

Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) 2010 Community Investment Program

GRANT GUIDELINES

Within the context of its mandate (i.e. long-term management of used nuclear fuel), the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is committed to youth engagement and facilitating inter-generational dialogues to promote better understanding of the choices that face us as a society. As such, the NWMO recognizes the importance of encouraging youth to become involved in their communities and to help build a better future for all.

The NWMO will be focusing its 2010 community investments on initiatives that help build capacity for more active, engaged, and informed youth in our communities. The intent is to foster opportunities for youth to participate in civic life and support them to make a positive difference by becoming involved in activities or issues that help them make meaningful contributions to their community.

Our priority is to support youth-led initiatives and youth-adult partnerships, rather than youth-serving activities; youth *must* be involved in the planning and implementation of projects in order for projects to be considered. We also expect that projects will build on youth engagement, volunteerism and active citizenship to leverage community assets and partnerships.

The NWMO will be both *proactive* about targeting community investments via organizations that reflect the NWMO objectives and themes outlined below and *responsive* to direct funding requests for community investments that reflect the themes outlined below.

Theme: Building Knowledge & Capacity

Focus: Youth & Community Engagement

Objectives:

- Engage youth in their communities
- Provide opportunities for youth leadership development
- Connect youth in local communities
- Give youth a voice in local communities through targeted investments in initiatives that matter to youth
- Support youth-led community action projects and youth-oriented programs

What We Fund:

- Projects that involve youth and/or are youth-oriented (12-25 years)
- Projects that benefit a community in one of the following 2 provinces:
 - New Brunswick
 - Ontario

- Youth-led or youth-oriented projects within communities that focus on the following 3 sub-themes. The examples provided below are not intended to limit ideas for projects seeking grants.
 - Youth and Education:
 - ✓ Programs that encourage learning and achievement, and help develop future generations.
 - ✓ For example, projects that seek to:
 - increase knowledge about a community's history;
 - establish “memory” projects;
 - raise awareness of cultural heritage;
 - create inter-generational and inter-cultural links and relationships in order to increase knowledge and understanding of diverse peoples; or
 - promote greater knowledge of, and opportunities for engagement with, Aboriginal Peoples.
 - Youth and the Environment:
 - ✓ Programs that support local initiatives to promote understanding of the environment and address our environmental impacts.
 - ✓ For example, projects that seek to:
 - raise awareness about the local natural environment and our human habitat;
 - enhance our knowledge of environmental issues;
 - identify opportunities for local environmental action; or
 - collaborate with Aboriginal Peoples to address local environmental issues.
 - Youth and Science & Technology:
 - ✓ Programs that promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, science and technology.
 - ✓ For example, projects that seek to:
 - increase local knowledge about waste issues; or
 - explore and/or increase knowledge of the local geology and its formation.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Grants are made to qualified donees, and not to individuals or businesses, i.e. applicants must be qualified to issue official tax receipts for donations they receive from individuals or corporations. Registered charities and Canadian municipalities are examples of qualified donees.
- Funding requests must demonstrate additional support (in-kind or financial) from other sources.

Guiding Principles:

- Where appropriate, those affected by the initiative should be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project.
- The organization should demonstrate a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial resources.
- Significant and appropriate support from other sources (including the community) should be evident.
- There should be evidence of collaboration with the community and/or other agencies in the field.
- There should be significant youth participation in the project
- There should be significant volunteer participation in the project.

Proposal Guidelines:

All proposals must provide the following information in order to be considered:

- Name of the organization
- Charitable registration number, if applicable
- Contact name for this project in your organization, including mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address
- Description of your organization
- Description of the project for which you are seeking funding, including:
 - the need or opportunity being addressed;
 - the goals of the project;
 - the benefits to, and impact on, the community and/or the young people being served;
 - timelines for the project;
 - participants in the project, including the names of key project organizers, the role of youth in the project, and whether volunteers are involved.
- A current budget for the project
- Funding amount being requested from the NWMO, as well as a list of additional sources of funding or in-kind support (please provide the names of groups and funds already confirmed or pending confirmation)
- Description of how the NWMO's support will be publicly recognized
- Explanation of how the project will be evaluated
- References: Please give the name, address, and telephone number of 2 individuals outside your organization who know about this project and can speak to the need it addresses and the benefits to be generated.

Ineligible Requests:

- An organization's operating or core expenses
- Grants are not made to individuals or businesses
- 100% of project costs

- Retroactive funding, or any project expenses incurred prior to a decision date by the NWMO to support an initiative
- Activities of religious organizations
- Sabbatical leaves, student exchanges
- Amateur sports teams
- Multi-year funding requests will not be considered at this time

After A Grant Has Been Awarded, the Grantees Must:

- Seek approval from the community foundation youth advisory council prior to any alteration in plans
- Demonstrate proper fiscal management
- Undertake a project evaluation
- Provide a final report (financial and descriptive). Where appropriate, an interim report may be requested by the community foundation youth advisory council
- Publicly recognize the support provided by the NWMO

Additional Notes:

- You may be contacted by the community foundation youth advisory council to answer additional questions.
- By submitting this application, it is in the understanding that your project may be used for promotional purposes by the NWMO.
- The NWMO appreciates the opportunity to make site visits.