

Invitation to Apply for an NSFM *Carbon Surcharge Fund* Grant
Application deadline is August 24, 2023



Announcement

On June 8, 2012, the NSFM Board of Directors passed a motion to add a \$5 carbon surcharge to its spring and fall conference registration fees as a means to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions generated from hosting these events. All carbon surcharge money collected is held in a special account and disbursed annually to support local, small-scale initiatives to help a municipality reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2013 NSFM has given grants to nine municipalities to support their mitigation work.

This year, NSFM has \$2342 to disburse from the ***Carbon Surcharge Fund*** and is inviting interested municipalities to apply for a grant by completing the [on-line application form](#) by **August 24**. The successful applicant(s) will be announced at NSFM's fall conference in Halifax on November 8.

Past recipients of NSFM's *Carbon Surcharge Fund* grants:

- 2019: **Town of Wolfville** for its student sustainability orientation program
County of Victoria for its Reuse Centre in Baddeck
- 2018: **District of West Hants** for its Water Leak Detection Program
- 2017: **Town of Middleton** for its Bike Repair Station Project
- 2017: **County of Pictou** for its Food Producers Network
- 2016: **District of Lunenburg** for its Electric Bike Program
- 2015: **Town of Kentville** for its Green Roof Project
- 2014: **County of Inverness** for its Community Energy Reduction Project
- 2013: **District of West Hants** for its Residential Water Conservation Initiative

If you have questions about NSFM's *Carbon Surcharge Fund*, please contact Kyle McKenzie at 902-943-3188 or kmckenzie@nsfm.ca.

NSFM's Carbon Surcharge Fund 2023 Application Guidelines



1. Objective and eligibility

- The objective of the Carbon Surcharge Fund is to support local, small-scale initiatives that help municipalities reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Preference is given to smaller initiatives where the funds will have the greatest impact.
- Any municipality in Nova Scotia working independently or regionally to lessen the impacts of climate change through mitigation is eligible to apply.
- Only ongoing projects or projects ready to commence are eligible for consideration.
- Grants are not awarded to the same municipality within a five-year period.
- Grants are not awarded to support plans, consultation, or studies.

2. Application

- Please complete the [on-line application form](#) by August 24, 2023.

3. Application and grant details

3.1. Application information

Applicants must indicate:

- direct deliverables from the implementation of the project;
- any economic, social, and/or environmental benefits resulting from the project;
- the project's timeframe, indicating how it was planned and (will be) implemented; and
- subsequent climate change mitigation that will result from the project's implementation.

3.2. Review Process

All applications will be reviewed by an awards and grants review committee.

3.3. Announcement of Successful Applicant(s)

The grant recipient(s) will be announced at NSFM's fall conference on November 8, 2023 in Halifax.

4. Potential projects that could be supported by the Carbon Surcharge Fund

4.1. Energy Reduction/Improved Efficiency:

- Install energy efficient lighting.
- Improve insulation.
- Install programmable thermostats.
- Purchase equipment that improves efficiency of municipal buildings and facilities, such as energy efficient compressors for arenas; efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; and state-of-the-art heat pumps.

4.2. Transportation & Fleet Vehicles

- Purchase video conferencing equipment to reduce meeting travel.

- Purchase GPS vehicle tracking systems to improve vehicle and driver efficiency.
- Support initiatives that promote active transportation.

4.3. Food Security

- Support an initiative that promotes community awareness of the benefits of supporting local food production.

5. Questions

- You can direct any questions about this award program to Kyle McKenzie at 902-943-3188 or kmckenzie@nsfm.ca.