

Strong Grant Proposals



Alberta Environment and Parks

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Today's Touch Points



Clarity on grants



What's out there



Process



Insights

Grants

- Government funds a third party to complete a project
- Project is not government driven, but supports government priorities

Contracts

- Third party delivers a product or service within approved timeline
- For AEP usually related to monitoring

What's Out There

How to figure out what grants are available and where the supporting resources are

Where to Start

- What are you trying to do?
- Alberta.ca
 - Research grants
 - Community grants
 - Environment grants

Examples of Environment Grants

- Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program
- Alberta Community Resilience Program
- Core Operational Grants

Guiding Government Documents

- Platform Commitments
- 2019-2023 GOA Strategic Plan
- 2019-2023 Fiscal Plan
- 2019-2023 Ministry Business Plans
- Grant Program Specific Documents

Platform Commitments

- Red Tape Reduction
- 100 days press release



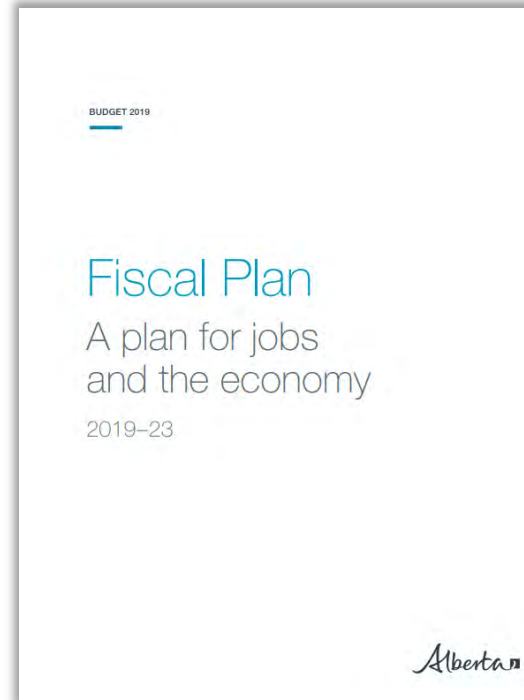
2019-2023 Strategic Plan



- High level focus
- Three key priorities:
 - Getting Alberta back to work
 - Making life better for Albertans
 - Standing up for Alberta

2019-2023 Fiscal Plan

- October 24, 2019
- Outlines focus for next 4 fiscal years
- Debt reduction



Fiscal Plan

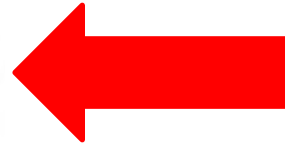
Stewardship of Resources

The Government of Alberta is committed to improving flood resilience in communities across Alberta. Our strategy includes continued investment in community-level projects, upstream storage, healthy watersheds, flood mapping, river forecasting, and emergency response and preparedness. We will continue to work directly with municipalities and First Nations to protect communities.

As proud stewards of Alberta's natural resources, Environment and Parks is committed to accurate and scientifically sound environmental monitoring. The ministry is increasing delivery effectiveness of scientific activities around oil sands monitoring by consolidating capacity, as well as allowing government to invest efficiently in environmental monitoring and science programs dedicated to air, land, water and biodiversity.

To recognize current fiscal constraint, there will be reductions in Environment and Parks related to contract activities and grants. These and staff attrition are expect to save \$27 million by 2022-23.

- Example from page 105
- Clues into Priorities



Budget 2019 reflects a commitment to responsible fiscal management and a promise to balance the budget in 4 years.

2019-2023 Ministry Business Plans

- Alberta Environment and Parks (Page 67)
 - Outcome 1: Environment and ecosystem health and integrity
 - Outcome 2: Sustainable economic Development
 - Outcome 3: Public Well-being
 - Outcome 4: Public health and safety from environmental conditions and events

AEP Business Plan

Partnerships!



- 1.2 Leverage traditional and other effective conservation measures **in collaboration with non- government partners** to develop and advance conservation projects and programs

AEP Business Plan

Few identified priorities:

- Land use planning– regional and sub-regional plans
- Environmental monitoring
- Emissions reductions
- Flood (and drought) resiliency

AEP Business Plan

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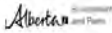
- Invasive species
- Public lands

- Not everything is included!
 - So don't worry if you don't see yourself in here.

