

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (CCTH)

Overview of Communities, Sport and Recreation Funding Programs

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Our Focus

The department supports communities across the province to be **welcoming, inclusive and accessible** while providing a great **quality of life** for Nova Scotians and a **memorable experience** for visitors.

Organization of the Department

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Our
grants,
all in one
spot.



Communities, Culture,
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Funding Programs and
Resources
2024/2025

[ccth-funding-programs-and-resources.pdf \(novascotia.ca\)](#)

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Online
grant
finder.

SURVEY

This is a new service that we're working on improving. Use the service and [send us your comments and suggestions](#). Your feedback will help make the service easier to use for everyone.

Which of the following best describes you?



Non-profit group

This includes registered non-profits, charities, community groups, social enterprises, chambers of commerce, sector associations, regional tourism marketing groups, municipalities, Mi'kmaq band councils, informal associations and ad-hoc groups.



Business

This includes sole-proprietors, and businesses not registered with, or registration is pending with, the Nova Scotia of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC).



An individual

I'm seeking supports for myself or another person.

Continue

<https://ccth-grants.novascotia.ca/en/finder>

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Things to pay attention to in all grants:

- ▶ What the grant aims to fund
- ▶ Eligible applicants
- ▶ Cost-share threshold (*how much applicant must contribute*)
- ▶ Max. request
- ▶ Threshold for total project cost
- ▶ In-kind contributions
- ▶ In/eligible items
- ▶ Deadline

Communities, Sport and Recreation: Capital Infrastructure

Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity

Small Capital (Projects <\$30,000)

Opens in April annually until all funding committed

- **Community Recreation Capital Grant**

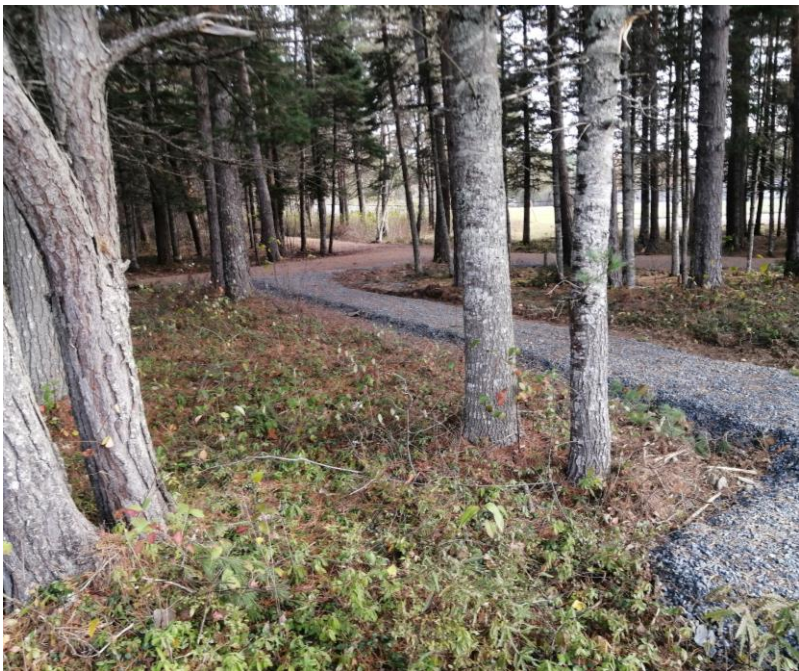
Large Capital

1x annual deadline in mid-February

- **Recreation Facility Development Grant & Rink Revitalization Fund**
- **Community ACCESS-Ability - Accessibility Upgrades**

Regional Offices:

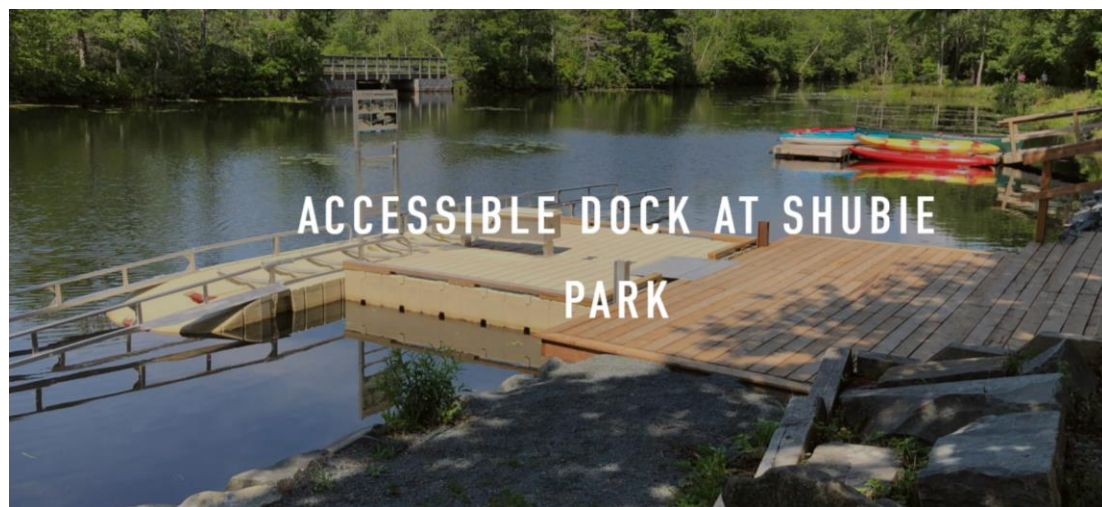
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Capital Grants

