



The Watershed Stewardship Grant

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Agenda

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- Who we are and what we do

Watershed Stewardship Grant (WSG)

- Background
- How to Apply
- Strong Grant Proposals to the WSG
- Upcoming opening date



Land Stewardship Centre

- Established in 1996
- Non-profit, charitable organization that works across Alberta
- Operated by core staff and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors
- Enable people and organizations to become better stewards



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Stewardship is the recognition of our collective responsibility to retain the quality and abundance of our land, air, water and biodiversity, and to manage this natural capital in a way that conserves all of its values, be they environmental, economic, social or cultural.

~A Stewardship Road Map for Canada,

National Stewardship Conference, 2009



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Programs & Services

- Conservation Land Registry
- Conservation Easement Registry
- Alberta Stewardship Network
- Green Communities Guide
- Watershed Stewardship Grant
- INFFER
- Shared services partnerships with Nature Alberta, Beaver Hills Biosphere and Ecosystem Services & Biodiversity Network (ESBN)



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- Since 2006, the Watershed Stewardship Grant (WSG) Program, made possible with funding from Alberta Environment and Parks, has provided grants to the province's stewardship community to support their efforts.



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Water for Life

- *A safe, secure drinking water supply,*
- *Healthy aquatic ecosystems, and*
- *Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.*



- The proposed project activities also align with and support one or more of the following key priorities identified by Alberta Environment and Parks:
 - a. Watershed management outcomes identified in approved Regional Plans
 - b. Source water protection planning and management
 - c. Biodiversity Management Framework goals
 - d. Watershed literacy and stewardship education, including the Wetland Policy
 - e. Climate Leadership Plan actions
 - f. Citizen science and community monitoring

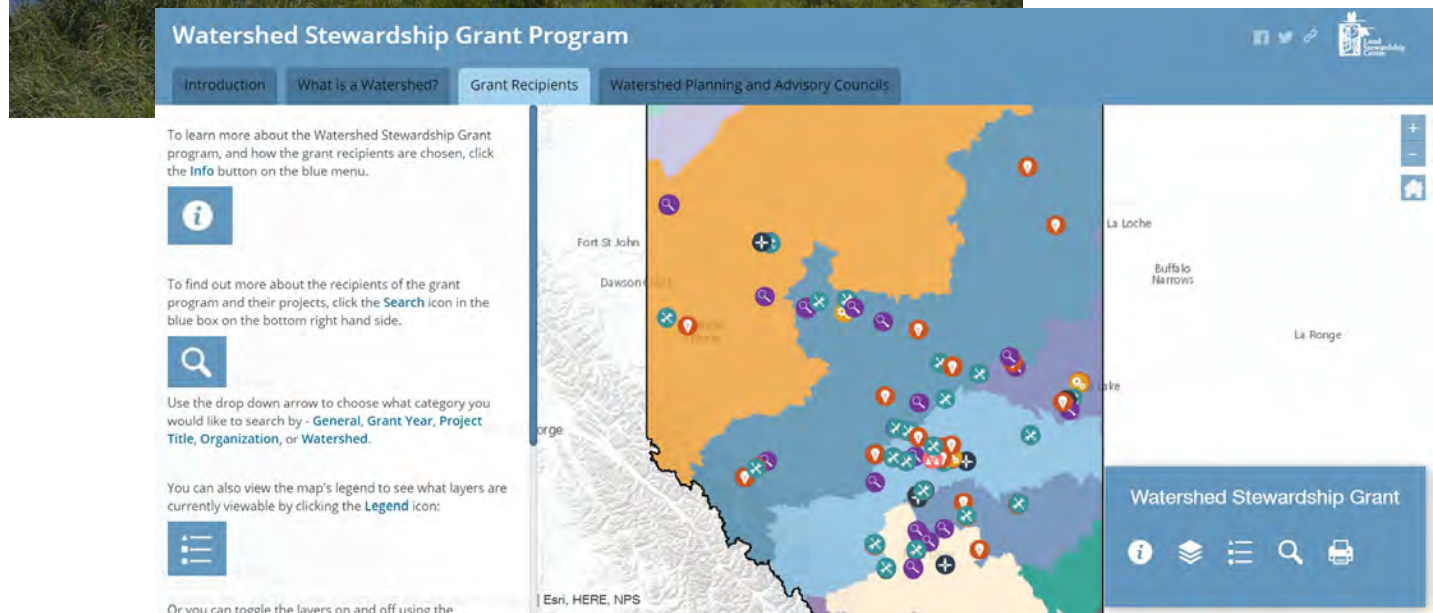
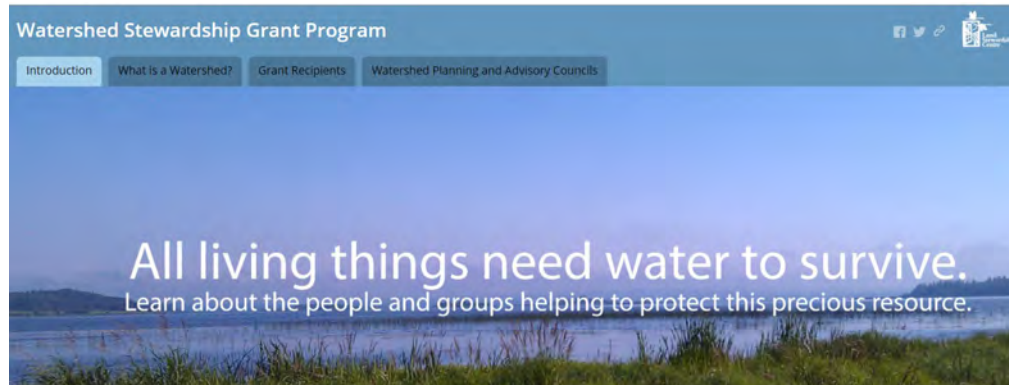




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Who can apply?

