TRANS CANADA TRAIL
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Trail Catalyst Fund
Stream-specific eligibility

Some project types are also limited to a maximum amount of funding, and have specific eligibility. All other requirements still apply.

Funding stream	Project type	Maximum funding available	Specific requirements
Planting for Tomorrow	Tree planting	Up to 50%; applicant share includes 25% in-kind and 25% cash.	**Eligibility** • Legally required plantings (like those required due to bylaw or regulation) are not eligible. • Applicants must maintain and monitor trees for a minimum of two years. • The planting project must result in permanent additions to the tree canopy. This means that there must be no plan to log the site and trees in the future. Project examples include but are not limited to: • Native trees and shrubs (ratio of 85% trees: 15% shrubs), including fruit and nut-bearing species • Other native plants **Eligible expenses** • Delivery cost and installation • Site preparation (grading, invasive species removal, soil, compost, mulch) • Tools and equipment (planting and watering tools, fencing, stem tubes) • Watering costs • Volunteer hours (valued at a maximum of $30/hr, must be verifiable, directly attributable to the project, tracked and reported by the grantee) **Reporting** A year-end planting report, is due seven days after the last planting of the project. It should include: • Description of the work • Site name(s), species (Latin names), quantities planted. • Planting site boundaries • Total project costs to date • Two-year maintenance plan • Photos showing the site(s) before, during and after planting; and people engaged in planting activities A final report is due one year after planting. It should include: • Trees/seedling survival rate • Lessons learned and best practice recommendations
Climate Smart Trails	Climate Smart Trails Fund	Trail Catalyst Fund	**Eligibility** • Funding is intended for projects that address climate-related risks to trails and improve their long-term resilience. • Projects must clearly identify the climate risk being addressed (e.g., flooding, erosion, extreme precipitation, freeze–thaw damage, wildfire risk, shoreline instability) and demonstrate how the proposed work will reduce vulnerability or strengthen the trail's ability to withstand future climate impacts.
	Disaster Relief Grant	Up to 100% to a maximum of $10,000	**Eligibility** • Funding is intended for those groups in need of financial support to reopen their trail to a safe and usable condition following a natural climate event. • Projects must include a reopening plan and aim for expedited recovery.
Indigenous Knowledge and Trails	Indigenous-led projects **off** of the Trans Canada Trail	Up to 100%, maximum of $10,000. No additional contributions are required	**Eligibility** • Projects must be Indigenous-led or carried out by a non-Indigenous group in close partnership with an Indigenous community. • Projects must support Indigenous reconciliation and amplify Indigenous presence, history, knowledge and culture. • Trail-related projects may be located on or off the Trans Canada Trail. • Projects must involve trails (e.g., planning, maintenance, improvements, integration of cultural elements). • If located on the Trans Canad Trail, projects must meet Trail Catalyst Fund Guidelines. Project examples include but are not limited to: • Language preservation, revitalization and strengthening (e.g. lexicon development, trail re-naming and signage translations) • Cultural expression and transmission (public art or medicine trail) • Community engagement and knowledge sharing (e.g. teachings along the trail, community engagement) • Education, recognition and commemoration of the history and legacy of colonization and residential schools along the Trail (e.g. interpretive signage, digital education) **Reporting** Trans Cananda Trail works with communities to ensure reporting processes are accessible and achievable, including options such as phone or video conversations in place of written reports.
	Indigenous-led project **on** the Trans Canada Trail	Up to 100% of first $10,000 of total costs, follows Trail Catalyst Fund for the remaining balance	
	Projects on the Trans Canada Trail undertaken in close partnership with an Indigenous community	Eligible for available funding outlined in the Trail Catalyst Fund guidelines	
Signage	Interpretive panels	Up to $3,000 for new signage or $1,000 for renovated signage	NA
	Trailheads	Up to $10,000 for new signage or $3,000 for renovated signage	NA
	Wayfinding signs	Up to $50 per kilometre	NA

Training and Professional Develop-ment	Youth wage subsidy	Up to 50% to a maximum of $3,500 per employee	**Eligibility**
			To be eligible for youth wage subsidy, employment opportunities must:
			• Support an employment position that contributes to the development and improvement of trails and the Trail sector
			• Support between 2 and 20 weeks of employment
			• Be for a role that directly involves trail use, maintenance, development or improvement within the trail sector
			• Be for an employee who is:
			  ▸ Aged 15-30 (inclusive) as of the first day of work
			  ▸ A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada
			  ▸ Legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations
			Funding is available retroactively within the year.
			Priority will be given to:
			• Employers who hire youth facing barriers to employment
			• Jobs connected to Trans Canada Trail projects or initiatives or trail work in general
			Employers are encouraged to support underrepresented youth, including Indigenous and visible minority youth, LGBTQ2S+, youth living in rural or remote areas, official language minority communities and populations, immigrant youth, and youth who have not completed high school.
			Reporting
			A final report must be submitted within seven days of the employment period ending. It must include:
			• Description of the employee's work and training
			• Total hours worked, wages and amount paid
			• Start and end dates of the employment
			• Photos of the employee at work
			• Completed employee survey
			Funding will be disbursed after the report and survey are reviewed.

	Trail Crew Training	Up to 100%, maximum of $10,000	**Eligibility** • Training must be focused on trails • TCT Trail Crew Training curriculum must be used, or an alternative curriculum must be approved by TCT Project examples include but are not limited to: • Health and wellness education workshops • Instructor guided trail hikes • Trail stewardship training field work
Trail Care	Any	Up to $1,500 per trail section annually, with the option for a second annual request for winter activity initiatives	**Eligibility** • Trail Care projects must engage volunteers. **Reporting** A final report must be submitted within 7 days of the work ending. It must include: • Description of project completed • Estimated value • Photos showing volunteers during the activity; and the trail section before and after project completion • Total number of kilometres maintained • Proof of grant acknowledgment (like social media posts, posters, etc.)