Sample form, not for offline completion.
Visit https://silvicultureinnovation.grantplatform.com to apply.

Innovation in Action

SIP Innovation in Action Grants

Innovation in Action Grants support operational research and/or implementation of innovative silviculture projects. These grants will allow the SIP to distribute funding widely across BC to complete smaller projects and partially support operational trials or reduce financial barriers to completing elements of larger projects already underway. These grants will seek to learn from action - implementing initiatives and trials with clear innovative objectives and data- and knowledge-driven learning opportunities. We will raise awareness of and support extension to facilitate knowledge being translated into action.

Key details:

- Projects must deliver tangible outcomes that increase the knowledge and extension of innovative silviculture in BC.
- Grant value is minimum $10,000 and maximum $50,000
- $1.0 million is available for this intake (estimating 20-25 grants funded)
- Grant projects can take up to two years to complete beginning in the Spring of 2026, with all reporting requirements due by December 31, 2028.
- We encourage collaborative projects, particularly those that are led or co-led by First Nations.
- Projects must fall within one of the four eligible themes.

These grants are targeted towards operational implementation but open to individual practitioners, organizations, and researchers. Preference will be given to projects that are "shovel ready", meaning projects where all permissions and permits are in place, and/or support ideas and collaborations that are ongoing or already established. Project support can include planning, data collection, reporting and extension. While preference is for "shovel ready" projects, those that are at a conceptual level are able to apply if the concept aligns with SIP mission and values, priority themes, and demonstrates existing collaborations or partnerships. For example, project support to develop the details of the prescription or implementation plan.

We note that this fund cannot be used to cover basic activities included in the stumpage system (such as layout, roads, logging and reforestation). It is intended to target additional activities applicants may not otherwise have time or resources to complete, but that are critical to knowledge creation and knowledge sharing on innovative silviculture. This could include prescription planning, research and monitoring design, equipment needs, data collection beyond what is required for cutting permit issuance, developing knowledge sharing products, and extension of results. Leveraging existing funds and in-kind support is encouraged.

Knowledge production and transfer is a critical component of each grant and will be measured by outputs including: project reports, published articles, research reports, theses, handbooks, decision support tools, software, methodologies, databases and how project learnings are translated in support of varying forms of knowledge exchange.

Grant Guidance

We have prepared a detailed grant guidance document for the Innovation in Action 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 here: <u>SIP Innovation in Action Grant Guidance</u>

Informational Webinar

We are hosting an Informational Webinar on November 4, 2025 12:00-1:00PM (PST). The webinar is intended to provide additional support to applicants including an opportunity to ask questions. **Register for the webinar here: 2025 SIP Grants Webinar**

View Application Questions

If you would like to view the application questions, click the PDF link below. Note: depending on response to some questions, there may be additional questions for more details (e.g., if selecting "other", please describe). These questions are excluded from this PDF download.

The SIP grant program supports work that align with our vision, mission and values. To read more about these foundations of the SIP, please see our strategic plan: https://sip.bvcentre.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SIP_Strategic_Plan.pdf.

Application name

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[ ] **I confirm that I have read the 2025 SIP Grant Guidance, and that this application meets the required eligibility criteria for this grant opportunity.**

Contact information provided in this section will 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** (March 2026)

Q#S-1: Application contact name

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First and last name

Q# S-2: Application contact's role in project

◯ Project Lead

◯ Project Assistant

◯ Organization Administrator

◯ Grant Writer

◯ Other

Important note: the Project Lead (provided in Section A), if different from the contact person provided, will **not** be notified in addition. The contact person provided here understands they are responsible for notifying the Project Lead as necessary.

Q# S-3: Contact email address

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To ensure you do not miss notifications regarding the status of your application, please ensure Good Grants (@goodgrants.com) and Bulkley Valley Research Centre (@bvcentre.ca) are on your email safe senders list (or regularly check your junk mail).

