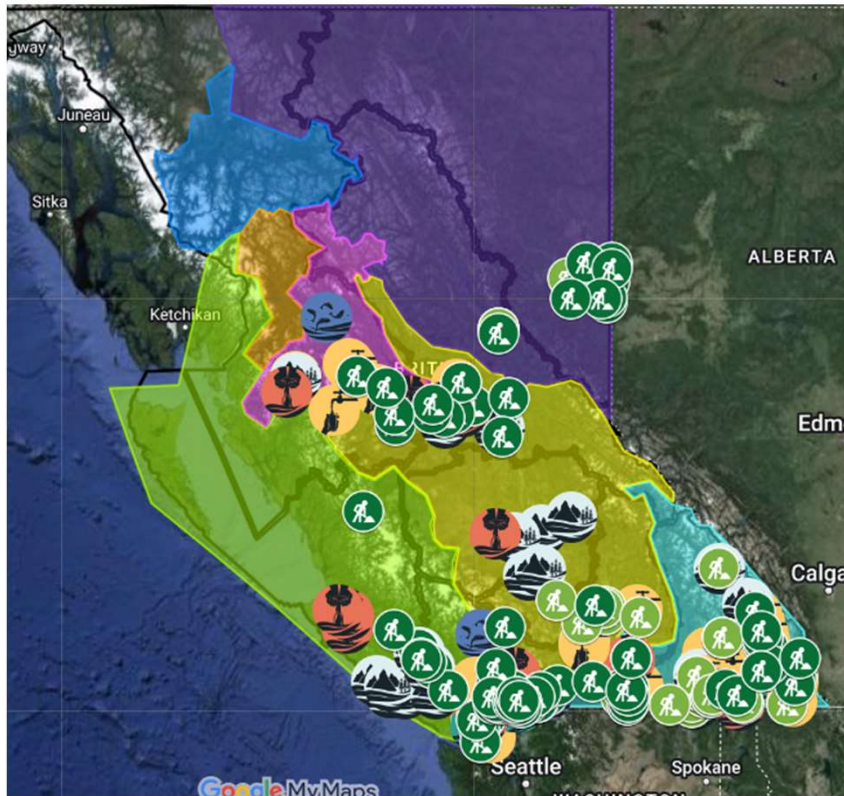
We'll do our best to consider regional equity in funding decisions, including listening to applicants' experience and understanding of community impacts and needs.

More thorough research and gap analysis could be planned and resourced in the coming year for the purpose of potentially prioritizing certain regions or basins.

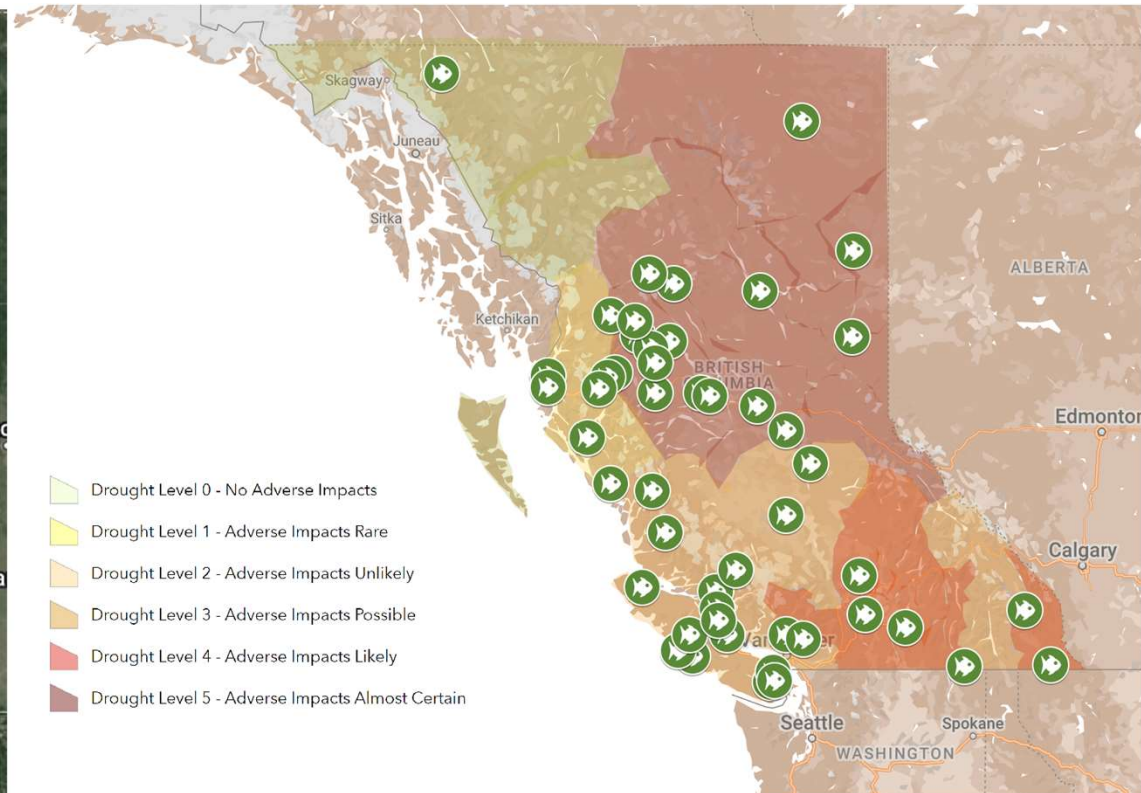
We know that funding needs far surpass available dollars across the Province, and we will rely on a number of assessment approaches in our review, short listing and decision-making process to make decisions that support regional equity in distribution of funds.



