

What are the Active Transportation Grants?

Active transportation, or human-powered movement between locations, reduces emissions associated with travel and contributes to a healthier and more connected Basin. Through our work with Basin communities, we aim to strengthen local and regional efforts to ensure residents have access to safe, accessible, and alternative walking, running, wheeling and non-motorized transportation routes.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include local governments and Indigenous communities in the Columbia Basin Trust region (ourtrust.org/map). Societies and non-profits that may be working in this space are ineligible.

What is the application deadline?

The Active Transportation Grants accepts inquiries and applications on a continuous basis throughout the year. The program will close when available funds have been committed.

What types of costs are eligible?

Planning and Project Plan Development Support:

Costs to develop a detailed project plan, including but not limited to consultant fees, detailed engineering designs, project-specific maps, community and/or Indigenous consultation, as well as stage 1 environmental and/or archaeological assessments, if applicable.

Infrastructure Costs:

- The creation of new, accessible, multi-use paths within or between Basin communities, or that connect existing active transportation routes; and
- Active transportation amenities along newly constructed paths, including bicycle locking, charging and/or repair stations, water stations, benches, lighting, wayfinding, and climate adaptation features (e.g., trees, built shade structures, etc.).

What types of projects and costs are not eligible?

Ineligible projects include the following:

- Planning and/or infrastructure costs incurred prior to the Contribution Agreement date, if approved;
- Projects purely intended for beautification, or as recreation sites (i.e., skateboard or mountain bike trails);
- Street-adjacent bicycle lanes and sidewalks;
- Pathways that are not for public use; and
- Maintenance activities for existing active transportation infrastructure.

How much will the Trust fund?

Up to **50 per cent** of total project costs can be requested from the Trust for project planning and design, to a maximum of \$50,000.

For projects where planning has been completed and approvals are in place, the Trust may fund up to **50 per cent** of total project costs for physical works, up to a maximum of \$500,000.

The Trust may consider exceeding the expected maximum amount in situations where an Applicant has multiple targeted spaces and is ready to move forward in the stated timelines.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have applied, or plan to apply, to all eligible grants, including the [B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant](#) and the [Active Transportation Fund](#), and the [Active Transportation Planning Grants](#).

How does the Trust select projects for funding?

The Trust often receives requests for more funding than what is available and will prioritize requests from Applicants that demonstrate:

- The project meets the eligibility criteria listed above;
- The project shows it is ready to move forward in the stated timelines;
- The project will benefit the public or broader community; and
- The project aligns with the regional or municipal Transportation, Active Transportation, Climate and/or Community Plan(s).

When will organizations hear the results?

Organizations will be contacted by email at the email address provided in the EOI within four weeks of submitting it to confirm whether the Project has been approved for funding.

To finalize funding, both parties will sign a Contribution Agreement. Funds will be received, and projects may commence after both parties have signed the Agreement.

When can a project begin?

Funds can only be used for approved project expenses that occur after Trust approval of funding has been received, and the Contribution Agreement has been signed. Projects must aim to commence within six months of the signed Agreement.

What else to keep in mind?

Even if a project meets eligibility criteria, it may not be selected for funding as the Trust often receives requests for more funding than what is available. The Trust retains the right to determine project eligibility and the amount of funding allocated to each project; this may be all or part of what was requested.

Depending on the nature of the project, applicants may have to obtain specific permits and approvals prior to receiving Trust funds.

Ready to apply?

Complete the [EOI](#) Form.

Questions?

Any additional questions should be directed to Adrianne Parke, the program contact.