



# Land Trusts Conservation Fund (LTCF)

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# What is the Land Trusts Conservation Fund (LTCF)?



Canadian Land  
Trusts Working  
Group\*



- The Government of Canada is investing \$100M over 4 years in the Natural Heritage Conservation Program (NHCP)
  - Part of Budget 2018's Nature Legacy Initiative
- The NHCP will contribute:
  - 200,000 hectares towards Canada Target 1
  - to the protection of habitat for the recovery of species listed under the Species at Risk Act
- Wildlife Habitat Canada will be providing Program Administration Services for the LTCF
  - Approximately \$4.5M will be available through the LTCF annually over 4 years

*\* Representation from regional and community land trusts from the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and 3 provincial alliances (the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, Réseau de milieu naturels protégés, and the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia)*



# Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicants must be a **Canadian land trust**;
- Applicants must be a **registered Canadian charity**;
- Applicants must have adopted and be in compliance with, or working towards substantial compliance with, the *Canadian Land Trusts Standards and Practices (2019)*; and,
- Applicants must demonstrate a **minimum of 2:1 in match funding** raised from other non-federal sources.





# Large Grant Projects

- Maximum of 3 Applications
  - Total ask of up to \$1M
- Eligible Project Type
  - Acquisition of Fee Simple Lands;
  - Conservation Agreements; or
  - Combination thereof

- Required:
  - Minimum 2:1 Matched Funds
  - Stewardship Endowment Funds
  - Conservation Plan/Rationale
  - Baseline Documentation Report (*Conservation Agreements only*)
  - Financial Project Audit
- Evaluated on:
  - Conservation and biodiversity significance
  - Connection to other conservation lands
  - Project resiliency
  - Conservation co-benefits



# Small Grant Projects (*Coming Soon*)

- 1 project per Application
  - Ask between \$2,000 - \$20,000
- Multiple Applications permitted
- Approved in time stamped order:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> eligible project per land trust (time stamped order) will be funded;
  - If funding still available, 2<sup>nd</sup> eligible project per land trust (time stamped order) will be funded; etc.
- Required:
  - Minimum 2:1 Matched Funds
  - Stewardship Endowment Funds
  - Conservation Plan/Rationale
  - Project Financial Check





# Capacity Building Services



- Provincial Alliances working collectively to support land trusts by providing capacity building services
- OLTA supporting land trusts in Ontario and Atlantic Canada



- educational programs (e.g., conservation planning and engagement with the LTCF);
- adherence to *Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices 2019*;
- support and feedback in the development of project plans and funding applications.





# How to Apply

- Visit Wildlife Habitat Canada's website
  - [www.whc.org/lctcf](http://www.whc.org/lctcf)
  - View full Program Details
  - Access our Online Grant Application System
  - Create a login
- Year 1 (2019-2020) Applications:
  - **Application Deadline: October 11, 2019**
  - Year 1 application window is short
  - Years 2 through 4 will provide more time

The screenshot displays the Wildlife Habitat Canada website's 'Application Process' page. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'APPLICANTS', 'GRANT CATEGORIES', 'APPLICATION PROCESS', and 'CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES'. The 'APPLICATION PROCESS' link is highlighted with a red arrow and the number '1'. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Application Process' is centered. On the left side, there is a text block providing instructions for applicants, including a 'Contact WHC' button. On the right side, there are three sections: 'Dates and Deadlines', 'Important Documents', and 'Templates', each with a green checkmark icon. Below these sections is a heading 'PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION ONLINE' followed by instructions for users. A red arrow labeled '2' points to a link that says 'Click here to access the logon page'. Below this, there is a 'Logon Page' section with a red arrow labeled '3' pointing to it. The 'Logon Page' features an 'Email Address' field, a 'Password' field, and two buttons: 'Log On' and 'Create New Account'. There is also a link for 'Forgot your Password?'. To the right of the login fields is a grey box with instructions for new and existing users, and a note for users who are not sure if they are already registered.





Thank You!  
*Merci!*