Q# S-4: Contact phone number

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A: Project Team Details

Section A: Organization Details

Q# A-1: Project Lead name

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First and Last name. If the application is successful, the **Project Lead** will be required to review and sign all grant contract documentation. The Project Lead will be responsible for leading/overseeing the completion of grant activities, including reporting and deliverables.

Q# A-2: Project Lead Organization name

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If the application is successful, the **Project Organization** will be provided with the grant funding to their account for distribution to the Project Lead, as appropriate.

For Project Leads applying as an individual, please write "Individual".

Q# A-3: Type(s) of organization: *Select all that apply*

☐ Individual

☐ First Nation

☐ Non-profit

☐ Consultant/Consulting firm

☐ Community forest agreement holder

☐ Woodlot licensee

☐ Research forest

☐ Licensee

☐ University or College

☐ Other

Q# A-4: Physical address of Lead organization

Street Address, Town/City, Province, Postal Code

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Organizations/Individuals must be located in BC to be eligible to apply.

Please provide the full **physical** address (not a mailing address - PO Boxes are not eligible).

Q# A-5: Organization website or social media (optional)

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Q# A-6: Organization signing authority name and role (optional)

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If the applying Organization has a signing authority required for contract documentation (different from/in addition to the Project Lead), please list their **name, role and email address** here.

Q# A-7: Will your project involve collaboration or co-leadership with other organizations, communities or individuals?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Unsure at this time

Q# A-8: Is the project First Nations-led, co-led and/or co-created?

◯ First Nations-led

◯ First Nations co-led and/or co-created

◯ No

◯ Unsure

First Nations-led: Initiatives that include meaningful decision-making and engagement by First Nations, ensuring their voices, perspectives and priorities guide the direction of the project or program. First Nations-led means ensuring Indigenous peoples are not just passive participants or beneficiaries; rather, they take an active and leading role throughout the entire process of a program or project. This leadership role extends to project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This approach recognizes the principles of self-determination, cultural autonomy and the importance of respecting Indigenous rights. The goal is to create partnerships that are equitable, respectful and contribute to positive outcomes for Indigenous peoples.

First Nations: For the purposes of these terms and conditions, eligible First Nations are bands, Treaty First Nations, and Indigenous National Governments with authority for lands and resources.

Q# A-9: Briefly outline the structure of the project team, including roles and project responsibilities.

Team member name/ group	Organization	Role/Title	Project responsibilities
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Q# A-10: Briefly describe the project teams' experience, including relevant past projects. *Maximum 250 words.* 250 words

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B: Project Overview

Section B: Project Overview

Q# B-1: Project title   20 words

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Q# B-2: Which of the following eligible themes does your project best align with?

○ Theme 1 - Old-like in a new light: Using partial harvesting and/or other innovative silviculture techniques for the recruitment of old growth characteristics.

○ Theme 2 - A burn a day can help keep wildfire away: Supporting cultural and/or prescribed fire as a tool for managing multiple values including, eco-cultural restoration, fuels management, and/or risk reduction, restoring Indigenous food sovereignty and pyrosilviculture related economic opportunities.

○ Theme 3 - Thin it to win it: Exploring prescription development for partial harvesting and/or thinning to improve forest resilience, reduce wildfire risk and manage multiple forest values.

○ Theme 4 - Accounting for Innovation: Providing data-driven support for land managers, planners, decision-makers and community leaders interested in applying innovative silviculture by exploring economic tradeoffs and demonstrating potential outcomes of implementing innovative silviculture.

Please select the theme that is **most applicable** to your project.

Please see the Grant Guidance for a detailed description of objectives of each theme and project examples.

Q#B-3: Which region(s) of BC will project work take place within and/or directly support? *Select all that apply.*

☐ 1: North Coast & Nechako

☐ 2: Northeast

☐ 3: Vancouver Island/Coast

☐ 4: Cariboo

☐ 5: Mainland/Southwest

☐ 6: Thompson/Okanagan

☐ 7: Kootenay

☐ 8: Provincial

Not sure which region? Click here for a map of BC's forested regions.