## Healthy Watersheds Initiative Projects 2022 – <https://healthywatersheds.ca/projects/map/>



## Indigenous Watersheds Initiative Projects on Drought Map, Oct 11, 2023



With similar data available for IWI and HWI projects, we can start to see the evolving picture of funded watershed work by watershed basins, but it is not a complete picture, and we hope to do more to better understand the complex funding landscape and needs/gaps in BC in the future.



## SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION cont.

### Funding Streams\*

There are 3 Funding Streams by grant sizes. Please select the Funding Stream in which you are applying:

- Stream 1: Headwaters – grants of up to \$50,000
- Stream 2: Creek – grants of up to \$150,000
- Stream 3: River – grants of up to \$500,000

### Project Duration\*

Please estimate the number of months or years required to complete the portion of your project for which funding is being requested. Project funding can be short term or multi-year (up to 3 years).

Response:

### Estimated Project Start Date\*

When do you hope to begin your project work for which funding is being requested? Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter start dates are all welcome. Projects need not be “launch ready” at this stage, and funding is not required to be spent in a given fiscal year. Note that funding does not support work/costs retroactively. Funded work can start any time after grants are approved. Approvals for our late spring intake are anticipated in the early Fall. Approvals for our Fall/Winter intake are anticipated in the Spring.

Response:

For multi-year projects, approved grant funding is spread across the duration of the project. For example, a 3-year multi-year project that is approved for a \$450k grant would receive several installments spread across the project timeline – not \$450k each year.

Applicants determine their own timelines and the fiscal years in which they want to spend the funds. Typical installments could be as follows:

- 1 year – 95/5%
- 2 year – 50/45/5%
- 3 year – 40/30/25/5%

Funding does not support work/costs retroactively. Funded work can start any time after grants are approved.

Approvals for our late spring intake are anticipated in the early Fall. Approvals for our Fall/Winter intake are anticipated in the Spring.

Projects need not be “launch ready” at the time of the application, but with limited funds and many immediate needs we’ll be looking for ‘readiness’ to start fairly soon after funding is received.

Funding is not required to be spent within a given fiscal year.

## SECTION 3: UNDRIP COMMITMENTS

The WSF is committed to upholding the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#). This section is an opportunity to describe how UNDRIP principles and efforts toward reconciliation and reciprocity can be intentionally woven into organizational culture, practice, and project work.

First Nations Led organizations have the option of providing a distinct perspective on UNDRIP in relation to your project, through one optional question. Organizations that do not currently have First Nations people empowered at all levels have an opportunity to share how they are implementing meaningful approaches or overcoming barriers to upholding UNDRIP through a series of questions. For smaller scale projects in Stream 1 (Headwaters) even initial actionable steps to learn about UNDRIP implementation and decolonizing practices can be an important starting point.

Successful applicants will be able to report again on these commitments after projects are underway or completed.