NOTE: For all our capital grants, applicants must own the asset or have a long-term lease on the property (>5 years)

Name of Grant	Purpose	Eligibility	Cost Share %		Max. Request	Deadline
			Applicant (min)	Funding (max)		
Community Recreation Capital Grant <i>Small capital (under \$30,000)</i>	Assist with development, expansion or repairs of publicly accessible community recreation assets and facilities. Includes work related to operational integrity of facility. <i>*Rinks and Arenas are encouraged to apply to the Rink Rev. Fund projects for projects valued at \$30,000 or more</i>	- Registered Non-profits or Charities - Municipalities, Villages, Mi'kmaq Band Councils - Regional Centres for Education	66%	Up to 33%	Up to \$8000	Opens annually in April. Apply early. Avail until allocation is fully committed.
Recreation Facility Development Grant & Rink Revitalization Fund <i>Large Capital (over \$30,000)</i>			33%	Up to 66%	Up to \$150,000	1x annually. Mid-February.



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Community ACCESS-Ability	Assist with <u>upgrades</u> that remove of barriers for persons with disabilities in public buildings and spaces. Built environment and communication assistive devices among items eligible. New construction is <u>not</u> eligible.	- Registered Non-profits or Charities - Municipalities, Villages, Mi'kmaq Band Councils - Legions - Libraries, Museums, Parks	33%	Up to 66%	Up to \$50,000	1x annually. Mid-February.

Communities, Sport and Recreation: Planning, Programs & Equipment

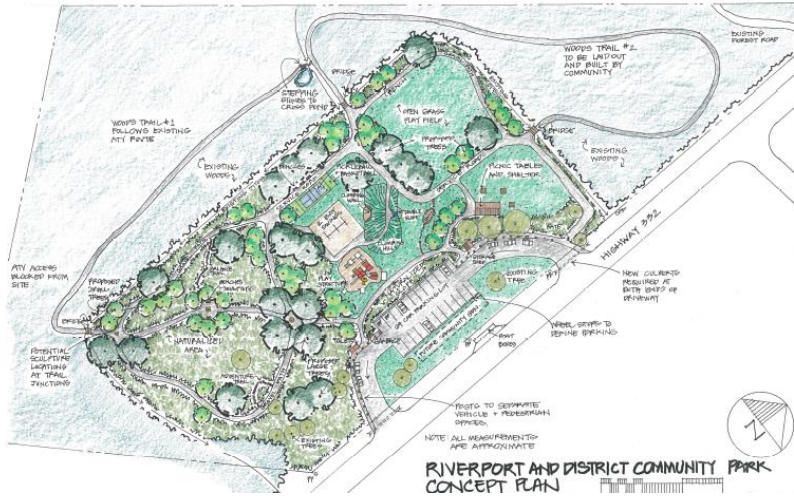
Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity

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- **Sport Fund / Sport Fund EDIA* (Sport)**
- **Active Communities Fund (Physical Activity)**
- **Recreation Community Development Grant (Recreation)**
- **Planning Assistance**

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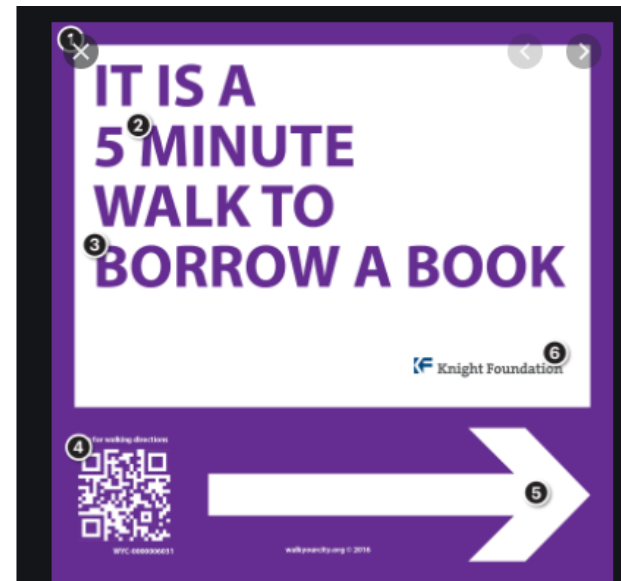


Beyond Barriers 4 Inclusion: Leadership in Recreation & Sport Certification Course

Delivered in: en

Recreation Nova Scotia has partnered with Simply Good Form to bring you the Beyond Barriers 4 Inclusion: Leadership in Recreation and Sport certification course.

