



Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant

Granting Guidelines

About The Intact Foundation: The Intact Foundation is an integral part of Intact Financial Corporation's value of generosity. Since its inception, the Intact Foundation has donated over \$40 million in charitable funding to over 1,500 organizations nationally. The Intact Foundation is committed to drive climate change adaptation solutions and help people protect themselves from the increasing impacts of climate change.

About The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant: The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant (MCRG) provides funding for municipalities towards effective, practical solutions that mitigate flood and wildfire risk. Applications are open to any municipality across Canada, or in partnership with an NGO that has a mission to prevent the impacts of flood or wildfire. The MCRG funds initiatives up to \$100,000 for one year and will invest in projects that can increase community resiliency to mitigate flood and wildfire risks. Projects must be slated to start before or by October 2022 and can support operating or select capital expenditures.

MCRG Program Criteria

Applications for funding must:

- Be submitted by a Canadian municipality, a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) registered charitable organization, Indigenous or other public body performing a function of government in Canada (also known as a "qualified donee")
- Impact a community vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and mitigate the risk of flooding and wildfire
- Be "shovel ready" projects that can be completed within 1-2 years
- Support projects that have measurable outcomes and indicators of success
- Support one of the following focus areas:
 - "Shovel ready" greening/natural infrastructure solutions
 - Climate mitigation tools
 - Readiness research or feasibility assessments
 - Awareness and education
- Support projects that can be scaled across the community
- Only submit one application per municipality (consult FAQ's for more detail)
- Not exceed \$100,000 CAD

MCRG Timelines

October 4, 2021 – January 31, 2022	Open for application submission
February 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022	Application evaluation and approvals
April 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022	Successful applications receive funding and begin projects
June 1, 2022 – September, 30 2022	Successful applicants report progress and impact

Evaluation Process

Grant applications will go through a three-step process which includes initial screening by a member of the social impact team, secondary screening by a grants review committee, and final approval by the Intact Foundation.

Questions?

For any questions regarding the granting program, please contact the Intact Foundation at intact.foundation@intact.net.

Project Examples

Solution Type	Flood Resiliency	Wildfire Resiliency
"Shovel ready" greening/ natural infrastructure solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restoring wetland, riparian, and upland habitatInstalling culverts, berms and dykesImplementing natural water management systems such as storm water ponds and rain gardensCreating naturalized spaces or transforming impervious surfaces to reduce water runoffNaturalizing green spaces to improve resiliency by planting trees and native plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deploying landscape and vegetation management techniques to create a community fire guard, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planting fire-resistant trees and drought-tolerant plantsCreating fuel-reduced buffer zonesClearing vegetation to create firebreaksDigging trenches to create fuel breaksImplementing native or traditional fire management activities such as cultural burns
Climate mitigation tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offering new incentives or subsidies to homeowners, businesses and vulnerable community members to install tools such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">sump pumpsbackwater valveswindow well coversdownspout extensionscorrective gradingImplementing flood forecasting & warning systemsMaintaining wastewater pumping stationsImproving resiliency of municipality-owned and operated buildings and assetsOffering a municipal audit program to support the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation's 'Home Flood Protection Check-Up' for home owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offering new incentives or subsidies to homeowners, businesses and vulnerable community members to install equipment such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">fire-retardant roofingfire-resistant sidingnon-combustible screens and safeguardsImproving access to dependable water supply such as portable wildfire pumps and water tanksSecuring fire suppression and on-site firefighting equipment such as firefighting gear, hoses and nozzles, sprinkler systemsSecuring propane relocation equipment

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Research readiness / feasibility assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating flood-risk mapping • Developing a municipal adaptation strategy • Undertaking feasibility assessments for resilience infrastructure projects • Contractual staff as Resiliency Officer/ Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating fire-risk mapping • Undertaking a wildfire hazard assessment • Developing an urban/wildland interface fire plan to reduce hazards in existing and new neighbourhoods
Awareness and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating an online portal for residents to obtain property-level flood risk information • Distributing home flood-protection materials to residents • Educating/raising awareness among local businesses and commercial properties to improve the climate resiliency of their buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing fire safety apps to account for wellness checks • Distributing home wildfire protection materials to residents such as FireSmart Canada's™ 'Fire Smart Begins at Home' • Educating/raising awareness among local businesses, commercial operations and developers to improve the fire resiliency of their buildings and developments