### First Nations Led Organizations only - UNDRIP – First Nations Perspective

We recognize that each First Nation has their own distinct perspective on advancing UNDRIP that is grounded in their own culture, governance, and land relationships. **If you'd like to share, we invite you to describe how UNDRIP might be informing your project approach, or any statements/vision/position on UNDRIP that your First Nation or organization may have.** We suggest under 400 words. Brief, point form comments are also welcome.

Comment:

Using a framework developed by Tara Marsden/Naxginkw we ask questions in the application (and later during project reporting) to understand how UNDRIP is being approached and implemented. This helps understand and assess applications, document actions and progress through project work, and share learnings and outcomes in meaningful and transparent ways.

### Non-First Nations Led Organization - UNDRIP

For Non-First Nations-Led Organizations please complete the following section

#### Non-First Nations-Led Organizations - UNDRIP\*

Please tell us about your plans to incorporate any of the following into your project planning or implementation. For comments, we suggest under 200 words. Brief, point form notes are welcome.

#### UNDRIP - Project activities support the exercise of First Nations rights\*

This can include land-based activities that support cultural and rights-based activities by First Nations. Select one.

- Planned
- Not Planned
- N/A

Comment:

#### UNDRIP – Incorporation of First Nations knowledge into project planning\*

This can include research on existing secondary sources, engagement with host/affected Nations, interviews with knowledge holders. Activities should be supported with commensurate budget planning for First Nations participation. Select one.

- Planned
- Not Planned
- N/A

Comment:

#### UNDRIP – Communications and outreach to First Nation leadership\*

This can include relationship-building, various forms of communication on the project, receiving input and direction into project design and implementation. Leadership can be elected Chief and Council, or traditional governance bodies. Activities should be supported with commensurate budget planning for indigenous participation. Select one.

- Planned
- Not Planned
- N/A

Comment:

#### UNDRIP – Project site/s First Nations ceremony\*

This can include inviting host/affected Nations to conduct land-based ceremonies to commemorate various aspects of the project, where appropriate (respecting other demands on host Nations) and with sufficient support in the budget planning. Select one.

- Planned
- Not Planned
- N/A

Comment:

#### UNDRIP – Training and other initiatives to strengthen the capacity of First Nations peoples to practice and uphold their indigenous rights and interests in ways that are meaningful to them\*

This can include support for land-use and land governance related capacity building and training for First Nations peoples as a part of your project. Activities should be supported with commensurate budget planning for indigenous participation. Select one.

- Planned
- Not Planned
- N/A

Comment:

#### UNDRIP – Other\*

If there are other ways you feel your project is advancing UNDRIP Principles, we would love to hear about this. Feel free to reference specific Articles or Article Numbers if applicable. Select one.

## SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

We'd like to learn about your project approaches to any of the following, if applicable. For each of your responses, we suggest under 200 words. Brief, point form notes are welcome.

<p><b>Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC)</b> <i>Are you a First Nation working in your own territory? If not, is your project addressing FPIC? What policies or practices do you have to work towards or to obtain First Nations free, prior and informed consent for a project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, in connection with the development or use of water resources?</i></p> <p>Response:</p>
<p><b>Regional Equity</b> <i>Are there particular regional challenges in terms of access to funding or other resourcing, and in relation to urgent/pressing watershed security needs or impacts in your community or watershed basin?</i></p> <p>Response:</p>
<p><b>Community Connection</b> <i>How are the communities most impacted or served by the project involved in its design, direction and/or implementation? How do you stay engaged and responsible to your community?</i></p> <p>Response:</p>
<p><b>Economic Resiliency, Jobs, Training &amp; Mentorship</b> <i>Will your project create or sustain jobs, training and economic opportunities that contribute to economic and community resilience? Does the project embrace and advance mentorship and intergenerational learning, leadership and knowledge building?</i></p> <p>Response:</p>
<p><b>Diversity of Interests &amp; Collaboration</b> <i>If there are other communities, organizations, or sectors whose partnership and collaboration are key to your project goals, how are you engaging them or building relationships? Are you working on watershed-based shared decision-making, co-development, and co-governance work? Or engaged in community foundation building for those efforts?</i></p> <p>Response:</p>

Section 4 touches on the additional assessment criteria or lenses we discussed earlier (in part 1 and shown again on the next page), and applicants have the option of speaking to one or more of these in relation to their project.

