

Great Lakes Protection Initiative
Overview of Application-Based Funding Opportunities for 2021-22

PREVENTING TOXIC AND NUISANCE ALGAE*	REDUCING RELEASES OF HARMFUL CHEMICALS*	ENGAGING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN ADDRESSING GREAT LAKES ISSUES*	INCREASING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH CITIZEN SCIENCE*	RESTORING AREAS OF CONCERN
PROGRAM GOAL				
To decrease loadings of phosphorus to Lake Erie from Canadian sources.	To reduce releases of Chemicals of Mutual Concern (CMCs) to the Great Lakes from Canadian sources.	To increase Indigenous participation in decision making processes and actions to restore and protect Great Lakes water quality.	To increase Canadians' knowledge of and engagement in addressing Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem health issues.	To restore water quality and ecosystem health in Canadian Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs).
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE FOR APPLICATION-BASED FUNDING				
Increase participation in the application of phosphorus load reduction measures by demonstrating innovative approaches and best management practices and promoting their broad uptake and application.	Increase participation in the application of beyond-compliance measures to reduce releases of CMCs by developing, implementing, assessing and promoting use of innovative approaches.	Enhance Indigenous capacity to address Great Lakes issues by implementing projects that engage Indigenous Peoples at the community level.	Enhance Canadians' knowledge of and engagement in addressing Great Lakes issues through participation in citizen science.	Support action at the local level to restore water quality and aquatic ecosystem health by implementing projects identified in AOC Remedial Action Plans.
ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS				
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ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing and evaluating innovative approaches or technologies to reduce phosphorus loads. Implementing and evaluating the effectiveness of Best Management Practices to reduce phosphorus loads. Increasing the extent of natural features (e.g. wetlands) and/or enhancing their effectiveness in reducing phosphorus loads. <p>All projects must contain an outreach plan detailing how the project will promote broad uptake and application of the phosphorus reduction measures demonstrated.</p>	<p>Demonstration and assessment of approaches that reduce releases of CMCs in the Great Lakes basin from Canadian sources, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced life-cycle/end of life management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Lakes restoration, conservation or protection projects. Science related to Great Lakes issues. Creation of networks for Indigenous experts to share knowledge/experience. Projects building awareness of Great Lakes issues. 	<p>Projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of people participating in Great Lakes citizen science. Engage citizens in a manner that increases their knowledge of Great Lakes issues. Collect and make available useful scientific information. 	<p>Projects that contribute to directly eliminating identified "beneficial use impairments" through Action, Engagement and/or Science:</p> <p>Action: Implement remedial actions that result in environmental improvement in AOCs, including habitat rehabilitation, rural non-point source control, contaminated sediment remediation, municipal wastewater treatment, urban storm water/combined sewer overflow control.</p> <p>Engagement: Support strategic engagement with local communities for Remedial Action Plan work planning, implementation and decision-making towards restoring beneficial use impairments.</p> <p>Science: Conduct science and monitoring to assess the status of beneficial use impairments against delisting targets and inform remedial action planning and implementation.</p>
FUNDING DETAILS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects up to \$300,000. Multi-year projects eligible – up to 2 years. <p>While not a requirement, applications demonstrating other sources of financial and/or in-kind support will be scored favourably when evaluated on value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects up to \$100,000. Multi-year projects eligible – up to 2 years. <p>While not a requirement, applications demonstrating other sources of financial and/or in-kind support will be scored favourably when evaluated on value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects up to \$100,000. Multi-year projects eligible – up to 2 years. <p>While not a requirement, applications demonstrating other sources of financial and/or in-kind support will be scored favourably when evaluated on value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects up to \$1,800,000. \$40,000 minimum funding request. <p>While not a requirement, applications demonstrating other sources of financial and/or in-kind support will be scored favourably when evaluated on value for money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects typically range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Multi-year projects eligible. <p>While not a requirement, applications demonstrating other sources of financial and/or in-kind support will be scored favourably when evaluated on value for money.</p>
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE				
Lake Erie drainage basin.	Great Lakes drainage basin.	Great Lakes drainage basin.	Great Lakes shorelines, near-shore and/or offshore areas.	14 Canadian Great Lakes Areas of Concern.

*The preventing toxic and nuisance algae, reducing releases of harmful chemicals, engaging Indigenous Peoples in Great Lakes issues, and increasing public engagement through citizen science funding streams are fully subscribed.

For more information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/great-lakes-protection/funding.html>.