Q#B-4: Which of the following best describes the activities to be undertaken in this project? *Select all that apply.*

☐ Silvicultural treatment(s)

☐ Planning of innovative silviculture techniques (e.g. prescription writing, site visits, mentorship/advice, field measurement protocol development, etc.)

☐ Design of research and monitoring plan, including post-harvest evaluation and measurments/data collection

☐ Implementation of research and monitoring plan, including post-harvest evaluation and measurements/data collection

☐ Studies, research and data collection assessments

☐ Events or activities that support silviculture prescription development, planning and implementation (e.g. meeting in person, field days)

☐ Events or activities associated with extension, including knowledge sharing, mentorship and/or contributing to the collective knowledge of innovative silviculture

☐ Development, sharing and/or application of tools, practices and knowledge to support innovative silviculture, including decision support tools, technical guides, best practices, software development and training modules, case studies and summary reports

☐ Outreach and training activities or services that enhance capacity, education and outreach materials for stakeholders, rights holders, networks and/or communities

Silvicultural treatment(s) must align with provincial and local land managers' regional and/or district priorities on provincial crown land that occur on the timber harvesting land base and provincial parks in BC (including tenure, Crown land, and Old Growth Management Areas). Applicants are responsible for ensuring qualified regulated professionals will be used when legally required, such as a Registered Professional Forester.

Q# B-5: Which phase best describes the current status of your project?

○ Phase 1: Concept development

○ Phase 2: Planning & Engagement

○ Phase 3: Ready to begin

○ Phase 4: Progress underway

○ Phase 5: Finalizing and/or sharing outcomes

Current phase is the phase of project at the time of application. While all projects are invited and encouraged to apply, preference may be given to projects in later phases.

Q# B-6: Estimated project start date

○ Currently underway

○ Winter 2025/26 (Dec-Feb)

○ Spring 2026 (March-May)

○ Summer 2026 (June-August)

○ Fall 2026 (September-November)

○ Winter 2026/27 (December '26 - March '27)

Please provide your **best estimate** of when you anticipate the proposed project will begin (and when upfront funding would be disbursed).

Note: projects starting later than March 2027 are not eligible for this opportunity.

Q# B-7: Total funding requested ($)

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Provide total amount requested in Canadian dollars (CAD). Must not exceed $50,000.00

Please ensure this value matches the total request provided in your project budget (Section D).

Q# B-8: Provide a brief summary of your project. *75 words or less.*   75 words

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Please summarize your project in plain language so reviewers can quickly understand what it is about. Focus on the project's purpose, key activities, and intended outcomes. This summary will help reviewers recall your proposal at a glance.

C: Purpose

Section C: Project Purpose

Q# C-1: Why is this project important for advancing innovative silviculture in BC? Please describe.   250 words
Maximum 250 words.

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Q# C-2: How will this project demonstrate and/or support stewardship of multiple values? Please   250 words
describe. *Maximum 250 words.*

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Q# C-3: Why will this project benefit the local community and/or economy? What skills, experience and/or   250 words
knowledge would be gained as a result? Please describe. *Maximum 250 words.*

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D: Plan

Section D: Project Plan

Q# D-1: Provide an outline of the project below, including major project milestones, events, steps and/or activities.

	Milestone, Event, Step or Activity	Date (estimated)	Description
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At a minimum, your outline must include start date, halfway report date and completion date. However please note this outline is intended to help reviewers understand the workflow of your project and how it relates to delivering on planned outcomes. Including details of other milestones, events, steps and/or activities is highly recommended to support a strong application. For ideas on what to include, see the list below.

Required milestones:

- **Start date** - approximately when your project or initiative requires upfront funding in order to begin.
- **Halfway report date** - roughly halfway through your project (date can be adjusted later, if needed). Completion and submission of the project Halfway Report (template provided). The intent of this report is for the SIP team to see how projects are progressing, and provide support if needed. Upon receipt and approval, 30% of project funds will be released (10% holdback remains).
- **Completion date** is when the project is complete and all final deliverables are submitted to the SIP. Upon receipt and approval, the remaining 10% of funds will be released.

