

A collage of fresh produce, including green bell peppers in a green plastic basket, a cardboard box filled with yellow-green apples, a striped yellow and orange squash, a head of white garlic, and several red onions, all set against a dark green background with a diagonal white line.

Greenbelt Foundation **2026** Grant Funding Guidelines

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ONTARIO'S GREENBELT & THE GREENBELT FOUNDATION

About the Greenbelt

Ontario's Greenbelt is 2 million acres of protected farmland, forests, wetlands, rivers, and lakes in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, one of the fastest growing regions in North America.

A world leader, Ontario's Greenbelt consists of multiple ecologically and agriculturally significant areas including the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine, protected countryside, urban river valleys, and the Holland Marsh and Niagara Tender Fruit and Grape specialty crop areas.

Ontario's Greenbelt supports a thriving Ontario by:

- Supporting sustainable agriculture and local food systems
- Safeguarding our precious water resources
- Protecting diverse natural ecosystems
- Mitigating against the impacts of climate change
- Providing world-class outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities
- Sustaining thriving rural economies.

The protection and prosperity of Ontario's Greenbelt is critical if we are to continue meeting the needs of our growing province for generations to come.



About the Greenbelt Foundation

The Greenbelt Foundation is the only charitable organization solely dedicated to ensuring Ontario's Greenbelt remains permanent, protected, and prosperous.

Through strategic grant making and philanthropic partnerships, community education and engagement, as well as research-informed policy recommendations and programs, the Foundation invests in the Greenbelt's interconnected natural, agricultural, economic, and cultural systems, ensuring a working, thriving Greenbelt for all.

For more information about the Greenbelt and the work of the Greenbelt Foundation, visit greenbelt.ca.



GRANT FUNDING STREAMS

Overview

The Greenbelt Foundation invites grant applications for initiatives that strengthen and protect the Greenbelt's natural and agricultural systems, and that encourage engagement in the Greenbelt's natural spaces, tourism, and recreation opportunities. We seek to support projects that highlight and deepen the Greenbelt's unique and critical contributions to Ontario, ensuring it remains a great place to live, work, play, and grow.

The 2026 Grant Funding Program is structured around three funding streams that scope the Foundation's areas of work: Resilient Greenbelt (Enhancing Natural Systems), Sustainable Greenbelt (Supporting Local Food and Rural Economies), and Accessible Greenbelt (Advancing Access, Education, and Engagement). More information about each funding stream can be found below. The Foundation may, from time to time, consider projects that fall outside these funding streams if they respond to or inform immediate or emerging opportunities and/or provincial priorities related to the Greenbelt.

For this funding round, the Greenbelt Foundation is seeking proposals for projects that focus on specific Foundation-identified priorities within each of these three funding streams. Projects that seek to accomplish these priorities will receive special consideration when making funding recommendations/approvals for the 2026 Grant Funding Program. You can find the Foundation's description of these project prioritizations within the appropriate sections for each of the three funding streams below.



GRANT FUNDING STREAMS

I. Resilient Greenbelt (Enhancing Natural Systems)

The Greenbelt's iconic landscapes—the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine, protected countryside, and urban river valleys—include an abundance of important aquifers, coastal wetlands, old-growth forests, marshlands, grasslands, and savannahs that provide critical ecosystem services to rural and urban residents in the country's largest population centre, the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

This funding stream invests in projects that leverage the Greenbelt's natural systems to:

- Protect, steward, and restore critical water resources of the Oak Ridges Moraine and other significant hydrological systems in the Greenbelt
- Promote the uptake and scaling of natural infrastructure as cost-effective and sustainable solutions to climate change with a focus on natural asset management planning in Greenbelt communities
- Bolster community stewardship initiatives to increase natural cover (for example forests, meadows, and wetlands) improve species at risk habitat, restore damaged habitats, protect critical water resources, and enhance ecological connectivity
- Support Indigenous-led initiatives and Indigenous knowledge systems to conserve the Greenbelt's ecological systems, including restoring areas, plants, and harvesting rights important to Indigenous Peoples



Examples of Resilient Greenbelt Projects & Outcomes

The following are some examples of projects and outcomes that would fall under the Greenbelt Foundation's Resilient Greenbelt funding stream:

- Compile evidence about the state of the Greenbelt's water protections and their capacity to support sustainable growth into easy-to-digest reports and associated communications products
- Engage communities and develop stewardship models that monitor groundwater sources in the Oak Ridges Moraine
- Develop natural asset inventories and promote policies that encourage the use of municipal natural infrastructure
- Conserve protected areas and species at risk habitat by using policy-based strategies to preserve Greenbelt biodiversity
- Develop strategies to broadly or profoundly improve natural cover in the Greenbelt through native plantings and restoration that incorporates Indigenous knowledge

2026 Project Prioritization

For the 2026 Grant Funding Round, the Greenbelt Foundation is seeking funding proposals between \$25,000-\$100,000 for projects that can be completed by December 2026. Funding requests can be for multi-year projects, but the current (funded) phase of work must be completed by the end of the year.

