

# Letter of Intent - Lake Winnipeg Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative Cultivating Collaboration and Indigenous-Driven Action

The Lake Winnipeg Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative (FEI) provides financial support for eligible partner-led projects that improve the water quality and ecological health of Lake Winnipeg and its basin.

Funding through this initiative supports ***Cultivating Collaboration and Indigenous-Driven Action***, facilitating projects within the Canadian portion of the basin that enhance opportunities and capacity for Indigenous-led stewardship on freshwater quality issues in the Lake Winnipeg Basin. Projects should be **led by or partnered closely** with Indigenous governments, organizations, and/or communities.

This funding stream includes a two-stage application process. In the first stage, applicants will submit a Letter of Intent (LOI), which provides an opportunity for earlier engagement on potential project ideas and confirmation that proposed activities address common priorities. After the LOI stage, applicants with eligible projects will then be invited to complete a full application for further consideration. Applications will be evaluated in a competitive, merit-based process, including application quality, alignment with program priorities, and completeness.

**Completed LOIs must be submitted via email before the deadline: January 9, 2026, 14:00 CST to: [LakeWinnipegInfo-LacWinnipeginfo@cwa-aec.gc.ca](mailto:LakeWinnipegInfo-LacWinnipeginfo@cwa-aec.gc.ca) .**

Funding details are available on the [Lake Winnipeg FEI webpage](#), and the ***Cultivating Collaboration and Indigenous-Driven Action*** Applicant Guide.

Note: Nutrient reduction focused projects should be directed to the [Lake Winnipeg FEI Nutrient Reduction Stream](#)'s call for applications, which closes December 22, 2025. If you have questions, please [contact](#) the Lake Winnipeg FEI.



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<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>	
<i>enter information below</i>	
Project Applicant (Legal organization name):	
Project Contact Name:	
Project Contact Email:	
Project Contact Phone:	
Project Title:	
Project Timeframe (funding is available from April 1, 2026 until March 31, 2029):	
Project Location:	
Primary Project Partners (not limited to funders):	
Total Project Cost (cash and in-kind):	
Amount of funding requested from the Lake Winnipeg FEI:	



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**Project Description**

Include a brief description of the project's overall objective (what and why); key activities; and expected outcomes. (300 words max)



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**Alignment to the Cultivating Collaboration and Indigenous-Driven Action  
Priority**

Briefly describe how the project will enhance opportunities and capacity for Indigenous-led stewardship on freshwater quality issues in the Lake Winnipeg Basin.  
(200 words max)



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**Nature of Partnerships**

For projects led by non-Indigenous applicants, please briefly describe how your project will closely partner or work with Indigenous peoples. (200 words max)

*Not required if the applicant is an Indigenous government, organization, or community.*



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**Other**

Additional information (e.g. web links etc.) may be provided (150 words max)

*All notifications and communications will be sent to the contact indicated above. Lake Winnipeg FEI staff may follow up with applicants about their submitted LOIs.*

*By submitting this form, the applicant agrees and understands that:*

- *The information included is accurate;*
- *All records provided by a Letter of Intent to CWA and in communications in relation to the Letter of Intent is collected, retained and used by CWA for the purposes of reviewing, evaluating and selecting project proposals under grants and contribution funding programs administered and managed by CWA or for a use consistent with these purposes;*
- *Federal government institutions, including CWA, are bound by the requirements of the Access to Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Canada Evidence Act as well as the Library and Archives Canada Act. These laws apply to the use, disclosure and retention of information (such as personal, confidential or other) under the control of federal government institutions;*
- *Any personal, confidential or other information provided as part of this Application is provided with the consent of the party to whom the information relates or who owns the information; and*
- *The submitter is authorized to submit this Letter of Intent on behalf of the Applicant.*