Elevate your leadership skills with this course which will give you the skills and tools to create welcoming, inclusive, and equitable spaces.



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Programs, Equipment, Initiatives, Planning						
Active Communities Fund	Increase opportunities for <u>unstructured</u> Physical Activity and movement.	- Registered Non-profits - Municipalities, Villages, Mi’kmaq Band Councils - Regional Centres for Education	25%	75%	Up to \$5000	Opens annually in April, until allocation is fully committed. Apply early.
Recreation Community Development Grant	Support <u>new</u> initiatives or approaches which result in new programs, policy, resources or partnerships in recreation sector.		25-50%	50-75%	Up to \$10,000	
Planning Assistance	Funding to obtain <u>professional expertise</u> for research, assessments, planning and design for recreation <u>facility</u> development or upgrades.		50%	50%	Up to \$10,000	



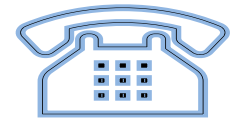
Grant finder tool: <https://ccth-grants.novascotia.ca/en/finder>

Grant guide: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/documents/communities-culture-tourism-and-heritage-funding-programs-and-resources-guide>

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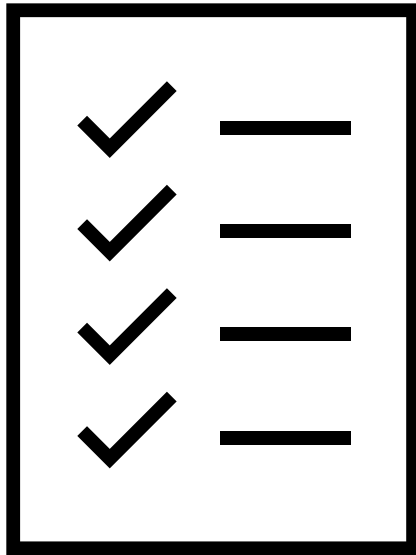
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Tips for Submitting a Strong Application

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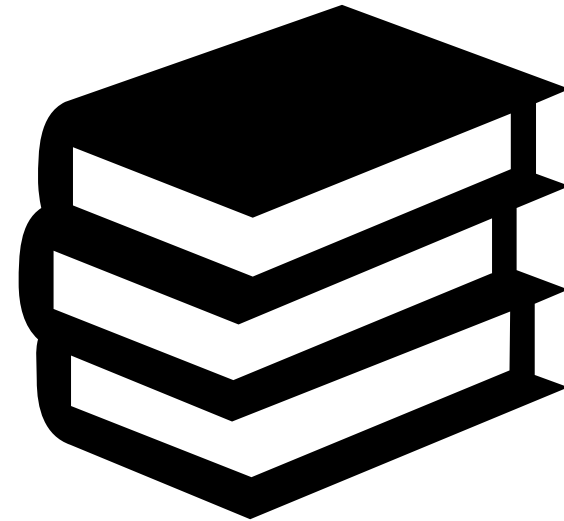
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Contact the person
responsible for the funding
program



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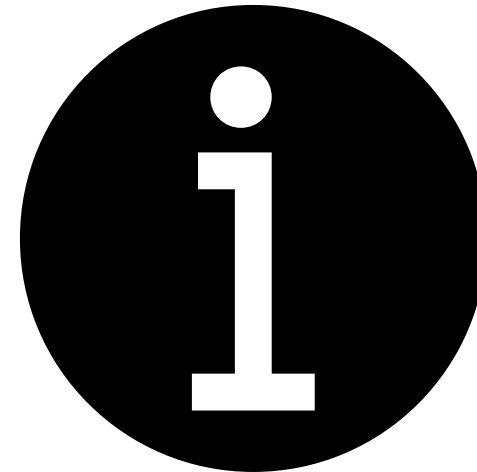
Read the program
guidelines



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Answer all the questions.

