

# Local Blue Economy Growth Fund: Application

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative / Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent (“Cities Initiative”), with funding from the Government of Ontario, has developed the Local Blue Economy Growth Fund Program (LBEGF) to support Ontario municipalities and First Nations communities that are Members of the Cities Initiative with project-based grant funding for green infrastructure, innovative water management technologies, and low impact development solutions to stormwater and wastewater management. This program lays the foundation for advancing the Cities Initiative’s [Economic Transformation Action Plan](#) to build a stronger, more resilient Fresh Coast Economic Corridor.

Projects funded by the LBEGF are expected to promote healthy lakes and rivers, reduce water pollution and improve water quality, and strengthen community climate resilience, while contributing to the growth of Ontario’s freshwater blue economy through the adoption of innovative water technology solutions.

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## Contact

If you have any questions relating to this application, please contact Calantha Elsby, Ontario Program Manager, at [lbegf@glslcities.org](mailto:lbegf@glslcities.org).

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# A. Organization Information

Please complete the following information about your organization.

## Organization Type

- ☐ Municipality
- ☐ First Nation

Legal Name

Operating Name

Website

CRA Business Number

☐ Yes, the organization is a member of the Cities Initiative.

**Note:** Regional Affiliates (i.e., lower-tier municipalities of a county or regional municipality that is a member) are not eligible to apply unless they are a member in good standing of the Cities Initiative independently. If you're unsure about your organization's eligibility, contact us at [lbegf@glslcities.org](mailto:lbegf@glslcities.org).

## Organization Address

Unit Number

Street Address 1

Street Address 2

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

ONTARIO

Country

CANADA

## Community Details

Population your organization serves:

- ☐ < 49,999
- ☐ 50,000-99,999
- ☐ 100,000-249,999
- ☐ > 250,000

## B. Applicant Information

Please provide a signatory contact (a person who has signing authority) and primary contact for this application. The primary contact will receive email notifications regarding the application submission, due dates, and payments. The signatory contact will be prompted to digitally sign this form in section F.

### Signatory Contact

Salutation	First Name	Last Name
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### Project Primary Contact

Salutation	First Name	Last Name
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# C. Organizational Capacity

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**Describe your organization’s capacity and ability to successfully undertake this project. If applicable, provide brief descriptions of similar projects your organization has managed and past achievements. (250 words)**

**Provide details on your staff and relevant experience for those involved in the project. (250 words)**

## D. Project Information

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**Project Name** (25 words)

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**Project Start Date**

Please identify a start date for your project after September 1, 2026.

**Project End Date**

Please identify an end date for your project on or before December 31, 2027.

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**Requested Amount**

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**Total Cost of the Project**

**Select your project’s focus area:**

- ☐ Pollution capture and contaminant removal
- ☐ Stormwater and wastewater treatment and filtration
- ☐ Smart and innovative technology solutions for stormwater management
- ☐ Circular economy and resource recovery practices
- ☐ Nature-based and green stormwater infrastructure

**Project Objectives** (150 words)

**Project Summary** (750 words)

**Has the organization undertaken a project of this type before? Please describe. (150 words)**

**Describe the new or innovative technologies this project will implement (150 words)**

**How many Ontario- or Quebec-based firms, small-to-medium enterprises (0-499 employees) and/or organizations will be partners in the project?**

**What potential risks could threaten the success of this project and how might they be mitigated?** (150 words)

**Describe how your project will deliver positive environmental and economic results through actions that achieve improved water quality and healthy lakes and rivers** (500 words)



Additional Questions

Has your project received approval, or will it receive approval, from a Municipal council or Band Council?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

If this funding is not awarded, how would that impact the delivery of your project? (150 words)

## E. Supporting Documents

Before submitting your application, please ensure that all required documents have been downloaded, completed, and attached to your submission. This includes the application form as well as any supporting materials outlined in the following checklist. Incomplete applications will not be considered during the review process, so please review your submission carefully prior to sending. The templates for supporting documents can be found in the Application Package at <https://glsocities.org/lbegf>.

### Supporting Documents Checklist

- ☐ Project Work Plan
- ☐ Project Performance Measures
- ☐ Project Budget
- ☐ Cashflow Forecast
- ☐ Letters of support (if applicable)

## F. Declaration and Signing

By signing below, I certify that:

- The information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read and understand the information contained in this application form.
- I am aware that the information in this application will be used for the assessment of grant eligibility and statistical reporting.
- Any confidential or other information provided as part of this application is provided. with the consent of the party to whom the information relates or who owns the information.
- The Cities Initiative may contact the Applicant at any time to request additional information regarding this application.
- Applicants are advised that the names and addresses of organizations receiving grants, the amount of the grant awards, and the purpose for which grants are awarded is information that will be made available to the public.
- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant organization.

I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the application being withdrawn or, if funding is approved, the termination of the funding agreement.

### Signature

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<b>Name (Print)</b>	<b>Date</b>
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