# Assessment Lenses – Why We Believe these are Important

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## Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC)

The WSF respects and promotes the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples and recognizes that respect for Indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditional practices contributes to sustainable and equitable development and proper management of watersheds (UNDRIP). UNDRIP Article 32 recognizes Indigenous peoples right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources, and establishes principles for free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

## Equity

Our grant funding is intended to support projects, build relationships, and facilitate the sharing of knowledge to advance sustainable, equitable, and socially just land use and watershed stewardship (Grant Agreement, C2A). Funding needs to strive for regional equity across what is referred to as British Columbia, recognizing that some regions experience particular challenges or barriers in terms of access to water-related funding or other resourcing, and/or may also be at greater risk in terms of climate and impacts or need for restoration stemming from cumulative industrial development (ILAC).

## Community Connection

Communities directly connected to their watersheds have a deep understanding of needs, priorities and solutions. Community-based connections that maintain and uplift relationships, accountability and responsibilities across generations are foundational to watershed security and governance. They take time, resourcing, and trust building.

## Economic Resiliency, Jobs, Training & Mentorship

The watershed sector supports a diverse spectrum of jobs in rural and urban areas. From entry-level to skilled, seasonal to permanent, technical to policy, the watershed sector has the potential for training and employment at all career stages and specialization levels. Embracing and advancing inter-generational learning between youth and elders, and growing the next generation of water stewards, contributes to a continuity of learning and leadership, and builds deep cultural and community connections. This is strengthened when education, training, and community development initiatives are in place. Rural and First Nations communities often embrace family and community connected jobs and support local business with local spending.

## Diversity of Interests & Collaboration

The WSF recognizes the shared and distinct interests and responsibilities of diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organizations in supporting watershed security, and the value of collaborating and working together and across jurisdictions to address pressing watershed needs. Relationships between Indigenous people and organizations, NGOs, local government, industry, and local communities are all essential to healthy watersheds now and in the future.



## SECTION 5: PARTNERS: ORGANIZATION NAMES AND ROLES

*Partners are not a requirement of funding but depending on the goals and activities of your project, the work may benefit from or depend on collaboration. You will not be evaluated on the number of partners you identify – we are most interested in hearing about those you feel are integral to project success, if any. Organizations only providing financial support are not considered partners for this question.*

**Would you like to tell us about any key partners you may have on this project?**

*These can be either formal and finalized or currently in the discussion and negotiation phase.*

- Yes – If yes, please complete the table below. **If you have more than one partner, please copy and paste the blank table to add more partners.**
- No – If no, move to next section on Project Budget.

<b>Partner Name:</b> <i>Full name of the organization or Individual partnering with you on this project</i>	
<b>Partner Sector: (select one)</b> <i>Please select the option that best describes your partner's sector.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit/NGO</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local/Regional Government</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provincial/Federal Government</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First Nations Government</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry, Association, Crown Corporation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Academic/Schools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Media/Comms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Private Sector</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ul>	
<b>Partner Contact Name:</b> <i>Please provide the name of ONE partner contact</i>	<b>Partner Contact Email:</b> <i>Please provide the email address of ONE partner contact.</i>
<b>Partner Role:</b> <i>Briefly describe the role they are playing in the project. What aspects of planning, informing, implementing or disseminating are they involved in? We suggest under 100 words.</i>	
<b>Partner Status:</b> <i>Please tell us the <u>current status</u> of this partnership:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Planned</li> </ul>	<b>First Nations - led:</b> <i>Is your partner First Nations or First Nations-led?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>

**Section 5 enables you to list and describe your project partners, and we offer this guidance:**

- Project partnerships can demonstrate important aspects of collaboration and community connection.
- But we won't be evaluating proposals based on the number of partners.
- Depending on the goals and activities of a proposed initiative, the importance, scope, and type of partnerships may vary.
- Understanding the nature of partnerships is helpful, and we ask some questions about that on the application.
- For letters of support, we understand there are challenges in getting those from busy partners. Letters of Support are optional but not required. If your project involves a partnership and relationship with First Nations, there should be a number of ways to demonstrate that (e.g. MOU, emails, evidence of shared involvement in events and other related projects), which don't burden Nations who are often fielding many such requests. If you've indicated you are working in partnership with a First Nation, we'll be looking for meaningful evidence of that.