Make sure to include
supporting documents

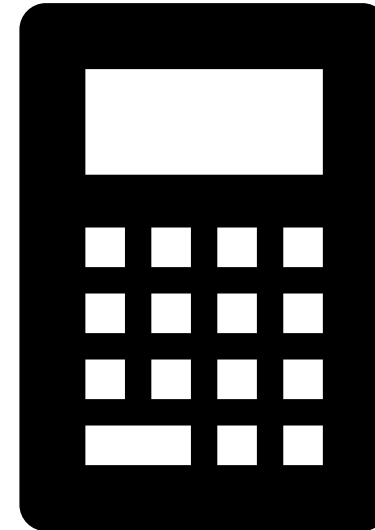


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Budget shows all project costs, is detailed.

Revenue and expense totals are balanced.

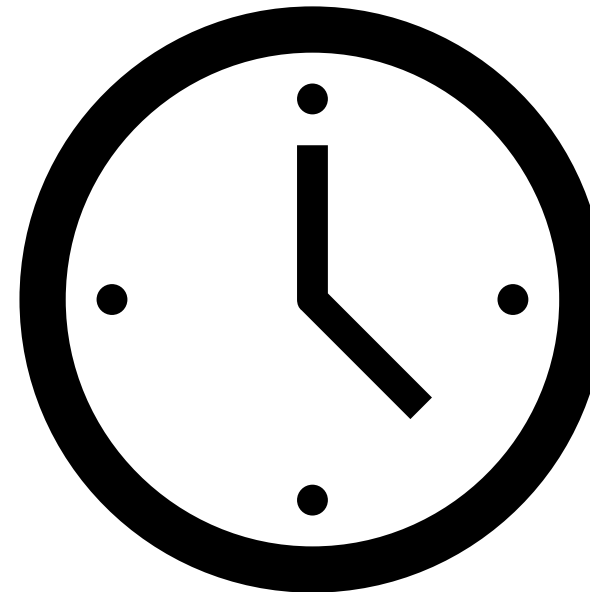
All project costs indicated are directly associated with the project.



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Start early.

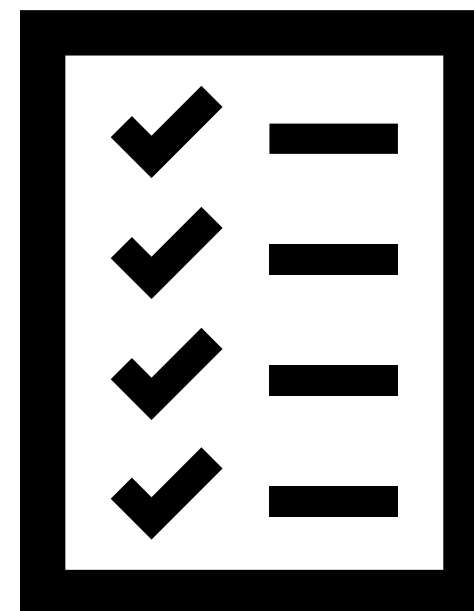
Start gathering all the necessary documents well in advance.



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Have several members of your leadership group review your final draft.

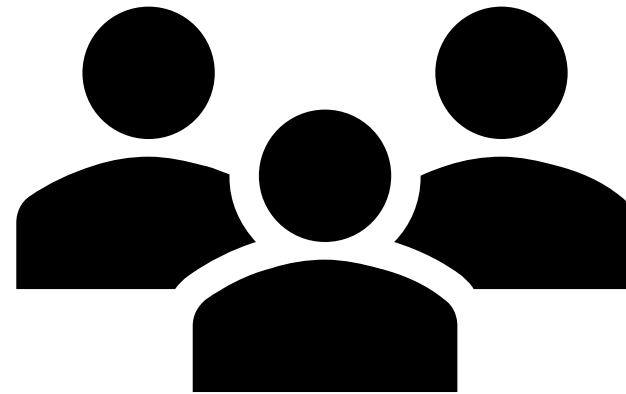
Submitting it in advance allows CCTH to provide feedback*.



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Culture and diversity is core to CCTH's mandate.

For EDIA questions, be sure to answer how your organization or the project addresses EDIA.



EDIA: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Access

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Remember to submit
your application on time.



Summary of Tips

- Connect with a Program Officer to learn more. Ask questions! We are here to help.
- Read the program guidelines carefully.
- Answer all the questions and include any supporting documents. Ensure your application is complete. We can't process incomplete applications.
- Ensure your budget includes eligible expenses and provides details (not just a guess!).
- Start early so you have enough time to gather the info and documents you'll need.
- Submit early if you're able – so CCTH can offer feedback if there's time.
- Fully describe why you are requesting the funding. Successfully funded projects show how they will make a lasting impact on Nova Scotians communities.
- Make sure the impact of your work is clear. Connect to what you know to be government priorities – like population growth, climate change, welcoming communities, etc.