With limited funding available, this grant round is seeking to focus on specific Foundation-identified priorities. While we will consider all eligible projects submitted to the **Resilient Greenbelt** funding stream, special consideration will be given to projects that focus on the following themes:

- Nature corridors and ecological connectivity within the Greenbelt
- Natural asset management and use of natural infrastructure solutions in Greenbelt region communities (including storm water and flood protection)
- Water system health (with an emphasis on headwaters and/or groundwater)

GRANT FUNDING STREAMS

II. Sustainable Greenbelt (Supporting Local Food & Rural Economies)

Agriculture is an integral part of the Greenbelt, fostering rural prosperity and sustaining a vital agri-food sector within Ontario. The region's fertile soils, moderate climate, and proximity to major markets make it one of the most productive and diverse agricultural areas in the province. However, the sector faces growing pressures, from a changing climate, volatile markets, and rising input and land costs to an aging farming population. To remain strong and resilient, the sector requires continued investment in soil health, climate adaptation, innovation, and competitiveness, to ensure that Greenbelt agriculture continues to feed Ontario while supporting thriving rural communities and a strong agri-food economy.

This funding stream invests in projects that:

- Generate and share research, data, and communications that build evidence and insight into the Greenbelt's agri-food system; identify opportunities, challenges, and pathways toward a resilient and competitive sector.
- Sustain the Greenbelt's agricultural and rural economic systems through approaches that protect, maintain, and enhance agricultural viability and soil health, creating healthy Greenbelt communities
- Support the Greenbelt's rural economy by fostering innovation across the agri-food value chain, from primary agricultural production to processing, storage, distribution.
- Increase knowledge of the benefits that communities derive from the Greenbelt's reliable local food system, its protection of farmland, and rural resilience



Examples of Sustainable Greenbelt Projects & Outcomes

The following are some examples of projects and outcomes that would fall under the Greenbelt Foundation's Sustainable Greenbelt funding stream:

- Compile evidence about the state of the Greenbelt's agricultural system protections and strategies for increasing food sovereignty into easy-to-digest reports and associated communications products
- Reinforce the regional local food system by promoting production of fruits and vegetables grown as well as other Greenbelt agricultural products
- Support the adoption of best management practices (BMPs) that improve soil health, reduce emissions, and protect water quality across Greenbelt farms.
- Restore and enhance natural infrastructure on farmland to increase climate resilience and effective land stewardship.
- Foster training, mentorship, and innovation that expand access to farming opportunities and strengthen the capacity of the next generation of Greenbelt farmers.

2026 Project Prioritization

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With limited funding available, this grant round is seeking to focus on specific Foundation-identified priorities. While we will consider all eligible projects submitted to the **Sustainable Greenbelt** funding stream, special consideration will be given to projects that focus on the following themes:

- Increasing resiliency in agriculture in the face of a changing climate
- Identify opportunities to expand Greenbelt product and products
- Advance initiatives that sustain and enhance Greenbelt rural economies

GRANT FUNDING STREAMS

III. Accessible Greenbelt (Advancing Access, Education, & Engagement)

The natural landscape features found in the Greenbelt, such as river valleys, farms, forests, and parks, are abundant and support rural tourism and enhance access to nature through local food experiences, outdoor recreational activities, and cultural tourism experiences. The Greenbelt has a rich cultural heritage and is the historic and current home of a diversity of Indigenous communities and cultures.

This funding stream invests in projects that

- Increase public awareness and appreciation of the Greenbelt's natural and cultural heritage systems that support the region's rural economy, social well-being, and climate resilience
- Create and enhance experiences that encourage public learning about and access to the Greenbelt through recreational and sustainable tourism activities, with a focus on enhancing trails and creating signage
- Engage local governments and community leaders to improve knowledge, understanding, and awareness of the Greenbelt and its contributions to sustainable growth and provincial-federal priorities
- Lower barriers and increase the public's ability to enjoy the Greenbelt's benefits by creating and enhancing programs that encourage protection of and access to the Greenbelt



Examples of Accessible Greenbelt Projects & Outcomes

The following are some examples of projects and outcomes that would fall under the Greenbelt Foundation's Accessible Greenbelt funding stream:

