

Great Lakes Protection Initiative
Overview of Application-Based Funding Opportunities

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><i>*All projects must contain an outreach plan detailing how the project will promote broad uptake and application of the phosphorus reduction measures demonstrated.</i></p>	Demonstration and assessment of approaches that reduce releases of CMCs in the Great Lakes basin from Canadian sources, such as: <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.	Projects that: <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; AND,• Collect and make available useful scientific information.	Projects in AOCs that contribute directly to eliminating identified “beneficial use impairments” by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoring degraded habitat• Remediating contaminated sediment• Reducing point and non-point pollution
FUNDING DETAILS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects up to \$600K.• No matching funds required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects up to \$100K.• No matching funds required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects up to \$100K.• No matching funds required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects up to \$1.8M.• \$40K minimum funding request.• No matching funds required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects typically range from \$25K to \$150K.• 2/3 matching funds required.
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE				
Lake Erie drainage basin.	Great Lakes drainage basin.	Great Lakes drainage basin.	Great Lakes shorelines, nearshore and/or offshore areas.	14 Canadian Great Lakes Areas of Concern.

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