Mobilizing Alberta grant
Guidelines & Criteria

Funding Overview
With support from Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Environmental Damages Fund, the University of Calgary is offering grants amounting up to $50,000 to support projects that build climate action capacity in the community. We are especially focused on supporting projects that are led by or engage Indigenous communities and youth, as well as projects that engage audiences that are interested in or concerned about climate change and need support and resources to take climate action. We plan to offer an additional funding round within the next two years.

Grant recipients will be selected by a grant review committee.

These guidelines are intended to make the program parameters clear and assist applicants in ensuring their initiative will be a good fit for a grant. In addition to the guidelines document it is highly recommended that interested parties review the FAQs and contact our team to discuss your initiative or program. You can get in touch with a grant team advisor at alanadawn.eirikson@ucalgary.ca.

Community Grant Amounts & Project Duration
- The maximum grant amount per project is $50,000.
- Project end date is a maximum of 24 months after the start date (proposals for shorter initiatives are also accepted).

Key Audiences
The following key audiences have been identified as priority groups to support, work with, and engage in climate awareness and action in Southern Alberta. Projects that are led by, work with or engage one or more of the following key audiences will be prioritized for funding:
- Indigenous Communities,
- Youth (under 30), and
- Audiences that are interested in and concerned about climate change and need support and resources to take climate action.

Please note that projects are not required to focus on one of these audiences to apply.
Eligibility

Eligible Partners

All projects must increase climate change awareness and action in Southern Alberta and include three types of partners:

- At least one community group or community organization (referred to as community member within these guidelines);
- At least one University of Calgary faculty member (adjunct faculty members are eligible); and
- Post-secondary undergraduate and graduate students. Preference will be given to projects that include a UCalgary student; however, it is not required that the student(s) attends the University of Calgary.

Please note it is not required to have the student(s) recruited prior to submitting an application for the Climate Action Grant program. However, the role of the student must be clearly defined.

Faculty from other post-secondary institutions are welcome to collaborate with a University of Calgary faculty member on a project and grant submission.

Eligible Community Member Organizations

The following are eligible community members recipients of a Climate Action Grant:

- Non-government organizations
- Indigenous organizations
- Universities and academic institutions provided they partner with a UCalgary faculty member who acts as the lead proponent for the initiative
- Band Councils; Tribal Councils, Tribal Associations or Tribal Governments; and Organisations of Indigenous communities across Southern Alberta

“Community member” organizations must carry 1 million ($) minimum liabilities and damage insurance in order to be the recipient of the grant.

Ineligible Community Member Organizations

The following are ineligible “community member” recipients of a Climate Action Grant:

- Private sector or for-profit organizations
- Individuals
- Political parties

Municipalities, the Government of Alberta and provincial agencies, academia, for-profit and private sector entities can be eligible provided they partner with an eligible community member organization who acts as the lead proponent for the initiative.
Projects

Eligible Projects

Projects based in and/or serve one or more communities in Southern Alberta.

- Calgary
- Lethbridge
- Banff
- Brooks
- Wesley First Nation
- Chiniki First Nation
- Bearspaw First Nation
- Tsut’ina First Nation
- Siksika First Nation
- Piikani First Nation
- Kainai First Nation
- Metis Nation Region 3
- Acadia No. 34, Municipal District (M.D)
- Cardston County
- Cypress County
- Forty Mile No. 8, County
- Kneehill County
- Lethbridge County
- Newell County
- Newell, County of
- Pincher Creek Municipal District
- Ranchlands Municipal District
- Starland County
- Taber Municipal District
- Vulcan County
- Warner No. 5 County
- Wheatland County
- Willow Creek Municipal District

- Climate Action Grants can be utilized to support new or ongoing projects. Ongoing projects must identify how they will incorporate new ideas, approaches, frameworks, methods, and/or plans to improve, expand, or scale up the project.

- Students are a critical component of the Climate Action Grant projects. Experiential learning is learning-by-doing that bridges knowledge and experience through critical reflection (University of Calgary, 2020). All Climate Action Grant projects must include at least one student engaging in experiential learning.

- Projects must implement at least one storytelling initiative.
Projects Involving Research or Knowledge Sharing with Indigenous Communities

OCAP® stands for Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession. These four principles assert that First Nations have control over data collection processes in their communities, and that they own and control how that information can be used and are considered the standard for how to conduct research with First Nations people and communities.

If your project includes research or sacred knowledge sharing with Indigenous communities, please ensure you follow the community’s ethics, guidelines and protocols as well as the University of Calgary’s ethics policies including OCAP.

For more information on Indigenous Research, please contact the Indigenous Research Team at the University of Calgary or visit their webpage.

Project Costs

Eligible Project Costs

- Salaries and wages
- Management and professional service
- Contractors
- Travel, as approved by the University, to be in alignment with the mileage, accommodation and meal rates in the National Joint Council Travel Directive located at https://www.njc-cnmc.ca/directive/d10/en
- Material and supplies
- Equipment rentals
- Communication and printing, production, and distribution
- Vehicle rental and operation
- Indigenous honoraria, speaker fees and gifts; and
- Venue rental, catering and conference registration.

Ineligible Project Costs

- Purchasing land or leasing land
- Purchasing equipment
- Overhead costs (e.g., rent, insurance, and utilities etc.).
How to Apply:
The Climate Action Grant program will accept submissions in the following ways:

1) Download application and complete written submission;
2) Create a video of your responses to the application questions, upload it to YouTube as an unlisted video and share the link to the video;
3) Submit an audio recording of your responses to the application questions;
4) Please contact an advisor at mobilizing@ucalgary.ca if you have another creative way that you would like to submit an application to discuss other proposed options.

All final submissions are to be directed to mobilizing@ucalgary.ca Please send the file along with the completed feasibility template for your application.

Grant Program Timeline

1. Submit grant application: Sept. 21 – Nov. 4, 2022
   The grant application will open on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022.
   Applications must be submitted by Nov. 4, 2022 by 5:00pm MST.

2. Grant application review & decision-making: Nov. 7 - Dec. 2, 2022
   A grant review committee will review eligible applications and decide which projects to fund.

3. Application Results: Early December 2022
   All applicants will be notified of the grant review committee’s decision-making.

4. Contribution Agreement distribution: January 2023
   Successful applicants will receive their contribution agreements in early 2023.

5. Funding: February – March 15, 2023
   Successful applicants will receive the funding by March 15, 2023

Reporting Requirements
Grant recipients are required to attend a mid-year check in meeting and final report meet with a grant advisor. Upon completion of the project, grant recipients are required to complete a final report and impact assessment.