Sponsorships and donations: Local and regional initiatives

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is implementing Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

The NWMO is engaged in a multi-year, community-driven process to identify a site where Canada’s used nuclear fuel can be safely contained and isolated in a deep geological repository. One of the ways we support the well-being of areas involved in the site selection process is through sponsorships and donations to community organizations and initiatives. Since 2014, this program has supported a wide variety of local and regional initiatives.
**Who can apply?**

We will consider initiatives from organizations and groups in areas involved in our site selection process, which include Ignace in northern Ontario, and South Bruce in southern Ontario.

The areas where we provide sponsorships and donations include communities that expressed interest in learning about our project, First Nation and Métis communities, and surrounding municipalities.

**What initiatives will be considered?**

We prioritize initiatives that support community well-being.

In 2019, we supported a wide range of activities in areas such as education, environment, reconciliation, cultural initiatives, and youth sports.

**What funding is available?**

The maximum level of support for local municipal, First Nation or Métis initiatives is $3,500.

We have a strong focus on collaboration in our work, and we want to ensure that we are supporting events, activities, and causes that have strong interest and support from others in their community.

To make sure there are lots of opportunities for others to contribute, the NWMO will only fund up to 30 per cent of an ongoing (e.g., annual) program or event.

A higher level of funding can be considered for regional initiatives that would have a significant impact on multiple communities in a siting region.

**HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR MAXIMUM FUNDING LEVEL**

Annual or reoccurring initiatives: (total budget) x 0.30 = (maximum funding amount)

*For example, for an annual community fair with a budget of $4,000, the maximum amount that can be requested is $1,200.*

**What initiatives are ineligible?**

This program is meant to help small, local initiatives that support the well-being of communities. It is not meant to fund local businesses, individuals, or typical operations of municipalities, bands, or other levels of government (e.g., town infrastructure, maintenance services, etc.). It is also not intended to support staff social events.

Initiatives involving political, religious or controversial causes are also ineligible.

Additionally, we cannot consider requests for retroactive funding, multi-year agreements or scholarships through this program.
How to apply

» Send a letter of request to your local NWMO community office or learnmore@nwmo.ca.
» Make sure your letter includes the following information:
  • Name and description of the organization – include your charitable registration number, if applicable;
  • Contact name for the project, including mailing address, telephone and email;
  • Description of the project – tell us about the goals, who will benefit and how, timeline, community partners, and whatever else makes the initiative great;
  • Total project budget;
  • Amount of funding requested;
  • Description of how the NWMO’s support will be publicly recognized and if there is anything you would like to work on together to increase visibility of your work; and
  • Explanation of how the project will be evaluated.

NWMO community offices

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