Examples of other descriptive milestones, events, actvities:

- Project kick-off meeting held with partners and collaborators
- Hiring or contracting of key staff/consultants
- Signing of partnership agreements or MOUs
- Finalize detailed work plan
- Obtain necessary permits/approvals/ethics clearance
- Stakeholder engagement session(s)
- Develop data collection tools / protocols
- Launch of fieldwork, trial, or pilot project
- Community workshop or training session delivered
- Installation of equipment / infrastructure completed
- Completion of data collection phase
- Data cleaning and analysis completed
- Draft report / interim findings shared with partners
- Presentation at a conference or community meeting
- Publication of findings (report, article, toolkit, website)
- Final workshop / field day / demonstration event
- Knowledge products disseminated
- Project wrap-up meeting with partners

Q# D-2: Describe the area of focus for the project. If applicable, provide the size of the location of the project. (e.g., geographic area, #hectares, sites, communities involved, etc.)? *Maximum 75 words.*   75 words

Q# D-2b: Approximate geographic location of your project area *(if known/appropriate)*. (optional)

	Latitude	Longitude
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Use centrally located coordinates for large project areas.

Q# D-3: Do you have land manager support or necessary authorizations in place?

◯ Yes, confirmed

◯ In progress

◯ No

◯ Not applicable

Q# D-4: Are there any seasonal or administrative constraints that could affect project delivery, including a delayed or revised timeline?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Uncertain

Q# D-5: Describe any anticipated constraints or barriers and how your team plans to address them. *For example, does your project involve weather-sensitive activities (e.g., prescribed fire)? If so, how will you manage risks related to timing or conditions?*   (optional) 150 words

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Q# D-6: Project Budget

Instructions:

Download a copy of our budget template <u>here</u>

Complete all yellow fields (required) in the budget sheet.

Upload your completed budget spreadsheet here.

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Please use the provided template <u>here</u>. This helps streamline our review process and ensure all required information is included with your application.

Please use the following file naming convention:
SIP-Action-Grant-Budget_OrganizationName

(e.g. SIP-Action-Grant-Budget_ForestInnovators)

Q# D-7: Do you (or will you) have letters of support for this project?

◯ Yes

◯ To be provided if project is approved

◯ No

◯ Not applicable (e.g., no collaborative partners)

Project applicants must demonstrate permissions and/or support from project partners, Rights holders and/or landowners impacted by the project activities through providing letters of support. These can be provided at the time of application or if successful, at the time of funding offer.

E: Reporting & Deliverables

Section E: Reporting & Deliverables

Required Reporting & Deliverables

Grant recipients will be **required to complete two reports and minimum two extension outputs** as a condition of receiving funding:

1) A halfway report (2-5 pages, template provided)
2) A final report (narrative and financial; template provided)
3) Final extension outputs (minimum two)

Please confirm that you understand and agree to these requirements.

◯ Yes, I understand I will be required to provide the above deliverables to receive this funding.

◯ I do not agree.

Q# E-1: What short-term learnings *(within 6-months)* are anticipated as an **outcome of your project?**   75
Describe. *Maximum 75 words.*   words

In the **short-term**, extension aims to improve access to and awareness of relevant knowledge; strengthen connections among mentors, early-career professionals, and knowledge holders; and support the development of skills aligned with values-based forest management.

Q# E-2: What medium-term *(within 1-year)* **actions** are anticipated as an **outcome of your project?**   75
Describe. *Maximum 75 words.*   words

Medium-term outcomes focus on fostering a culture that embraces innovation, experimentation, and learning, building stronger and more diverse communities of practice, and expanding training opportunities.

Q# E-3: (If applicable) What long-term changes in societal conditions are desired as an outcome of your   (optional)
project? Describe. *Maximum 75 words.*

In the **long-term**, extension seeks to influence systemic change by supporting policies that promote innovation; supporting knowledge exchange through continuous mentorship of practitioners; and developing local markets to make innovative silviculture more viable.