- Create innovative and broad-reaching public communication tools to increase awareness about the benefits of the Greenbelt, including ecosystem services, community benefits, sustainable growth, and cumulative benefits of the Greenbelt's 20-year history
- Compile evidence about the state of the Greenbelt's tourism and recreation industry and assess opportunities to support sustainable industry growth into easy to digest reports and associated communications products
- Develop and promote sustainable tourism experiences through recreational and agri-tourism experiences, opportunities to learn about Indigenous cultural sites, and visits to the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine
- Plan and enhance Greenbelt trails and sites used for outdoor recreation and opportunities to learn and discover cultural heritage
- Install signage at trailheads, parks, and areas of high visibility to engage the public and inform visitors about local Greenbelt sites

2026 Project Prioritization

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With limited funding available, this grant round is seeking to focus on specific Foundation-identified priorities. While we will consider all eligible projects submitted to the **Accessible Greenbelt** funding stream, special consideration will be given to projects that focus on the following themes:

- Increase opportunities for the public to experience and enjoy the Greenbelt through outdoor recreational activities, access to nature (e.g., parks and trails), and other sustainable tourism activities
- Support efforts to create new or enhanced greenspaces or recreational amenities such as trail systems

2026 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Please read this portion of the 2026 Grant Funding Guidelines in its entirety before contacting staff at the Greenbelt Foundation with questions or requests for additional information.

Key Dates

The following are the key dates for the Greenbelt Foundation's 2026 Grant Funding Round:

- Grant applications are due via the Foundation's online portal by **5pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025**. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we cannot make exceptions to this deadline.
- The Greenbelt Foundation will be in contact with all applicants **by the end of November** regarding the status of their grant application. Select applicants, who are invited to submit supplementary information to complete their grant applications, will be notified by **November 24, 2025**.
- Applicants invited to submit supplementary information to complete their grant applications must submit their materials by **5pm on Friday, December 5, 2025**.
- The Foundation will review proposals with their staff, Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors. The outcome of the 2026 Grant Round will be announced in **April 2026**.

Eligibility

The Grant Funding Program is open to a broad range of stakeholders and community partners who can advance efforts to enhance Ontario's Greenbelt. The Foundation will consider applications from registered charities, incorporated non-profit organizations, municipalities, First Nations and Indigenous communities, and conservation authorities with projects aligned to the Foundation's funding streams.

Organizations can apply individually or in collaboration with others. Lead applicants must be a registered charity or non-profit organization.

All applicants will be required to complete an eligibility quiz before accessing the grant application on the Foundation's grant portal.

Grant Round Scope

For the 2026 Grant Funding Round, the Greenbelt Foundation will consider funding proposals between \$25,000-\$100,000 for projects that can be completed by December 2026. Funding requests can be for multi-year projects, but the phase of work outlined in your grant application must be completed by the end of the year. Since funding announcements will be made in spring 2026, project proposals should be for activities that can be completed within 6-8 months.

For larger funding requests, the Greenbelt Foundation strongly encourages grantees to seek funding beyond just the Greenbelt Foundation. Larger funding requests with

confirmed funding from other sources, will be viewed more favourably than those without confirmed and/or anticipated funding.

For projects that fall outside funding request limits, please consult with the Foundation's Grant Program staff before submitting your application.

With limited funding available, this grant round is seeking to focus on specific Foundation-identified priorities. While we will consider all eligible projects submitted to our three grant funding streams, special consideration will be given to projects that focus on the themes identified in the 2026 Project Prioritization sections of each stream.

Steps for Submitting a Grant Application

Follow these steps to submit a grant application for the 2026 grant round. Please note that grant applications must be submitted no later than **5pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025**.

STEP 1: Review the 2026 Grant Funding Guidelines (you're doing it now!) and [FAQs](#) on the Greenbelt Foundation website.

STEP 2: Complete an eligibility quiz on the Foundation's [grant portal](#).

STEP 3: Register your organization on the Foundation's [grant portal](#). You will receive confirmation of your registration and an invitation to submit your application within 2 business days.

STEP 4: Submit your grant application through the Foundation's [grant portal](#). The Greenbelt Foundation will be in contact with all applicants **by the end of November** regarding the status of your grant application.

Grant Application Requirements

Eligible, registered applicants can submit a grant application through the Greenbelt Foundation's grant portal. Applicants will need to provide the following information in their grant application:

- Organizational overview
- Funding request amount
- Project budget
- Project activities
- Project outputs and outcomes
- Project needs and benefits
- Project leadership, partners, and funders
- Most recent audited financial statements
- Additional materials (including organization logo and photos)
- Relevant impact metrics measured by the Greenbelt Foundation

For a complete list of grant proposal questions, see [Appendix A: Grant Application Questions](#).

