

Help youth make positive changes in their own school and community with Clean Climate Action Grants!

Clean Foundation is offering Clean Climate Action Grants of \$500 and \$1000 to support climate action projects led by youth across Nova Scotia (pre-primary to grade 12) through the 2025-26 school year.

Climate action projects can take many different forms. Youth could host an event, raise awareness, make art, grow a traditional medicine garden, plant trees, teach a skill, promote energy efficiency, reduce waste or restore ecosystems and more. There are so many creative ways to act on climate change and **make a difference**!

Youth can apply for a Clean Climate Action Grant on their own or as a group. Groups can be made up of friends, classes, clubs/teams or other groups that they're part of. If they've got an idea bigger than just a class or club, you can bring groups together or even apply as a whole school!

Youth may apply individually or as groups with support from a teacher, community leader or other adult mentor (age 19+) who will oversee their project. If funds are granted, they will be sent to the cooperating teacher or mentor.

A single group or class project can apply for up to \$500. If your project combines multiple classes or groups, or has your whole school involved, you can apply for up to \$1000!

Two rounds of funding will be offered this school year:

- Round 1 Application deadline: October 31, 2025
- Round 2 Application deadline: February 20, 2026

If your project is not selected in the first round of funding, we encourage you to apply again. We can help you figure out how to make your application even better!

Application process:

- 1. **Brainstorm** your climate action project ideas. Decide if you will apply on your own or with a group. Find a teacher or adult mentor who will help with your project, including this application!
- 2. **Draft your application**. Your application will be graded based on these categories:

Title & contact information	10%
Detailed description of project	30%
Project benefit & local community impact	20%
Action plan steps	20%
Budget	20%

With your application, you'll be asked to show a list of the items that you plan to buy and an estimated cost for each item. Grant money can only be used for purchases that are directly related to your project. Some items that you cannot spend money on include salaries or professional services, event attendance fees, and subscriptions. Clean Foundation may ask you about some of the items outlined in your budget to make sure they're project related. Your teacher or adult mentor should help you make your budget.



3. **Submit your proposal** using the online Clean Climate Action Grant Application Form. Only one application is needed per group!

Note: If using the online application is a barrier for you for any reason, or you would like to submit your application in a way not supported by this form (such as a drawn plan, a video application, or other format) please contact **youth@cleanfoundation.ca** and we'll help you submit your application in a different way.

4. **Wait for approval.** While we're looking at your application, we may reach out to you with questions or to give feedback. After submitting your proposal, you can expect to hear back from us within 1-3 weeks after the application deadline.

Successful applicants:

If your project is chosen funds will be sent to the cooperating teacher or mentor.

The next step is to start your climate action project! Document your project with photos, videos, artwork, or written reflections – this will be useful when completing your project report.

Submit a project report to Clean Foundation by June 19, 2026.

Your project report should include:

- a. A short description of your action project and the impact that it had
- b. Photos (3-10 recommended)
- c. Comments or quotes from youth participants
- d. Photocopied receipts from all eligible expenses

We can't wait to see and hear about your awesome community actions!

Note: Please ensure submissions are written in your own words. We understand that the use of third-party sources or A.I. software can be helpful to research and brainstorm ideas. If you use A.I. or third-party sources to support any part of the grant application, please re-write it in your own words to reflect your unique project and context.



Prepare to apply!

Use this space to draft your ideas before submitting your proposal online.

The online application form will ask for basic contact information and project details along with the following written response questions:

Project Title:					
Describe your cli	mate action	project. Wh	at action will y	you be taking?	



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What steps will you take to	make this project happen? Summarize your step-by-step	plan.
Project start date:		
Project end date:		
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