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## Greenbelt Foundation Now Accepting Funding Applications for Three Funding Streams

February 2021 Grant Call for Applications Backgrounder

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### Overview

The Greenbelt Foundation is now accepting funding applications for three funding streams: *Prosperous Greenbelt*, *Resilient Greenbelt*, and *Growing the Greenbelt*. The funding priorities for this round of applications are native tree, shrub and vegetation plantings to increase natural cover, maintaining and enhancing green infrastructure and climate resilience, and enhancing opportunities to experience the Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt Foundation will also be funding applications for the new *Growing the Greenbelt* stream which will enable Indigenous groups, agriculture groups, and other stakeholders participate in the recently announced government consultation for expanding the Greenbelt.

### Background

On February 17, 2021 the government of Ontario announced the beginning of new consultations to grow the Greenbelt to include protection for more critical water systems. The two areas of study that are open for consultation are the Paris-Galt Moraine and urban river valleys. The Greenbelt Foundation's *Growing the Greenbelt* funding stream will assist stakeholders in participating in the consultation. Applications to this stream should address the Initial Focus Areas and Other Provincial Priorities outlined in the recent Environment Registry Ontario posting <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3136>.

The *Prosperous Greenbelt* stream invests in projects that generate economic activity and promote resilient and vibrant communities. In particular, projects should support agricultural priorities and promotion of local food, Greenbelt nature- and culture-based recreation and tourism, and the economic benefit provided by maintaining and restoring the Greenbelt's natural systems and water resources. Strengthening these activities supports the long-term prosperity of the region and helps create and maintain clean jobs.

The *Resilient Greenbelt* stream invests in projects that leverage the Greenbelt's natural systems to build cost effective and climate resilient infrastructure. Projects should support community stewardship initiatives to increase natural cover including tree planting, and the protection and restoration of significant habitats and ecological connectivity across the region.

## Details

The Greenbelt Foundation can fund charities and not-for-profit organizations, including First Nations and municipalities. To be considered for funding, an organization must submit a Letter of Intent that outlines a case for support including a project idea and budget.

The Greenbelt Foundation will begin receiving applications for the *Growing the Greenbelt* funding stream **starting Monday, February 23, 2021**. Please note all project activities and deliverables must be completed by June 30, 2021. Provincial consultations close April 21, 2021.

Letters of Intent for the *Prosperous* and *Resilient Greenbelt* funding streams are due no later than **Wednesday, March 10, 2021** by 5:00pm EST.

Full details of this announcement and 2021 Grant Guidelines can be found at [https://www.greenbelt.ca/applying\\_for\\_a\\_grant](https://www.greenbelt.ca/applying_for_a_grant).