Supplementary Information Submission

Selected applicants will be invited to submit supplementary information to support the consideration of their application by the Foundation's Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

Supplementary information can include:

- Risk assessment plan
- Communications plan
- Evaluation plan
- Background materials and additional information

Application Review Process

Each grant round, the Foundation aspires to select a portfolio of projects that support the various sectors and regions that make up the Greenbelt.

Each grant application will be reviewed by Greenbelt Foundation staff and Advisory Committee. External peer reviewers may also be used to assess individual proposals as needed.

The Greenbelt Foundation Board of Directors makes final funding decisions.

Applicable Financial Policies

Grantees will be expected to adhere to the following financial policies:

- The Greenbelt Foundation expects all grantees/funding recipients to use Foundation funds to carry out the projects outlined in their proposals in accordance with the Budgetary Expenditure Restrictions in Appendix B: Eligible and Ineligible Costs and Appendix C: Eligible Project Activities.
- All funding will be subject to a 10 percent holdback payable upon successful completion of the project and the approval of a final report. Materials and/or services purchased by the grant recipient with funding supplied by the Foundation must be subject to a process that promotes the best value for the funds spent.
- Non-profit organizations that are not registered charities must submit paid invoices and proof of payment with Interim and/or Final Project Reports.
- Charities are required to retain invoices and proof of expenditures and provide them to the Foundation upon request. With adequate notice, the Foundation may inspect the work carried out by all funding recipients, including accounts, records, and physical assets whose acquisition was financed by the Foundation.

Reporting Requirements

To report on project results and track progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the Foundation's funding streams, every recipient is required to submit Interim and/or Final Project Reports. The specific requirements for these reports are outlined on the grants

portal and involve three main project reporting components: a narrative section, including questions on the status of the project; an updated budget; and a workplan report.

Greenbelt Foundation Approach to Grantmaking

The Greenbelt Foundation supports initiatives that will help ensure Ontario's Greenbelt remains permanent, protected, and prosperous.

We strive to support projects that strengthen our collective understanding of the Greenbelt's rich cultural, agricultural, and natural heritage; programs that ensure communities have accessible and healthy greenspace to explore; and initiatives that propose solutions to the challenges our province faces in terms of growth and climate change.

It is essential that each project has an obvious connection to, and direct impact on, the Greenbelt. For maps of the Greenbelt, please visit our [website](#). We strongly encourage applicants to familiarize themselves with the information about the Greenbelt and the work of the Greenbelt Foundation on our website, by visiting [greenbelt.ca](#).

We encourage proposals that develop and/or deepen collaborations between multiple stakeholders. We prioritize projects that integrate a diversity of perspectives and skill sets, as well as those that can demonstrate strong community and/or partner support.

As well, we encourage submissions from underrepresented community groups and Indigenous-led initiatives and review all proposals in the context of their contributions towards the Foundation's commitments to Truth and Reconciliation.

The Greenbelt Foundation seeks to build dynamic partnerships with our grantees, and we pride ourselves in being an involved and supportive funder. We appreciate when grantees are proactive in sharing information and resources that can be shared and adapted to other areas of the Greenbelt, success stories that raise the profile of the Greenbelt's benefits, and opportunities for the Foundation to participate in events and activities.

The Greenbelt Foundation is a non-partisan independent registered charity. While our Foundation's grant program receives funding from the Government of Ontario to support stewardship of the Greenbelt, such support does not indicate endorsement by the Government of Ontario of the contents of the program.

Contact Us

The Foundation's Grant Program staff can be reached at grants@greenbelt.ca or by calling 416-960-0001 ext. 310 if you have any questions about eligibility, registration, funding limits, application requirements, or any other aspect of the grant application process.

To schedule a call with the Foundation's Grant Program staff to discuss your project, please submit a meeting request via our [Microsoft Bookings scheduler](#). Applicants must review these 2026 Grant Funding Guidelines, our [FAQs](#), and complete an eligibility quiz on our [grant portal](#) before booking a meeting.

For more information about the Greenbelt Foundation's Grant Program, or to join our Call for Proposal Notification mailing list, visit greenbelt.ca/grants.

APPENDIX A: GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To help you prepare your application, please find here the grant application questions. We recommend working on these questions in a word document and then copying and pasting your responses into the Greenbelt Foundation's [grants portal](#) for submission.

Organization Overview

Organization Name:

Organization Website:

Mailing Address:

About Your Organization:

In 2-3 paragraphs, please tell us about your organization and the work that you do (including your mission, history, activities, etc.). If you are seeking support for a collaborative project, please also include information about the primary partner organizations involved (1500 character maximum)

Primary Contact

Please provide information for the individual who will be the primary point of contact for the Greenbelt Foundation related to this funding application.

- **Name:**
- **Title:**
- **Email:**
- **Phone Number:**

Binding Authority

Please provide information for the individual whose signature will be required for grant agreements, if this funding application is successful. This can be the same person as the Primary Contact.