**If you answered yes to 'First Nations-led' for your partner, please describe their Role\*:**

*Select the option that best describes the anticipated level of involvement for your First Nations Partner.*

- Full Partner** - Involved in project direction, design, implementation, dissemination, and follow up work
- Partial Partner** - Involved in some key milestones, has a say in key elements of project design, but may not be involved in all of the operational activities.
- Engagement** - Involved in engaging the community, sharing info, seeking and transmitting community input on project implementation
- Info-Sharing Only** - Capacity, time limitation, or other constraints not allowing for fulsome participation in project, but Nation wishes to be kept informed of activities and progress
- Other** - If the above descriptions do not fit, please describe your Indigenous partner's role in your own words (We suggest under 200 words).

Comments (if you chose 'Other'):

## SECTION 6: BUDGET

Eligible expenses for WSF Funding include: staffing and labour; program or project planning, design, delivery, coordination, communications, consultant fees; convening & relationship building, workshops, travel; Indigenous ceremony & cultural protocols, honoraria, building cultural competency; and, admin (of up to 10%). We encourage proposal budgets that support elders, youth, and ceremony, and sharing the story of project work. Site costs and capital equipment costs are eligible for restoration and nature based infrastructure projects, with some limitations.

Please see our application guide and budget template on the WSF grants website page [here](#) for additional budget guidance.

<b>Amount Requested*</b> Total amount of funds you are requesting from WSF.  Amount Requested:	<b>Total Project Cash Budget*</b> Total estimated required funds for the project, including project staffing but excluding in-kind expenses.  Total Project Cash Budget:
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**For Stream 1 (Headwaters) applications up to \$50,000:**

### Description of Expenses\*

Please briefly describe how you intend to allocate requested WSF funds. We suggest under 300 words.

Comment:

**For applications in Stream 2 (up to \$150,000) and Stream 3 (up to \$500,000) please submit our budget form with your [application](#).\***

Please complete the budget template form available on the grants page of our website (<https://watershedsecurityfund.ca/grants/>) and submit it with your application.

**Matching Funding:** Requirements for matching funding have been identified as barriers for many organizations doing watershed work.

Other sources of funding are not required, but good to see for projects in Stream 3 (River) and of interest in Stream 2 (Creek).

As part of project reporting, we will be interested in knowing about other sources of funding across any of the streams, to help us see how WSF resources are leveraged or complemented, and to understand and share insights about the funding landscape for the watershed sector.

**Budget Forms:** For projects in Stream 1 (Headwaters, under \$50,000), we only ask for a summary description of how WSF funds would be used for project expenses.

For Projects in Stream 2 (up to \$150,000) and Stream 3 (up to \$500,000), there is a budget form on our website, that we ask you to download and complete as part of your application (see next slide).

## BUDGET FORM – ONLY FOR STREAM 2 & STREAM 3 APPLICATIONS

EXPENSES - WSF FUNDING ONLY					
Expense Items	Details (if applicable)	WSF Budget Expense (Year 1)	WSF Budget Expense (Year 2 - if applicable)	WSF Budget Expense (Year 3 - if applicable)	TOTAL
<b>1 Project staff &amp; contract wages (including MERCs/Benefits)</b>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>copy &amp; insert additional rows as needed</i>					
<b>Subtotal - Project staff &amp; contract wages</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Estimated No Full Time (4+ days/week) Full gear positions (staff or contracted)</b>					XXXX
<b>Estimated No Seasonal or Part-time positions (staff or contracted)</b>					XXXX
<b>2 Site costs &amp; rental equipment</b>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>copy &amp; insert additional rows as needed</i>					
<b>Subtotal - Site costs &amp; rental equipment</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3 Project Related Capital Purchases (not to exceed 25% of total project expenses)</b>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>copy &amp; insert additional rows as needed</i>					
<b>Subtotal - Capital Purchases</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>4 Engagement</b>					
<i>Ceremony &amp; Protocol honourariums or recognition of host Nation(s)</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Evaluation support</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Communications</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Events, Training &amp; Peer Learning</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Travel/Accommodation</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>copy &amp; insert additional rows as needed</i>					
<b>Subtotal - Engagement</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>5 Other Expenses</b>					
<i>Don't see a relevant type of expense? Please fill in here.</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>copy &amp; insert additional rows as needed</i>					
<b>Subtotal - Other Expenses</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>6 Admin Expenses (up to 10%)</b>					
<i>Admin up to 10% of other combined project expenses</i>					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN EXPENSES</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Comments (if applicable):</b>					

