

Kawartha Water Fund: Community Grants

Project Eligibility

- Organization must function within:
 - the City of Kawartha Lakes
and
 - the boundary of [Kawartha Conservation's Watershed](#) OR an area not covered by another Conservation Authority
- Priority will be given to:
 - Projects that are directly linked to the implementation of the local [lake management plans](#)
 - Projects that are near surface water, hydrologically sensitive areas (i.e. recharge areas, vulnerable aquifers)
 - Organizations that have not previously received funding under this program
- Projects must demonstrate potential to maintain or improve water quality, water quantity, or aquatic and terrestrial habitats.
- Funding approval is dependent upon available funds, project type, location, and priority. All proposals are subject to review/recommendation by the **Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee** prior to final funding approval or deferral by Kawartha Conservation. The Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee has the right to:
 - Recommend funding to a project
 - Refuse funding to a project
 - Recommend funding, subject to conditions
 - Recommend partial funding
 - Defer funding
- Project proposals will be presented to the Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee on a confidential basis without the organization's name or location to ensure as much anonymity as possible.
- Before photos (if applicable) and a completed application must be submitted before project commencement.
- If the proposed project requires access and/or alteration of land, permission from the landowner must be obtained prior to proposal submission. Proof of permission must be provided to Kawartha Conservation.
- All relevant permits must be obtained prior to project commencement.
- Any proposed work to wells must be completed by a licensed well contractor as per O. Reg. 903. Well upgrade projects as stipulated in O. Reg. 903 require a well tag and a well record.
- Agricultural water and sediment control structures (WASCoBs) must be designed and overseen by a certified engineer or erosion control structure designer following the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs standards.

Eligible Costs

- Construction materials
- Flyers or brochures
- Licensed contractor and/or licensed technician fees;
- Permit fees
- Design fees
- Native plant stock used for stewardship project
- In-kind contributions
- Other expenses recommended by the Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee and approved by Kawartha Conservation.

Ineligible Costs

- Private new well construction, well pumps or water purification or treatment systems
- Pond construction
- Purchase of equipment to complete project
- Stocking of ponds
- Stocking of property with game
- Hardened shoreline structures
- Taxes
- Non native or invasive plant species
- Other expenses not recommended by the Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee or approved by Kawartha Conservation.

Cost Sharing Amounts

The Kawartha Water Fund is a cost sharing program that provides 50% of the total project cost up to a maximum amount, dependent on available funding.

Please Note:

1. Applicants must provide one detailed cost estimate for the proposed work(s) with this application. The Kawartha Water Fund Review Committee reserves the right to request the submission of up to three (3) cost estimates for the proposed work(s) and to approve the selection of the estimate.
2. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits in order to carry out the project(s). This application for funding assistance is not an application for a permit. The work must meet the requirements of all applicable laws and by-law