- **Name:**
- **Title:**
- **Email:**
- **Phone Number:**

Organizational Status

Please select the appropriate organizational status to describe your organization:

- Charitable Organization
- Not-for-Profit
- Municipality
- Conservation Authority
- Indigenous Organization

- Other
- I'm not sure

Charitable Registration Number

If you are a charitable organization, please indicate your charitable registration number. If you are not a charitable organization, please write N/A.

Have you applied for funding with the Greenbelt Foundation before?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Have you been awarded funding by the Greenbelt Foundation before?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Annual Operating Budget:

Please indicate your annual operating budget.

Project Overview

Project Title:

Request Overview:

In 2-3 sentences, starting with "This project seeks to...." describe the goal, activities, and impact of your funding request. For example, "This project seeks to rehabilitate 2 acres of wetlands and enhance 14 kilometres of trail at the Happy Forest Reserve along the Niagara Escarpment. These activities, engaging 6 community partners and 40+ volunteers, will help to protect valuable habitat for species at risk, introduce educational signage about the importance of this Greenbelt ecosystem, and encourage responsible tourism in the region." (750 character maximum)

Grant Funding Stream

*Please review the grant funding streams outlined in the Greenbelt Foundation's Grant Funding Guidelines and identify which funding stream your project **best** fits into.*

- Resilient Greenbelt (Enhancing Natural Systems)
- Sustainable Greenbelt (Supporting Local Food and Rural Economies)
- Accessible Greenbelt (Advancing Access, Education, and Engagement)

Geographic Focus Area of Project Activities: Greenbelt Features

Please select the geography (or geographies) that best represents the focus of your proposed grant activities:

- Greenbelt-wide
- Niagara Escarpment

- Oak Ridges Moraine
- Protected Countryside (protected agricultural lands not otherwise protected by the Niagara Escarpment Plan or the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan).
- Urban River Valleys
- Holland Marsh
- Niagara Tender Fruit and Grape Specialty Crop Area

Geographic Focus Area of Project Activities: Region

Please select the region (or regions) that best represents the focus of your proposed grant activities:

- Greater Golden Horseshoe (includes the Greenbelt and all included and adjacent regions)
- N/A (Not Applicable)
- Bruce County
- Dufferin County
- Durham Region
- Grey County
- Halton Region
- Niagara Region
- Northumberland County
- Peel Region
- Peterborough County
- Region of Waterloo
- Simcoe County
- Wellington County
- York Region

Geographic Focus Area of Project Activities: Municipalities

Please select the municipality (or municipalities) that best represents the focus of your proposed grant activities:

- (All Greenbelt municipalities listed on the grants portal)

Total Project Budget:

Please indicate the total budget for your project, including in-kind contributions.

Funding Amount Requested:

Please indicate the total amount of funding you are requesting from the Greenbelt Foundation.

Total Funding Confirmed:

Please indicate the total amount of confirmed funding you have received for your project from sources other than the Greenbelt Foundation. Please do NOT include in-kind contributions.

Length of Project:

Please indicate the total length of the project activities outlined in your grant application in months and/or years.

Anticipated Project Start Date:

Please indicate the anticipated start date for your project.

Anticipated Project End Date:

Please indicate the anticipated end date for your project.

Project Description**Project Activities**

Describe in detail the various activities that will take place for your project (in bulleted form). Include why you are undertaking these activities. If your project is building on past work and/or being modelled after other successful projects, please share that here as well. (3000 character maximum)

Expected Outputs and Outcomes:

What are the expected outputs (i.e. immediate and tangible results) of your project (ex. # of acres restored, # of signs installed, # of webinars hosted, # of stakeholder engaged, etc.) and outcomes (i.e. long-term impacts) of your project (ex. greater access to green spaces by marginalized community members, increased flood protection, increased support for local food growers and agri-businesses, etc.) (3000 character maximum)

Need and Benefits

Outline the need for your project and present an argument for why your methodology is sound and relates to your project's desired outputs and outcomes. Describe how your project benefits the Greenbelt and aligns with the Greenbelt Foundation's stated priorities. (3000 character maximum)

Project Leadership

Identify key project leaders and staff, including leaders and staff from partner organizations, involved in the project and describe their role, skills and expertise in relation to the project.

Number of key project leaders and staff:

Please fill out the following for each key project leader and/or staff:

- **Name:**
- **Title:**
- **Email**

- **Phone Number:**
- **Role in the Project:**

Project Partners:

Identify key project partner organizations involved in the project and describe their role, skills and expertise in relation to the project.