Grant Process

The nitty-gritty details from a few programs for consideration

Grant Guidelines

 GRANT APPLICATION - GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION	
Purpose	The purpose of an Environment and Parks Grant is to support the maintenance, development or growth of an environment's natural resources.
Eligibility	Applications will be reviewed on an individual merit and must support one of the following key areas maintained by Environment and Parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish and Wildlife Management Air, Land, Water and Biodiversity Stewardship Land and Water Management and Conservation Sustainable Development of Natural Resources Programs must be within the existing Environment and Parks mandate.
Application Process	The Application shall include the following supporting documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of Organization Description of program/project including start and end date, goals and objectives Proposed budget for program/project Incorporation documentation (if not previously supplied) One to three year Business plan A program of recognition for Environment and Parks contribution to the organization Note: Grant applications from applicants with outstanding documentation from previous grants will only be reviewed when all outstanding documentation has been received. Applications will be reviewed and organizations will be notified of the results within 60 days of receipt of application.
Reporting Requirements	The receipt of any grant disbursements is conditional upon the following requirements being met for end of the grant cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Statements for the past fiscal year (April 01 to March 31) Proposed Budget vs. Actual Comparison (the Budget report will be made directly from the grant) Business plan review including a description of outcome of the program including Non-grant and objectives achieved Samples of Environment and Parks recognition. Only applicants that meet the reporting requirements will be considered for future funding. If the grant is approved in whole or in part, the Applicant agrees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enter into an agreement with Environment and Parks to meet all requirements. To recognize the contribution of Environment and Parks' funding. The grant shall be used only for the purposes for which the grant application was approved. If the original application has been reviewed by the Minister, the grant will be used only for those stated purposes.
Freedom of Information	The Government of Alberta has passed the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (A.I.A.). All information and documents submitted to the Minister become the property of the Minister and are subject to the provisions of the Act. The Act grants a right of access to records in the Minister's custody, or control, and prohibits among other things the Minister from disclosing information where disclosure would be harmful to your business interests as defined in Section 13 of the Act or reveal in an unreasonable fashion your personal privacy as defined in Section 18 of the Act.



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GOALS OF PROGRAM
 Improve flood and drought resiliency through restoration and enhancement of Alberta's watersheds.

FOODBAR (OVERVIEW)
 Watershed Resiliency and Restoration (WR&R) is a program of the Government of Alberta that provides funding to support the restoration and enhancement of watersheds. The program is designed to improve the health of watersheds and the resiliency of communities that rely on them. The program is a key component of the Government of Alberta's commitment to sustainable development and the protection of the environment.

FUNDING PRIORITIES
 Funding is available for a variety of projects that improve the health of watersheds and the resiliency of communities. The program is designed to support projects that are:

- Environmentally sound
- Cost-effective
- Community-based
- Aligned with the Government of Alberta's strategic priorities
- Supportive of the province's economic and social development
- Aligned with the Government of Alberta's commitment to sustainable development and the protection of the environment

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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

2.1 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are rural and urban municipalities, First Nations, Métis Settlements, Improvement Districts, and Special Areas.

2.1.1 PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Partnering with other eligible applicants who share common objectives is strongly encouraged. Applications with multiple partners must be championed by a single applicant, with other partners clearly identified.
- Third-party agreements for cost-sharing, access to other project requirements are the responsibility of the applicant and their partners.
- Applicants are also encouraged to notify any potentially affected parties of their application for a specified project especially if consent is required to proceed with construction.

2.2 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects under the Alberta Community Resilience Program include but are not limited to the following:

- Structural measures such as berms, dikes, flood walls, bank protection and stabilization works, retention ponds and diversion structures to protect critical infrastructure and ensure public safety;
- Purchase of property where mitigation is inappropriate, or not economically or technically feasible;
- Purchase of property for the purposes of access and/or construction of a project;
- Flood proofing/relocation of critical infrastructure (water, wastewater, stormwater, water, and infrastructure to access those services)

Application Guidelines

Outcomes or Purpose

- Align your application/project/program to the purpose of that grant program



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WATERSHED RESILIENCY AND RESTORATION PROGRAM (WRRP)
Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) established and administers the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP). The WRRP aims to promote the long-term ability of watersheds to mitigate the effects of future flood and drought events. The primary objective of the program is to increase the natural capacity of the Province's watersheds to reduce the intensity, magnitude, duration and effects from flooding and droughts for the benefit of Albertans and their communities. Additionally, the program aims to address impacts of past flooding and

drought through the restoration of degraded priority areas within Alberta's watersheds. This will be accomplished through non-structural mitigation measures, ongoing stewardship, and information to decision makers, and will complement the Province's structural programs (i.e., Alberta Community Resilience Program). AEP will dispense WRRP project funding up until the 2020-21 fiscal year, depending on available funds, with all WRRP projects requiring completion by March 31, 2021

