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Capacity Building

SIP Capacity Building Grants

Capacity Building grants are small grants to support the initiation of projects, ideas, and collaborations, or professional development of skills related to innovative silviculture. This is a one-year grant beginning as early as January 2025, with all final reporting due by December 31, 2026.

Minimum request: No minimum

Maximum request: \$15,000

Estimated number of grants funded: 10-17

Total funding available: \$250,000

Duration: 1 year, beginning as early as January 2025 and all final reporting due by December 31, 2026.

Deadline to apply: November 1, 2024 at 11:59PM (PST)

The SIP Capacity Building grants are focused on addressing individual knowledge gaps (e.g. training, workshops, schooling) and/or development of relationships and capacity needed to identify gaps/needs for larger projects.

Individuals may apply to improve skills, education and/or build collaborative relationships with the goal of advancing innovative silviculture in BC. This responds directly to the need for improved mentorship, education, and increasing available and relevant training opportunities. This is a grant to support relationship building and/or collaborative proposal building to apply on future granting programs. This means groups may also apply to build collaborative relationships with local rights holders, stakeholders, or other interested parties to explore opportunities for collaboration on a larger project, which would be eligible for re-application to later phases of funding from the SIP in the next year. The outcomes of Capacity Building grants will be flexible and focus on sometimes under-valued intangible results, such as skill development, knowledge gained, training, mentorship and relationships built.

Applying for a Capacity Building Grant does not preclude you from applying for an Innovation in Action Grant, or additional funding launched by the program at a later date.

Grant Guidance

We have prepared a detailed [grant guidance document](#) for the Capacity Building grants. This guidance provides applicants with **details on applicant eligibility, eligible activities & expenditures, reporting requirements, disbursement details, and information on the review process.**

Before proceeding with your application, please review the grant guidance, found at the link below:

[SIP Capacity Building Grant Guidance](#)

The 2024 SIP grants program will be divided into the following two streams:

1. Innovation in Action Grants
2. Capacity Building Grants

Application name

I confirm that I have read the grant guidance, and that this application meets the required eligibility criteria for this grant.

Please review the [SIP Capacity Building Grant Guidance document](#) to ensure you are eligible to apply for this grant.

If you have any questions about eligibility or are uncertain which stream of grant to apply for, please email sip.manager@bvcentre.ca

Section 1: Overview

Applicant Contact Information

Contact information provided in this section may be used by the SIP Team for:

- Resolving any errors or questions on the submitted application
- Notification of amendments to the grant guidance, if/as applicable (including eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, award process)
- Notification of award results

Application contact name

Full name

Contact position/title (optional)

Contact email address

Contact phone number

APPLYING FOR: CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

Part A - Applicant Details

I am applying for funding for

- Myself (individual)
- A group or organization

Capacity Building grants are open to all individuals in a current role that contributes to forest management or those with strong plans to pursue work that will help support innovative forestry practices in BC. Applicants may be at any career stage, including students or unemployed.

Capacity Building grants are also open to organizations that are seeking support to build collaborative relationships with local rights holders, stakeholders, or other interested parties. Eligible organizations include Indigenous organizations, Indigenous communities or governments, non-profits (registered charities, incorporated societies), consultancies, community forest agreement holders, woodlots licensees, research forests, and researchers from academic institutions or non-profits.

Applicant physical location (city, town, village, etc.)

25 words

Must be located in BC to be eligible to apply.

Applicant location (please select from list of BC forested regions)

- 1: North Coast & Nechako
- 2: Northeast
- 3: Vancouver Island/Coast
- 4: Cariboo
- 5: Mainland/Southwest
- 6: Thompson Okanagan
- 7: Kootenay

Not sure which region? Click [here](#) for a map of BC's forested regions.

Please provide a 2-4 sentence summary of why you or your organization/group are applying for a Capacity Building grant:

100 words

What are you hoping to achieve with Capacity Building funding? What motivates you to progress innovative silviculture in BC?

Total funding requested (\$)

Provide total amount requested in Canadian dollars. Note: a budget detailing planned expenditures will be required in *Section 3: Plan* - this value must match the total presented in the budget.

Part B - Project Overview

Section 2: Purpose

Why are you (or is your organization/group) interested in innovative silviculture? What are your short and/or long-term goals or ambitions within the field of innovative silviculture? 500 words

Please describe. *Maximum 500 words.*

Which of the activities below best describes what you or your organization intend to pursue with this funding?