Number of key project partners:

Please fill out the following for each key project partner:

- **Organization Name:**
- **Contact Name:**
- **Contact Title:**
- **Email:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Role in the Project:**

Project Funders

Identify all confirmed project funders.

Number of Project Funders:

Please fill out the following for each project funder:

- **Funder Name:**
- **Contact Name:**
- **Email:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Type of Organization:**
- **Funding Amount Confirmed:**

Indigenous Consultation and Partnership

If applicable, please describe here what steps you will take to ensure your proposed activities include meaningful and appropriate consultation and/or collaboration with Indigenous partners. (1500 character maximum)

Budget and Financial Information

Project Budget

Upload an itemized budget using the template provided. Include totals for each budget item and indicate the amount you are requesting from the Greenbelt Foundation. Please also indicate other sources of funding, including in-kind, and whether these amounts have been confirmed. Budgets can include overhead costs up to 10% of the total budget. Please ensure project expenses match project revenues. Please also review the grant guidelines for funding request limits and a list of eligible activities and expenditures.

GREENBELT FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM: PROJECT BUDGET

Organization Name:	
Project Name:	
Length of Project (in months and/or years):	

PROJECT EXPENDITURES

	Total Project Budget	Funding Requested from Greenbelt Foundation
Human Resource Costs		
<i>Specify staff salaries related to this project (indicating the name, title, salary, percentage of time being devoted to this project, etc.)</i>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract and Professional Service Costs		
<i>Specify costs related to contractors, consultants, and/or any outside support necessary for this project.</i>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Materials, Supplies and Equipment Rental		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education and Event Related Costs		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Translation, Printing production and Distribution Costs		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel in Ontario Costs		
<i>For mileage, indicate the number of kms travelled (covered at a rate of \$0.39/km).</i>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overhead Expenses		
<i>Overhead expenses cannot total more than 10% of the amount requested from the Greenbelt Foundation.</i>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0.00	\$0.00

PROJECT INCOME

	Amount	Confirmed?	Notes
Foundations (specify)			
Greenbelt Foundation	\$0.00	No	
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
Government Funding (specify)			
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
Other Income (please specify, including corporate sponsorship, donations, program revenue, etc.)			
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
In-Kind Donations (specify)			
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
TOTAL PROJECT INCOME	\$0.00		
<i>Please note here any additional information about other sources of income, such as any conditions on funding (i.e. using Greenbelt funds to leverage other funding sources):</i>			

Audited Financial Statement

Please upload your most recent audited financial statements.

Greenbelt Foundation Impact Metrics

Impact Objectives

The Greenbelt Foundation is funded by the Government of Ontario, as well as through grants from other foundations to further specific projects and programs. To help us understand how your project might support the Foundation in achieving our own funding impact metrics, please indicate if your project addresses any of the following objectives/activities. Please select all that apply.

- 1a - Protect, maintain, or improve the Greenbelt's ecological and hydrological systems and functions, and biodiversity by increasing native trees and other plants.
- 1b - Protect, maintain, or improve the Greenbelt's ecological and hydrological systems and functions, and biodiversity by restoring or naturalizing shorelines, riparian areas, wetlands, and streams.
- 1c - Protect, maintain, or improve the Greenbelt's ecological and hydrological systems and functions, and biodiversity by improving habitat of species at risk.
- 1d - Protect, maintain, or improve the Greenbelt's ecological and hydrological systems and functions, and biodiversity by increasing natural areas and cover (ex. woodlands, grasslands, and river valleys).
- 2 - Increase opportunities for the public to experience and enjoy the Greenbelt through outdoor recreational activities, access to nature (ex. parks and trails) and other sustainable tourism activities.
- 3 - Maintain and increase green infrastructure and climate resilience in the Greenbelt and its surrounding residential communities, including use of solutions that are cost effective and leverage Greenbelt natural systems.
- 4a - Improve awareness and understanding of the Greenbelt, including the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic benefits and opportunities associated with the Greenbelt.
- 4b - Improve awareness and understanding of the Greenbelt, including approaches that help protect, maintain, and enhance the Greenbelt.
- 4c - Improve awareness and understanding of the Greenbelt, including sustainable agriculture in the Greenbelt.
- 4d - Improve awareness and understanding of the Greenbelt, including opportunities for the public to experience the Greenbelt.