Eligibility

- Might be as simple as meeting identified priorities
- Or specifics may be outlined for:
 - Applicants
 - Projects
 - Costs

Supporting Documentation

The following may be required:

- Incorporation documents
- One to three year business plan
- Program of recognition (for AEP)

Metrics-based Reporting

- Movement towards more metrics-based reporting for performance indicators:
 - Quantity and quality
 - Make it meaningful
 - What is the impact?
- Strengthens an application

Insights

Tips and tricks of the trade

General Tips

- Project description
 - Should be a **clear** snapshot of the project
- Reasonable timelines
- Clear deliverables
- Appropriate budget

Financial Realities

- “Government is implementing a program review to drive efficiency and ensure services are in the public interest and provide value for money.”
 - Alberta Budget 2019 (Fiscal Plan)

Cost Benefit Analysis

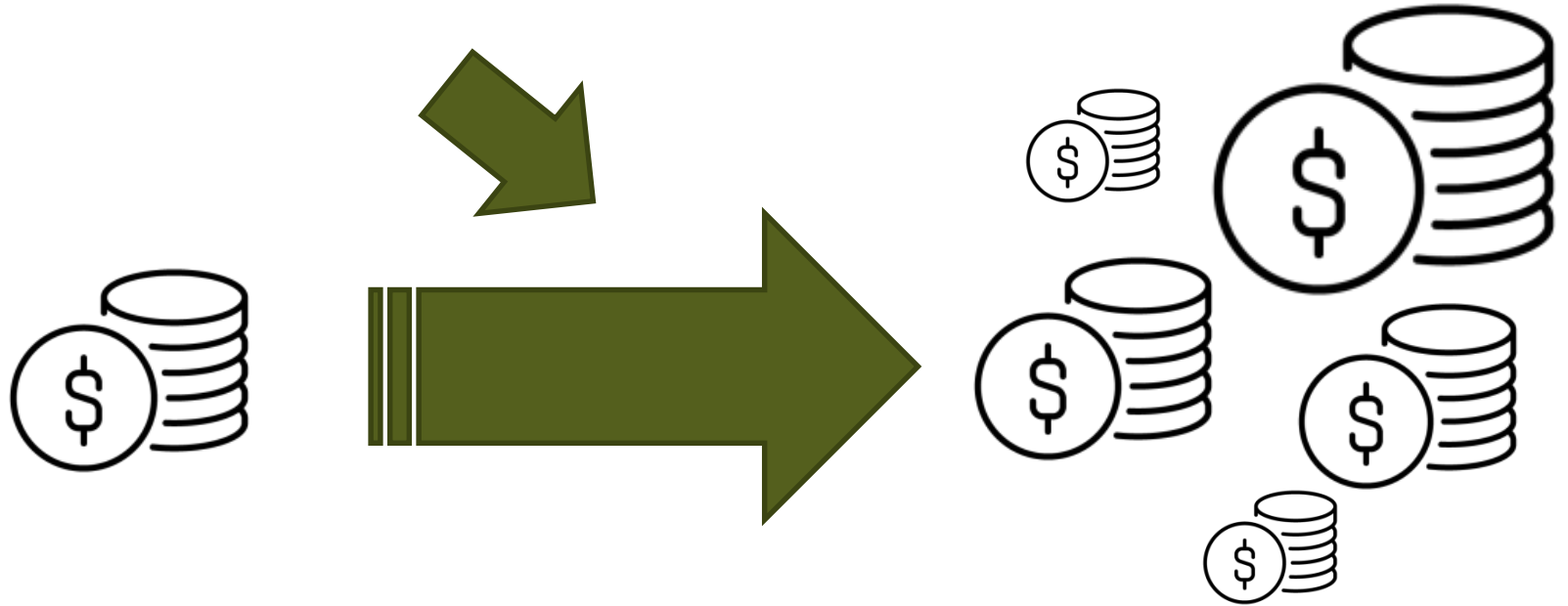
- “The proposed project must provide good value for money and must justify the costs of the project in relation to the benefits that Albertan’s and the watershed will receive.”
 - WRR Program Grant Application Overview

2019 Canadian Non-Profit Sector



- Quartiles based on position
- Alberta specific compensation and benefits

Leveraging



Transition Period

- What is available now, might not be in the next year or two...
- But new opportunities will become available.

Each grant program is different, but the objectives of the program should be outlined.

Questions?



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