



LEAP into Conservation!

Leadership Environmental Action Project grants for middle to high school classes.

LEAP into conservation with your students to undertake a mini conservation project focused on BC's biodiversity of fish, wildlife and or their habitats.

CRITERIA

The following are the key criteria if this grant:

LEADERSHIP:

Initiates a school or community project that inspires participants and influences others to steward BC's biodiversity and ecosystems and could include student mentoring opportunities.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

supports a BC biodiversity topic or issue and is a place-based action project. This could cover science, environmental science, specialty science courses as well as other ways of knowing our connections to the natural world.

ACTION:

Includes at least three outdoor field experiences in nature that support the project's inquiry and involves community and conservation professionals (organizations, biologists or other specialists) so that students develop environmental field-skills and are doing real-world science.

PROJECT:

Selects a local concern or issue and

- Develops goals, methods, rationale, budget and expected outcomes
- Starts from an **inquiry** question or an exploration that will result in a future inquiry question
- Includes **methodology** e.g.: data-gathering; restoring sites with community partners; creating communication or education events and/or video; and mentoring or working with younger students
- Highlights **careers** in conservation and stewardship

Goals of grant:

- Support knowledge, skills and understanding of BC's fish, wildlife and or their habitats.
- Connect students to careers in conservation.
- Provide experience in stewardship, leadership, and conservation regarding BC's biodiversity.

Eligible Applicants:

- Public and independent middle to high school classes in British Columbia.
- Lead teacher.
- Working with a community conservation organization where possible.
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Award:

- Grants up to \$5,000

Apply

- Submit your online LEAP Grant application at <https://hctf-grants.smapply.ca/>



Eligible items to be covered under this grant

- Transportation costs for field trips.
- Field equipment for project work.
- Field leaders for training sessions or mentoring with projects.
- TOC costs and or time to support teachers in planning and preparing for projects.
- Training sessions or certification workshops for teachers and students in science protocols or practices e.g. Stream Keepers, Wetland Keepers, etc

Example projects

- Inquiry projects related to a local issue e.g. water quality, pollution, species distribution,
- Citizen science programs e.g., Frogwatch, Freshwater Watch, Wildlife Watch etc.
- Working with a biologist(s), organizations, or environmental professionals in habitat restoration
- Monitoring or inventory projects with local community conservation group



Successful Grant Requirements

- School or School District must be able to accept and manage the grant
- Complete a case study report for the project
- Provide student reflections shared through reporting and/or multi-media
- Provide photos and/or video
- Complete an online evaluation