*If you selected multiple impact metrics above, please indicate here which is the **primary** metric that your project achieves.*

Impact Metrics

Please fill out any of the quantitative metrics below that will be achieved through your project:

- # of native trees and shrubs planted in the Greenbelt

- # of acres of habitat restored in the Greenbelt with native plants important to Indigenous Peoples
- # of acres of habitat protected or restored in the Greenbelt to support species at risk
- # of acres of woodlands, wetlands, grasslands, riparian areas, river valleys, and streams protected, conserved, enhanced, and/or restored in the Greenbelt
- # of acres of land designated as Protected and Conserved Area and Other Effective Areas-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the Greenbelt
- # of kilometers of trails planned or enhanced across the Greenbelt
- # of educational signs developed and installed
- # of Greenbelt communities engaged in active natural asset management
- # of educational events, workshops, sessions, webinars, and presentations hosted about the Greenbelt
- # of attendees who participated in educational events, workshops, sessions, webinars, and presentations about the Greenbelt (including youth)
- # of youth attendees who participated in educational events, workshops, sessions, webinars, and presentations about the Greenbelt
- # of volunteers involved in project activities
- # of volunteer hours supporting project activities
- # of new staff hires related to this project (both full and part-time)
- # of farms and crop advisors trained in soil health testing and best management practices
- # of acres of farmland where agricultural best management practices for soil health have been adopted in the Greenbelt

Background Materials and Additional Information

Additional Materials:

If necessary, please upload any relevant project background materials only.

Organizational Logo:

Please upload a high-resolution file of your logo (jpg or png)

Photos:

Please upload 1-3 photos that capture the essence of your project/organization (jpg or png). Please note that doing so gives the Greenbelt Foundation permission to use these photos in promotional materials related to your project, if your application is successful. Please ensure that you have permission to share any photos of people. Photos will be attributed to your organization.

APPENDIX B: ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE COSTS

Eligible

- Overhead up to 10% of the project
- Travel in Ontario
- Education and Event related expenses, including hospitality
- Materials, supplies equipment rental
- Contract and professional service costs related to the Project
- Human resource costs, including salary and benefits related to Project personnel
- Translation, printing production and distribution costs related to the Project

Ineligible

- HST rebate, credit or refund
- Overhead exceeding 10% of the project
- Postage/Courier and photocopying charges
- General office supplies
- Volunteer Appreciation and Non-Indigenous honoraria
- Financial Institution service fees
- Legal costs not necessary for the Project
- Travel costs outside Ontario
- Hospitality, per-diems, gifts for non-public facing meetings or events
- Major capital purchases, including land acquisition, buildings, and infrastructure
- Projects occurring outside the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Board of Director's costs
- Sponsorships
- Costs of alcohol
- Costs associated with preparing and submitting grant proposals and letters of intent, unless funding is given for a planning grant or feasibility study
- Fundraising and lobbying
- Non-Project costs, pre-Project costs
- Refundable or reimbursed expenses
- Third-party services with ineligible expenses or beyond limits (e.g., mileage)

Eligible and Ineligible Budgetary Expenditure Definitions and Detail

HST

The portion of the HST for which funding recipients have received, will receive, or are eligible to receive, a rebate, credit, or refund is not an eligible Project expense.

Overhead

Eligible overhead expenses up to 10% of the project's total include rent and occupancy costs, telephone, technology and internet, legal fees and audit costs incurred with the Project; disbursements such as computer equipment and equipment leases; and support services including as human resources, finance, information technology, and communications departments providing administrative support that can be reasonably attributable to the Project.

Ineligible overhead costs include postage/courier charges, photocopying charges, general office supplies, volunteer appreciation, and financial institution service fees incurred in carrying out the Project. Funds may not be used for avoidable financial institution service fees (e.g., NSF charges), or legal fees that are not connected to the Project.

Travel in Ontario

Eligible travel costs are limited to Ontario.

Transportation refers to the provision of transportation for meetings or events including Project staff, contractors, or meeting event attendees if specified in the budget.

Transportation will be by the most practical and economical method; tickets (e.g., train, airplane) purchased must be for economy/coach class and when renting a vehicle, the Funds may only be used for a compact model or its equivalent unless approval for a different model is obtained prior to rental.

Mileage Allowances

40 cents/km in Southern Ontario; 41 cents/km in Northern Ontario; more than 200 kms a rental car recommended

Car Rentals

A compact model is required

Any exception must be documented and guided by the principle that the rental vehicle is the most economical and practical size taking into account the business purpose, number of occupants and safety.

Accommodation

Accommodation refers to the provision of accommodation for meetings or events by Project staff or contractors or other meeting/event attendees if specified in the budget.

Accommodation will be in a standard room

Funds may not be used for hotel suites, executive floors, or concierge levels. Funds may not be used for:

Accommodation for Project staff or contractors when the distance to the meeting or event venue is less than 24 km

Accommodation for meeting/workshop/event attendees when the distance to the meeting, workshop or event venue is less than 24 km

Penalties incurred for non-cancellation of guaranteed hotel reservations

Food and Beverage—Project Staff and Contractors

Funds can be used by Project staff or contractors for the provision of food or beverages when traveling for Project-related work. The Funds may only be used for meals during such travel periods, subject to the limitations below:

- Breakfast: \$10
- Lunch: \$12.50
- Dinner: \$22.50

Itemized receipts must be retained to verify the expenditure and to be eligible for reimbursement.

