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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 operational trials or reduce financial barriers to completing elements of larger projects already underway.

Minimum request: \$10,000

Maximum request: \$50,000

Estimated number of grants funded: 16-20

Total funding available: \$800,000

Duration: 2 years. beginning as early as January 2025 with final deliverables due by December 31, 2027.

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

These smaller grants are targeted towards operational implementation but open to individual practitioners, organizations, and researchers. Preference will be given to projects that are “shovel ready”, that is projects where all permissions and permits are in place, and are intended to support ideas and collaborations that are ongoing or already established. Project support can include planning, data collection, reporting and extension. In addition, we will accept some projects that are at a conceptual level, if the concept aligns with SIP mission and values, and priority themes, but may require further time and effort to develop the details of the prescription or implementation plan. Projects that are at the concept level will still be expected to demonstrate existing collaborations or partnerships. If applicants require support to build initial relationships, they should first apply to the Capacity Building grant.

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.

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 at the link below:

[SIP Innovation in Action 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: INNOVATION IN ACTION GRANT

Part A - Organization Details

Name of lead organization, group or individual

Lead organization (group or individual) is the project lead applying for the grant. If the application is successful, this organization will be provided with grant funding.

Organization website or social media (optional)

Physical address of lead organization/group/researcher

Project lead must be from BC to be eligible to apply.

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

Part B - Project Overview

Project title

20 words

Which of the following eligible themes does your project align with? *Select any and all that apply.*

- 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 - Training tomorrow's forest innovators: Innovative silviculture practitioner and/or operator training, education or practical forestry experience opportunities.
- Theme 5 - Beyond the sawlog: Innovative and optimized use of fibre to create higher value products, increase employment and support local economies.
- Theme 6 - Success, failure, learn and tailor: Share learnings of successes and failures of using innovative silviculture techniques to enhance adaptive management strategies and build on BC's collective knowledge.
- Theme 7 - Partial harvest, variable retention, and/or ecological forestry to manage for multiple values (including recruitment of old growth structure).
- Theme 8 - Using Western and Indigenous science to better understand fire effects to forests with innovative silviculture treatments.
- Theme 9 - Post-harvest silviculture treatments (planting, thinning, pruning, fertilization) to manage for multiple values (including recruitment of old growth structure).
- Theme 10 - The intersection between and across the above open call themes (theme 7-9).
- ...

To be eligible, projects must address one (or more) of themes 1-10.

Preference may be given to projects involving priority themes 1-6.

Which of the following best describes the activities to be undertaken in this project? *Select all that apply.*

- Silvicultural treatment(s)
- Planning innovative silviculture (including prescription writing, site visits, mentorship/advice, field measurement protocol development, etc.
- Design of research and monitoring plan, including post-harvest evaluation and measurements/data collection
- Implementation of research and monitoring plan, including post-harvest evaluation and measurements/data collection
- Studies, research and data collection assessments
- Purchasing of operational equipment directly needed for implementation
- Events or activities that support silviculture prescription development, planning and implementation
- 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
- ...

Please provide a brief summary of the project/proposal, including main project objectives/goals and activities. (2-3 sentences, 75 words max.)

75
words

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.

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

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

Provide a brief summary description of how this project will contribute to the SIP's vision and/or mission. (2- 75
3 sentences, 75 words max.)

words

SIP Vision:

Innovative silvicultural systems are applied widely across British Columbia's forested ecosystems for the stewardship of multiple values.

SIP Mission:

The Silviculture Innovation Program will accelerate the growth of innovative silviculture by improving knowledge of these systems in British Columbia.

The SIP will:

- Assess the needs and state of knowledge of the forest management community;
- Be inclusive of multiple and diverse knowledge systems;
- Link extension needs to a motivated network of forest practitioners around the province;
- Make existing information more accessible, transparent and easier to interpret;
- Bridge existing gaps in knowledge that advance practices and inform policy;
- Develop projects to advance innovative silviculture practices and approaches to forest management.

Please provide a brief summary description of how your team will share results and/or learnings with the innovative silviculture community of practice. (2-3 sentences, 75 words max.)

75
words

Summary description only. More details of the project extension plan will be required in *Section 3: Plan*

Total funding requested (\$)

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

Estimated project start date

- Early 2025 (January-March)
- Mid 2025 (April-August)
- Late 2025 (September-December)
- 2026
- 2027

Please provide your best estimate of when you anticipate the proposed project to begin (i.e. when upfront funding would be disbursed).

Will your project involve collaboration or co-leadership with other organizations or individuals?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure at this time

Section 2: Purpose

How will this project make progress towards improving knowledge and/or application of innovative silviculture in BC to support multiple values?

250
words

Please describe. *Maximum 250 words.*

What skills, experience and/or knowledge would be gained from this project?

300 words

Please describe. *Maximum 300 words.*

How will this project benefit the local community and/or economy?

250 words

Please describe. *Maximum 250 words.*

How will this project benefit the broader innovative silviculture community in BC?

250 words

Please describe. *Maximum 250 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

Required Deliverables and Reporting

All Innovation in Action grant recipients will be **required to complete two reports and minimum two extension products** as a condition of receiving funding:

- 1) A halfway report** (3-5 pages, template provided)
- 2) A final report** (narrative and financial; template provided)
- 3) Final extension products** (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.

Extension Deliverables

What are the **expected or potential extension products or activities for your project?** *Please select at least two.*

- Video(s)
- Blog post(s)
- Photos
- Interviews
- Report(s)
- Extension note(s)
- Magazine article(s)
- Infographic(s)
- Community meeting(s)
- Final presentation
- ...

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.

What audience(s) or knowledge user(s) will your extension products reach? *Select all that apply.*

- Silviculture specialists
- Forest practitioners
- Forestry professionals
- Operators
- Biologists
- Youth
- Researchers
- Community members
- First Nations
- Policy or Decision makers
- ...

How do you intend on reaching your target audience(s) with the extension deliverables you selected?

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Please describe. *Maximum 300 words.*

words

Please describe how each extension deliverable (selected from the list above) will relate the audiences or knowledge holders (selected from the list above). Please be as specific as possible.

Will any of the extension products or deliverables selected above be completed (or a preliminary version available) at the halfway check-in point?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure/possibly

Preference may be given to proponents that can provide complete or partially complete extension products at the halfway point.

The SIP Extension Team will meet with successful grant recipients at the halfway point to discuss opportunities for extension support and amplification.

Section 4: Diversity

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.