Q# E-4: What are your project extension outputs? *Please select at least two.*

☐ Video(s)

☐ Podcast

☐ Interviews with knowledge holders/practitioners

☐ Report(s)

☐ Extension note(s)

☐ Magazine article(s)

☐ Infographic(s)

☐ Community meeting and summary

☐ Final presentation

☐ Workshop

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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.

Q# E-5: Select the participants or users of your extension outputs, or who you consider the "target audience" of your work. *Select all that apply.*

☐ Forest practitioners

☐ Silviculture specialists

☐ Forestry professionals

☐ Operators

☐ Biologists

☐ Early-career professionals

☐ Researchers

☐ Community members

☐ First Nations

☐ Policy or Decision makers

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Q# E-6: How do you intend on reaching your target audience(s) with each extension output you selected?   300 words

Maximum 300 words.

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Please describe **why you chose the audience(s)** above, and **how each extension output** (selected from the list above) **will relate to the audience(s)** (selected from the list above). Please be as specific as possible.

Q# E-7: As part of the required final report, Grantees will be asked to report on "project indicators of success" in their final reports.

In the following table, in the please indicate which Project Indicators your project will plan to report on to the SIP in the righthand column (answer with yes, no, or possibly in each cell).

Grantees must report on minimum three Project Indicators.

	Project Indicator	Reported to SIP as these units	Will your project report on this indicator? (Yes/No/Possibly)
1	Number of hectares treated (total)	Area in hectares (ha)	
2	Number of hectares treated, applying innovative silviculture	Area in hectares (ha)	
3	Number of hectares surveyed or monitored for multiple values, in addition to/outside mandatory requirements	Area in hectares (ha)	
4	Volume of wood removed (thinning, variable retention or partial harvest trials)	Volume in cubic metres (m3)	
5	Volume of wood retained (thinning, variable retention or partial harvest trials)	Volume in cubic metres (m3)	
6	Number of new/innovative methods or tools trialed or developed	Quantity	
7	Number of trial replications	Quantity	
8	Publication of technical reports or peer-reviewed papers generated	Quantity	
9	Number of jobs created or supported	Quantity	
10	Number of local workers hired or contracted	Quantity	
11	Number of Indigenous workers hired or contracted	Quantity	
12	Person days of employment generated	Quantity in days	
13	Training/education hours delivered to workers or partners	Quantity in hours	
14	Training/education hours received by workers or partners	Quantity in hours	
15	Number of students or interns supported by the project	Quantity	

16	Number of knowledge exchange events held (workshops, field tours, webinars)	Quantity
17	Number of participants at outreach events	Quantity
18	Number of extension notes, guidance documents, case studies or factsheets (etc.) produced	Quantity
19	Number of partnerships or collaborations established	Quantity
20	Number of partnerships or collaborations with Indigenous communities and/or organizations	Quantity
21	Number of collaborator meetings held	Quantity

Reporting on **project indicators** of success is crucial for a grants program because it helps demonstrate the overall impact, effectiveness and strategic value of the program.

Project indicators:

- Help synthesize diverse projects into a single, compelling narrative that communicates the broader value of the program to funders, stakeholders and the public. This includes how a diverse array of funded projects contribute to a shared goal of increasing the implementation of innovative silviculture through extension and applied research.
- Provide support for whether the grants program is meeting its stated objectives and consistent data for monitoring grant program progress over time.
- Identify patterns, gaps and best practices across projects that allow the SIP team to refine future funding priorities and guidelines. This encourages continuous improvement based on what is or what isn't working.
- Give grantees a shared understanding of collaborative success, even if their projects and approaches are very different to encourage collaboration, data sharing and collective learning.
- Provide evidence of impact, demonstrating that the SIP grants program offers strong return on investment (not just silviculture innovation but also through capacity building and community support). This helps encourage additional/continued investment from funders.