

Application Deadlines: October 31, 2016 and February 1, 2017

Introduction

In 2017, Canadians across the country will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Nova Scotia is supporting this event with the creation of the 150 Forward Fund. This fund will provide opportunities for Nova Scotians to create, promote and participate in local and regional events and programs that will build a sense of pride in Nova Scotia. These events should demonstrate Nova Scotia's vibrant past and promising future.

Fund Objectives

For a project to be considered for funding, applicants need to illustrate how their proposal is related to, and will promote the province's objectives for Canada 150 in 2017. Each application is expected to demonstrate a plan for bringing local and/or regional community together; engaging youth and/or celebrating diversity and inclusion. Proposals must demonstrate how they will meet the objectives and expectations set forth by Government of Nova Scotia throughout its 150 Forward programming.

When submitting an application to the 150 Forward Fund, applicants will need to demonstrate how their project achieves the following objectives:

- **Honours our Accomplishments**
Identifies and celebrates a significant Nova Scotian achievement or person over the last 150 years.
- **Celebrates our Identity**
Celebrates diversity and/or pays tribute to the diverse ethnic communities and cultures in Nova Scotia.
- **Builds on our Future**
Promotes and celebrates Nova Scotian innovation and achievements (within Nova Scotia) over the last 150 years.
Identifies a cultural legacy for the future. How will the project or event be remembered beyond 2017? How does it build a sense of pride and optimism about Nova Scotia's future?

Activities Supported

Activities supported include, but are **not limited to**, community and pan-provincial events, projects and initiatives that highlight one or more of the following:

- arts and culture;
- sport, healthy and active living;
- history and heritage;
- youth engagement;
- science and technology.

Costs and initiatives that will NOT receive support:

- family reunions;
- fireworks;
- alcoholic beverages;
- capital contributions;
- lobbying or advocacy activities;
- major infrastructure projects;
- projects that are designed for fundraising purposes;
- events with closed membership.

Proposed events and activities are required to take place in Nova Scotia and must be completed by December 31, 2017.

Eligibility

An eligible applicant is a non-profit society or non-profit cooperative registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

If eligible and successful as an applicant to the 150 Forward Fund, you are not eligible to apply for the same project/event under other programs managed and distributed through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

If found ineligible, please refer to the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for other programs that may be suited to your project/event.

Levels of Funding

Funding applications will fall under one of three levels of support, defined here:

Community Level (\$1-\$14,999)**	Regional Level (\$15,000 - \$49,999)**	Large Scale (\$50,000 +)**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily local participation & audience • Ability to enhance community pride of place • Impacts from project are mostly on a community or local level • Has ability to develop local/community legacy • Has support/endorsement from community and/or municipality <p>*funds will be disbursed at 100% upon receiving signed terms and conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May involve several communities, municipalities or regions coming together for project • Ability to attract regional and/or local media coverage • Impacts from project are regional in scope • Ability to enhance community and/or provincial pride of place • Has support/endorsement from community and/or regional communities. • Has potential to be financially viable and/or sustainable <p>*funds will be dispersed 80% upon receiving signed terms and conditions Final 20% upon receiving final report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is provincial in scope and impacts may be province-wide • May involve national participants • Makes use of multiple communities infrastructure or facilities • Ability to draw media attention/coverage • Ability to enhance provincial pride of place • Will involve multiple community and/or private sector partners • Has potential to be financially viable and/or sustainable • Provides more than one-time project and/or initiative. Has ability to develop a lasting province-wide legacy. <p>*funds will be dispersed 80% upon receiving signed terms and conditions Final 20% upon receiving final report</p>

* Funding for Canada Day (July 1, 2017) celebrations will not exceed \$1000 per community.

** The maximum funding provided will be 75% of the total event cost.

Application Procedure

It is strongly recommended that an application be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the start date of the proposed activity.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to call the Culture & Heritage Development Division to discuss their proposed activity and requirements for application before final submission.

Please be advised applications that are incomplete or are submitted without a detailed budget will be deemed ineligible.

Activities can start no earlier than January 1, 2017 and should be completed by December 31, 2017.

Measurement

Measuring the success of this investment is crucial for our Department's analysis. The program's overall success will be measured by the return on our shared investment. The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will request that successful applicants return final reports to the department following the completion of the project(s). We will request data that relates to the relevant program objectives, including, but not limited to:

- community engagement
- ticket sales
- event/project participation
- benefit to the community, region or province
- social engagement
- diversity and inclusion
- legacy for community, region or province

All funded projects will be required to report in detail on these measures and others. A final report template outlining these questions will be provided as part of the conditions on funding.

Notification of Results

Applicants will be informed of grant decisions by letter often within 45 days of the deadline date.

Payment Conditions of Funding

Applicants who are approved for funding will receive a letter outlining the terms and conditions of funding. Funding recipients must meet the following conditions:

- Non-repayable contributions must be used for the activity as described in the application.

- The Department must be notified in advance of any changes in the activity, including start and end dates, location, or any other significant changes.
- Applicants who do not receive the amount they requested may be required to submit a revised budget based on the approved amount.
- If the project is not undertaken after payment of the grant has been made, the recipient must return the funds to the Department; or submit receipts and detailed explanation on what was spent to date.
- If the project is found to have a surplus of more than 20%, you will be required to indicate where that surplus will be re-invested. Surplus funds and/or equipment should be re-invested in the community
- Contributions for projects which are approved prior to April 1, but which do not start until April 1 or later normally will be paid in full in late April.
- Successful applicants must submit a Final Report within 60 days of the project end.

Please Note: If your organization has received a grant through any of the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage or Arts Nova Scotia's project funding programs for which the **Final Report** is overdue, no funds can be released for any subsequent grant approved through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage or Arts Nova Scotia programs until the overdue report has been received.

Send completed application form and financial template to:

150 Forward Fund

Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage

In person/courier:
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