Download the form from the grants page of our website: <https://watershedsecurityfund.ca/grants/>

### Notes on Expenses

- Staff & Contract Wages** - List/describe nature and number of positions e.g. project manager x1, coordinator x2, admin x1, fisheries tech x3, in stream site - We encourage projects to pay a living wage for positions funded through WSF (see rates here: [https://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca/living\\_wage\\_rates](https://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca/living_wage_rates))
- Site Costs** - Examples include: rental of equipment, vehicles, boats; construction materials such as soil, concrete, plant material, shovels, site fencing or storage (that stays on site); fuel or delivery costs for site prep, activities, travel to/from site; water sampling processing, production of maps, drone footage
- Capital Purchases** - Necessary to the project and which add to the organization's asset base beyond project timeframe (typically not to exceed 25% of project expenses). Examples include: IT hardware or software (typically not to exceed 10% of project expenses); purchase of equipment that stays with the applicant/organization such as some vehicles, survey instruments, radio receivers, water monitoring equipment (typically not to exceed 15% of project expenses);
- Engagement** - We encourage applicants to include budget for community engagement (both with Nations and with non-Indigenous communities/people). A range of expenses are supported, such as: ceremony, protocol, and honouraria for individuals or recognition of host Nation(s); training and peer learning; evaluation & reporting; and project communications including storytelling materials, photographers, videographers, and other costs to create or supply written and/or visual digital content (photography, video, social media). *If you have communications staff involved in a project, their staff wages/salary can be included in the "Project Staff and Contract Wages" section.*
- Other** - If you have a budget expense that doesn't fit easily into the above categories, feel free to identify it here.
- Admin** - Up to 10% of Program Expenses (e.g. Overhead expenses such as: Board Expenses, Accounting, Audit, Legal Fees, Office Space & Operations, Bank Fees,



## SECTION 7: ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Additional Information

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your project that was not already included in your responses? Feel free to include links to web-based supplementary information, documents, or videos that you feel strengthen your application? We suggest under 300 words.

Comment:

### Supplementary Documents or Letters of Support

Please use file names that provide some indication of the file contents and date of publication if applicable.

**The following format is preferred:** Org Name Acronym\_Document Name\_Date of Publication – eg: WSF\_Drought Report\_Jan 2023.pdf

With the exception of budget forms for Stream 2 and Stream 3 applications, supplementary files are not mandatory and your application will not be evaluated based on the number of files you share. Please only provide materials you feel are necessary for telling the story of your project. If you intend to submit your application through our online portal, please note **it can only accommodate up to 5 attachments and the total size of all attachments must be below 30 MB**. If you have larger files or additional key materials to share, please consider providing links to online versions in your response to “Additional Information” or you may email them to [grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca](mailto:grants@watershedsecurityfund.ca)

Documents in PDF format are generally preferred, but Word and Excel files (for budget forms) may also be uploaded through the online application portal (or included with your application by email). Video or image files of 10 MB or less may also be uploaded or included.

**Note:** Letters of support are welcome but not mandatory. Letters of support can also be in email format (please upload a PDF copy of the email). Letters of support addressed/submitted to other funders are also acceptable.

### Future Engagement

We are still in the early stages of developing our grant funding program. In the future we hope to be able to offer some resources and engagement opportunities for applicants, grantees, and people working in the watershed sector.

**If you would like to be added to a list to be notified of future potential learning opportunities related to UNDRIP, watershed engagement and learning events, and funding supports, please indicate yes here:**

- Yes  
 No

**Thank you for your time and effort in submitting an application. We appreciate this opportunity to learn about your organization and your proposed project.**

In the final section of the application, you have the option of providing additional information such as videos or website links, with some guidance on uploading files.

We also give people an opportunity to let us know if they would be interested in being added to list to be notified of future potential learning opportunities related to UNDRIP, watershed engagement and learning events, and funding supports.

We are still in the early stages of developing our grant funding program, but in the future we hope to be able to offer some resources and engagement opportunities for applicants, grantees, and people working in the watershed sector.

We really appreciate you taking the time to learn about the program, and thank you for the work you do, and for your shared commitment to this inspiring, impactful, and healing work.





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