- Stewardship groups
- Nature clubs
- Community associations
- Environmental non-profits operating in Alberta



Eligibility

- Incorporated
- Unincorporated group: a group applying in partnership with an eligible legal entity





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How to Apply (4 steps)

- Read Eligibility Criteria + Application Process documents
- Contact Program Coordinator
- Fill out Application Form (with a complete Budget)
- Submit online



Tips for a Strong WSG Grant proposal

- **Tip 1: Ensure your project is aligned with at least one of the key priorities identified by Alberta Environment and Parks.**



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- **Tip 2: Be concise and to the point.**



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- **Tip 3: Make sure the budget balances and that all costs indicated are associated directly with your project.**



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- **Tip 4: Have realistic goals and measureable outcomes**



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- **Tip 5: Think out-side-the-box.**

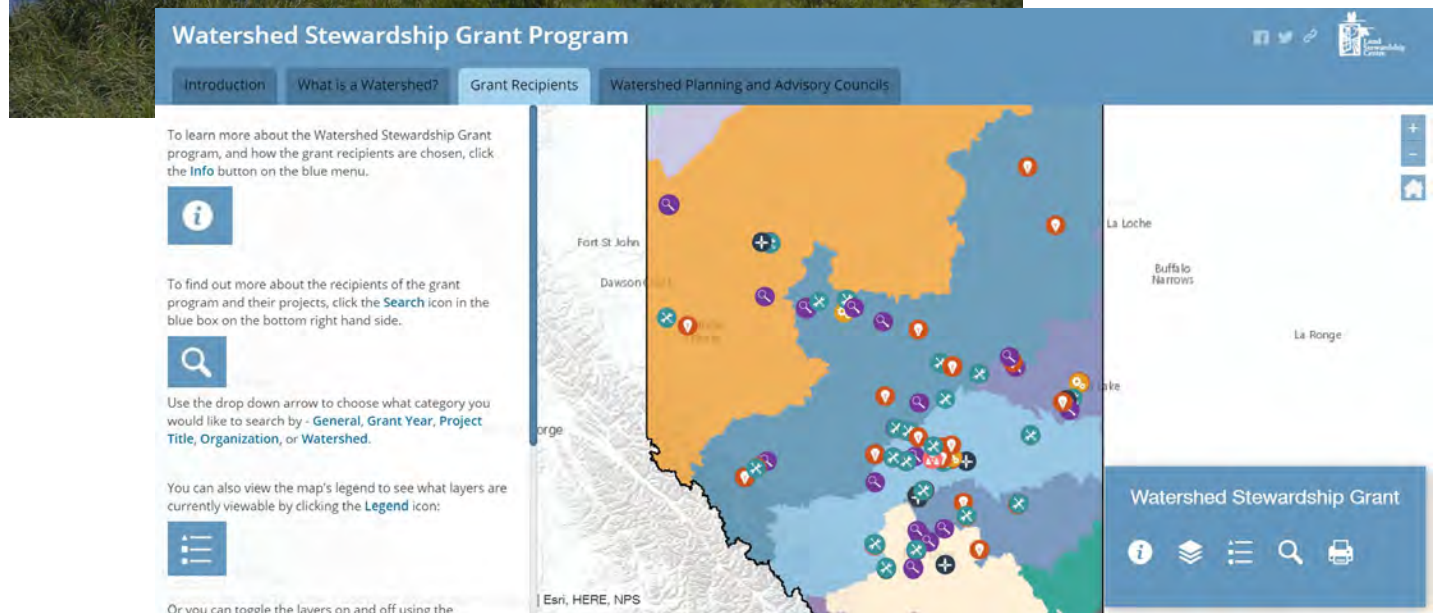
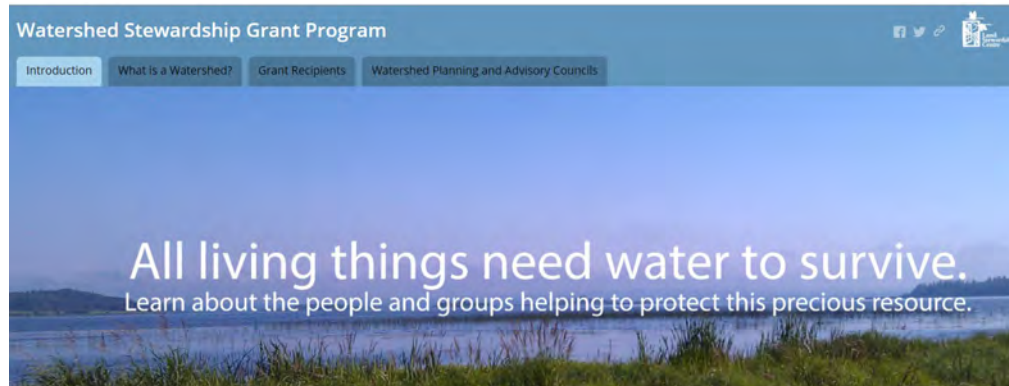


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- **Tip 6: Are there ways you can partner with others?**



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Next Grant Round

- November 15, 2019- January 13, 2020
- Get the online application form-
<http://www.landstewardship.org/program-resources/>



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