Select all that apply.

- Attending a conference, workshop and/or field tour
- Attending a post-secondary education and/or certification course or program
- Attending operator skills training
- Taking part in a mentorship or internship opportunity
- Other professional development
- Hosting meetings, outreach and/or training activities or services that enhance capacity, education and outreach materials for stakeholders, rights holders, networks and/or communities
- Hosting meetings to build new or enhance relationships, conduct preliminary planning
- Hosting a community engagement or information event or meeting
- Developing or hosting a new mentorship or internship opportunity
- Other (please define and describe below)

Please describe details of the activity(s) you selected above:

300 words

Maximum 300 words.

Section 3: Plan

Part A - Budget

Project Budget

How would you like to provide us with your project budget?

- Input directly into this web browser (note: some simple manual calculations required; recommended only for projects with 1-15 line items)
- Complete a Microsoft Excel template version, and upload the file

Part B - Timeline

What is your **estimated start date**?

Start date is approximately when your project or initiative requires upfront funding in order to begin.

What is your estimated **completion date**?

Completion date is when the project is complete and all final deliverables are submitted to the SIP.

Final deliverables funding allocations will be released to grantees after the final report and extension products (Innovation in Action Grants) or final report (Capacity Building Grants) is received and approved by the SIP Team.

Grant recipients will be required to complete a mandatory progress check-in, roughly halfway through their grant period. This will involve a call with the SIP Team and completing a survey.

Approximately what date would you like to set your halfway check-in date?

This is an approximate **halfway check-in date** and can be adjusted if needed during the project. The intention of the halfway check-in is for the SIP team to have an opportunity to see how projects are progressing, and provide support if needed.

Halfway funding allocations will be released to grantees after the halfway report (Innovation in Action Grants) or halfway survey (Capacity Building Grants) is received and approved by the SIP Team.

Part C - Deliverables & Reporting

Extension Deliverables

Extension is not mandatory for Capacity Building grants, however if you have the opportunity to take photos and videos, we strongly encourage it!

The Extension Team will select four to five Capacity Building grant recipients to feature on the SIP website and/or social media pages. Not only is this a great way of sharing your success and achievements, it can also be an excellent way of building your networks and connecting with potential employment opportunities.

Would you like to be considered as a featured Capacity Building grant recipient?

Yes

No

Extension is a practice of building trust, relationships, and capacity to enable collaboration. Extension supports active engagement with diverse stakeholders and all levels of government (Indigenous and municipal, provincial, federal) to identify opportunities, information needs, and synergies. A foundational principle of extension is spanning boundaries and centering reciprocity, with a focus on two-way knowledge mobilization. The SIP goal is to increase the understanding of innovative silviculture systems by connecting the producers of knowledge with the users of knowledge. In this way, extension ensures outcomes are useful, informing the implementation of site plans, landscape planning, community decision-making and even policy transformation. When it comes to knowledge dissemination, extension actively reframes, translates, and mobilizes knowledge depending on different audiences and contexts.

Required Reporting

All Capacity Building grant recipients will be **required to complete two reports** as a condition of receiving funding:

1) A halfway survey/report (2-3 pages; template provided)

2) A final report (4-5 pages; template provided)

Please confirm that you understand and agree to these requirements.

Yes, I understand I will be required to provide a halfway survey/report and a final report to receive this funding.

I do not agree.

Section 4: Diversity

The SIP is committed to fostering a community that is diverse and inclusive. To reflect this commitment to equity, we note that preference will be given to individuals that self-identify as a member of a marginalized group(s), described here as women and gender minorities, racialized minorities, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of LGBTQ2+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, plus communities).

Participation in the following diversity survey is optional. If you choose to complete the survey, you may skip questions you would prefer not to provide answers for. Responses will be kept private and confidential. The purpose of self-identification is to ensure we have an accurate understanding of equity representation for our Capacity Building grants.

Do you wish to complete the diversity survey?

Yes

No

Marginalized communities, peoples or populations are groups and communities that experience discrimination and exclusion because of unequal power relationships across economic, political, social and cultural dimensions (National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, 2022). This includes those who self-identify as women and gender minorities, racialized minorities, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities and members of LGBTQ2+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, Two-Spirit, plus) communities.

National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health. (2022). Glossary of essential health equity terms. Antigonish, NS: National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, St. Francis Xavier University.