

# RBC Foundation Community Infrastructure Fund

## We're accepting applications from April 19 to June 14, 2024.

RBC Foundation® has launched the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) to help fund retrofits, repairs and upgrades of existing community spaces, as well as the construction of new spaces, with the goal of increasing sustainability and accessibility of buildings in our communities.

### Who can apply?

The fund is open to hospitals, cultural institutions, community centres and other registered charities in Canada.

### How is funding determined?

The amount of funding is based on the organization's size and reach, and the regional population. It could be anywhere between \$25,000 and \$2.5 million, payable over a maximum of five years. Projects must be completed within the approved funding term.

**Please note:** RBC Foundation typically funds no more than the equivalent of 20% of an organization's operating budget.

### Eligibility criteria

- The organization is the owner of the space OR is in possession of a lease agreement with at least five years remaining at the time of the application deadline, and has owner permission to complete the project as described.
- Quotes and estimates for all goods and services over \$10,000 related to the project have been prepared by a third-party professional and are current within six months of the application deadline.

### Sustainability project requirements

- **New build:** You must obtain a generally accepted certification in sustainability (e.g. LEED).
- **Retrofit:** Certification is not required; however specific one-off projects should be part of a broader zero-carbon transition plan.
- Applicants will choose one of the following impact areas that best aligns with their project:
  - **Water efficiency:** The project takes an "efficiency first" approach to water conservation, looking at indoor use, outdoor use, specialized uses and metering.
  - **Energy and atmosphere:** The project takes a holistic approach to energy, addressing energy-use reduction, energy-efficient design strategies and renewable-energy sources.

### Accessibility project requirements

- All accessibility projects (new build and retrofits) must meet the minimum requirements for a generally accepted accessibility certification (e.g. [Rick Hansen Foundation](#))
- Applicants will choose one or multiple impact areas that best align with their project:
  - **Vehicular access** (e.g. parking)
  - **Exterior approach and entrance** (e.g. ramps, pathways to facilities on site)
  - **Interior circulation** (e.g. interior doors, hallways)

- **Interior services and environment** (e.g. lobby and reception, waiting areas)
- **Sanitary facilities** (e.g. washrooms, showers)
- **Wayfinding and signage** (e.g. room signage, information kiosk)
- **Emergency systems** (e.g. emergency exits, fire alarm systems)
- **Additional use of space** (e.g. workstations, playgrounds)
- **Residential units** (e.g. unit entrance, interior)
- **Trails and pathways** (e.g. trail/pathway ramps and signage)



### How to apply

Organizations can apply through the RBC Community Investment Portal [donations.rbc.com](https://donations.rbc.com) during the application period (**April 19 to June 14, 2024**).

Recipients will be notified in September 2024.

**Please note:** RBC Foundation funds one project per organization at any given time. CIF recipients will not be eligible to apply for other funding from RBC Foundation during the approved funding term.



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