The Funds under this budget line may not be used for:

- Non-meal food and beverages
- Alcohol

Meals when the travel period is less than 5 hours, calculated from the time the staff or contractor leaves their normal place of business (or reasonable alternative origin) to the time the staff or contractor returns

Meals during travels when travel is part of the staff's contractor's regular job duties

Hospitality – Workshop/Public Meetings/Events

Project staff or contractors may use the Funds for hospitality, defined as the provision of food and beverages during Project meetings/workshops/events held with groups, organizations, and the public.

Itemized receipts must be retained to verify the expenditure and to be eligible for reimbursement.

Funds used to pay for meals during Project-related meetings/workshops/events can be up to the following maximums:

- Breakfast: \$10
- Lunch: \$12.50
- Dinner: \$22.50

If the Funds are being used to pay for non-meal food and beverages (e.g., coffee, water, snacks) during Project-related meetings/workshops/events, the amount from the Funds used for these non-meal expenses can be up to the following maximums:

- \$5/day per person for a half-day public Project meeting/event
- \$10/day per person for a full day public Project meeting/event

Equipment/Capital Item Rental

The Foundation can approve the purchase instead of the rental of equipment or capital items that fulfil the following criteria:

The equipment or capital item is being used on multiple occasions throughout the Project

Total rental costs are greater than the one-time purchase cost

Without the Project, it is unlikely the funding recipient would purchase the equipment or capital item

Approval from the Foundation is needed prior to the acquisition of the equipment or capital item.

Honoraria to Indigenous Elders or Community Knowledge Holders

Honoraria can be paid to Indigenous Elders or community knowledge holders for their attendance and participation at a Project meeting or event. The Elders or community knowledge holders may provide appropriate advice, guidance, information, and insights based on their specialized knowledge of traditional ceremonies and/or the Indigenous community. Honoraria rates may be up to:

- \$250 for a partial day (3 hours or less)
- \$500 for a whole day (more than 3 hours)

Honoraria are to be paid in addition to travel and meal expenses (if any) or compensation to Elders or community knowledge holders for their time.

Ineligible Expenditures

The following expenditures are not for reimbursement (for clarity some content is repeated):

- Cost for services not directly related to the Project
- Costs of alcohol
- Costs of travel outside of Ontario
- Costs of hospitality, per diems, or gifts for non-public facing meetings or events
- Corporate costs, including:
- General management costs including board and committee meetings that are not specific to Project issues
- Board of Director's expenses
- Legal costs not related the Project
- Costs for debt restructuring or financing
- Major capital expenditures including the acquisition of land, construction or additions to buildings, teardowns or rebuilds, leasing, powerlines, telecommunications lines or equipment, water lines, etc.
- Purchase of equipment or capital items that has a lifespan longer than one year or the length of the Project, whichever is less, but does not include consumables or items with a value less than \$500
- Honoraria for services or other contribution to the Project, except Indigenous Elders and community knowledge holders as described above
- Costs incurred by Grantee/Funding Recipient associated with preparing and submitting grant proposals and letters of intent to the Recipient for funding under the Project

- Any costs that will be refunded or reimbursed through any other agreement or by any third party, including other provincial ministries, agencies, and organizations of the Government of Ontario
- Any costs associated with Fundraising, Lobbying, Non-Project costs, Pre-Project costs, Refundable expenses
- Any costs incurred by third parties (e.g., professional services expenses charged back to the Project) that would otherwise be ineligible or beyond the limits set by this Agreement (e.g., mileage limits)
- Any costs that are inappropriate uses of public funds as reasonably determined in the opinion of the Province

APPENDIX C: ELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Native tree and vegetation planting, including species at risk
- Protection and restoration of natural areas (e.g., wetlands, grasslands, woodlands, lakes and streams, river valleys, riparian areas, headwaters, natural corridors, and habitat of species at risk) in the Greenbelt
- Trails and other recreational areas development, improvement, and maintenance
- Sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism materials (e.g., maps and guides), signs, and events
- Development of outreach and education materials, activities, and events on:
 - The Greenbelt
 - The Greenbelt's environmental, recreational, cultural, social, and economic opportunities and benefits
 - Sustainable Agriculture and soil health management practices
 - Unique values of the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine and Urban River Valleys
- Litter clean-up events
- Projects promoting and implementing green and natural infrastructure and climate change resilience initiatives
- Greenbelt studies, assessments, monitoring, strategies, feasibility assessments
- Protecting cultural heritage resources