



# 2024 OFAH COMMUNITY CONSERVATION FUND

Thank you for considering the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) as your partner in fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation, research, and public education. To be considered for OFAH Community Conservation Fund support in 2024, please follow all directions and provide the necessary information requested in each section. Failure to do so will result in an unsuccessful application or delays in the granting process. The conditional 2024 application deadlines for the supplemental rounds are 11:59pm on April 30, June 30, August 31 and October 31, 2024 - see ofah.org/ccf for updates.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any fishing/hunting/conservation club in Ontario that is registered as a business, not-for-profit or charity can apply if they have a suitable project occurring in Ontario. Successful applicants will be expected to follow the OFAH Granting Terms (below), which includes the requirement to submit a final report to OFAH. Submit completed grant applications to: [conservationfunding@ofah.org](mailto:conservationfunding@ofah.org).

In 2024, funding is available for projects started and/or completed prior to the launch of this funding, provided the project meets all other criteria, provides the necessary documentation of the expenses, and **occurred entirely in 2024**.

**Please note all OFAH funding for community hatcheries will occur through the Community Hatchery Program, not the OFAH Community Conservation Fund.**

## GRANT APPLICANT INFORMATION

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
CANADA POST MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR CLUBS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE:**

CLUB PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Is the club an OFAH member club?  
If you know the OFAH Zone you reside in, please indicate it: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you contacted the OFAH Zone about this project?

Does your organization have charitable or not-for-profit status?  
If YES, what is the charitable number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your organization's business number: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your organization previously applied for funding from the OFAH? If Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has your organization previously received funding from the OFAH? If Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_



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## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Please identify the *ONE* category that best matches your project's scope. **Please only choose ONE**, even if more than one seems to apply.

CHECK ONE	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES	MAXIMUM REQUEST
	Fish and Wildlife Conservation	Conservation work that directly benefits game species conservation and management in Ontario, including academic research, citizen science (e.g., angler diaries), etc.	\$10,000
	Habitat Conservation	On-the-ground conservation work that restores or protects fish and wildlife habitat, including species-specific work (e.g., fish spawning areas), wetlands, water quality, land stewardship, fish passage, etc.	\$10,000
	Making Fishing and Hunting Accessible – Infrastructure	Build or repair angling and hunting infrastructure on publicly accessible land; such projects could include fishing platforms/docks, urban fishing nodes, accessible hunting trails.	\$10,000
	Making Fishing and Hunting Accessible – Human Dimensions	Engage youth or adult-onset anglers and hunters, including angler/hunter recruitment, education, mentorship, and Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.	\$10,000

## INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

Ineligible expenditures include:

- Ongoing operational or administrative costs;
- Permanent staff positions;
- Emergency or deficit financing;
- Legal actions;
- Travel or meals for conferences and seminars;
- General fundraising; and,
- Land acquisition.



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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project summary (Max. 50 words – what is the elevator pitch overview explaining the what, where, who, and why of the project – why the project is needed, what the funds will be used for, where they will be used, and who will benefit):

Project location (e.g., city/town/township): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funding requested from the OFAH: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other funding already secured: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other funding applied for but unconfirmed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Note:**

*Applicants are responsible for ensuring they have the proper licences and approvals required to carry out the project and have complied with all the requirements of their organization.*

Do you currently have all the required permits and licences for the proposed activity?

**TIP:** Consider using Word or similar software to write the body of your application to take advantage of its word count and spell/grammar checking capabilities. Then cut and paste the text into the appropriate boxes below.

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**PROJECT NEED** *(Maximum 300 words – why is the project needed)*



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## PROJECT BENEFITS *(Maximum 150 words – what are the benefits)*

Will the completed project benefit (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anglers           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat          | <input type="checkbox"/> Angler Recruitment (3Rs)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunters           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Recruitment (3Rs)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trappers          | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity              | <input type="checkbox"/> Connections to Nature        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth             | <input type="checkbox"/> Species at Risk           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Infrastructure         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species Control  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Infrastructure         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Canadians     | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Public    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Populations          | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity, Inclusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Populations      | <u>Other (please specify):</u>                        |

## PROJECT PLAN *(Maximum 500 words – what is the specific work plan for the project)*





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## Recognition Plan (50 words)

How do you plan on recognizing the OFAH contribution to this project (e.g., social media posts, signage)?

## OFAH Granting Terms

If successful in your application, then you will be required to provide a final report no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 for final fund disbursement. The OFAH reserves the right to share all materials submitted (with credit) and may at times seek follow-up information to address member or agency inquiries.

Your report must include the following:

- A summary of benefits achieved by the project, including the number of participants (if applicable);
- Photos (before and after if applicable) of your project/activity/event;
- A detailed description of how the OFAH funds were allocated in 2024;
- All receipts for 2024 project expenditures covered by your OFAH grant;
- A list of any in-kind contributions, including volunteer hours;
- A list of additional funding contributions;
- Recognition received by the OFAH; and,
- Any additional promotion your project received (print, radio, television, social media, etc.), as the OFAH would like to recognize and further help promote your club's efforts.

### Notes:

*Funds can only be used for expenses listed and approved in the original application. Funding cannot be used for travel expenses to conferences/seminars, legal actions, land acquisitions, or salaries, and any applications requesting such will not be considered.*

*Reporting and receipts must be submitted to ensure the OFAH can meet its own reporting guidelines as set out by Federal and Provincial governing bodies such as the Canada Revenue Agency's Charities Directorate. Failure to submit a complete report **will result in the denial of any future applications by your organization.***