

Sustainable Development Goals Act and Climate Plan: Engagement Funding Application Form

The Government of Nova Scotia is currently discussing new Sustainable Development Goals and a new Climate Change Plan. Nova Scotians are encouraged to participate at CleanFuture.ca.

To help us work in better ways to make decisions relating to the environment, we are offering funding to underrepresented community groups to help host conversations and gather feedback.

What is Sustainable Development? What is Climate Change?

Sustainable Development is development that considers the health of our economy, our communities, and the planet. Climate change is caused by pollution that changes our long-term weather patterns. These changes affect our natural environment and impact our communities, our economy and our health.

Who can apply for funding?

The province is offering up to \$2,000 in funding for specified communities and organizations to host sustainable development and climate change workshops. The grant is to help support more inclusive conversations that centre the voices of people from underrepresented communities including:

- People experiencing low income
- African Nova Scotians
- Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous peoples
- Immigrants and newcomers to Canada
- Individuals living with a disability
- 2SLGBTQIA+
- Youth (under 18)

How can this funding be used?

The funding is to support conversations led by your own communities – in the way that you choose. This can include planning a virtual meeting, research time, specific meeting costs, or hiring someone to run a meeting.

The topic of conversations must focus on climate change and/or sustainable development. These could include:

- Access to clean transportation
- Energy affordability
- Clean water
- Dealing with flooding
- Extreme heat
- Power outages
- Etc.

***A Do-It-Yourself Workshop Kit to help guide the conversations is available for free download at CleanFuture.ca.

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What will the feedback be used for?

Your community's feedback will be sent the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change. This feedback will help government to make decisions on policies and programs about the environment through new Sustainable Development Goals and new actions on climate change.

We welcome your community to participate in the discussion. The deadline to apply is June 25, 2021.

Important Notes:

- We are not recommending in-person sessions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please make sure your plans are virtual and follow all public health guidelines.
- We will hold a webinar on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM ADT** to discuss this funding program and answer your questions. Please email simone.charron@novascotia.ca to sign up.
- Please read the whole form before filling it out. If you would like help or have questions, please contact Simone Charron at simone.charron@novascotia.ca or 902-717-4663.

How do I apply?

1. Please fill out the form and submit by either email or mail to:

Policy1@novascotia.ca

Or

Attention: Sustainable Development Goals Act and Climate Plan Public Engagement
Department of Environment and Climate Change
1903 Barrington St, Suite 2085
Halifax, NS B3J 3L7

2. You will receive a confirmation email and/or phone call once we have received your funding application. If you are approved, we will send a confirmation letter for you to review, sign and send back. We will then send you a cheque for the approved funding. This full process should take 5-8 business days, depending on your location in the province.
3. After your workshop is completed, please send a written summary of what you heard to Policy1@novascotia.ca. This could include notes from your workshop or conversations, or a summary of key themes or highlights. **Please send us the summary of your input by July 26, 2021.**
4. Once we've received your input, a staff member from the Department of Environment and Climate Change will follow up for a short phone meeting to discuss your community's feedback.

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Who is applying?

Contact Person:	
Organization or Community:	
Phone:	
Email:	

What do you plan to do?

For example, you could host a virtual workshop, conduct some research, have one-on-one interviews, or host a series of conversations. A sample Do-it-Yourself workshop kit is also available at CleanFuture.ca.

What kind of workshop are you planning? Who will you invite?

This could be people who work for your organization or community group, people from your organization or board, or people from the community.

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How will you keep track of what people say?

For example, you could collect input during a virtual group workshop, through email submissions from members of a group or community, or individual phone interviews.

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How much money are you asking for? How will you spend it?

You can apply for up to \$2,000. Eligible expenses include time for planning a virtual meeting or meeting series; research time; specific meeting costs; and hiring someone to run meeting(s). Please provide a specific breakdown.

Proposed Expense(s)	Amount (\$)
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$

Which community do you represent?

Please indicate with an (X) the group that your organization primarily serves and/or is led by:

Communities	
Experiencing low income	
African Nova Scotian	
Mi'kmaq/Indigenous	
Immigrant / Newcomer to Canada	
2SLGBTQIA+	
Living with a disability	
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