

Youth Engagement Funding Initiative (YEFI): Guidelines & Criteria

The Youth Engagement Funding Initiative (YEFI) is a program delivered through Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador, which provides seed funding/support to students in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador who wish to pursue academic endeavors relating to climate change. Students may apply for monies, up to a maximum of \$2000, to further enhance existing initiatives or to begin development of a new project; projects requiring additional funds will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

These initiatives may include activities carried out at an individual, group, class, or school level, and may be research, experimental, or action based. Projects may be created for entrance in science fairs or may be longer-term in nature, and will conclude in June 2012.

Please note, the following list is meant to act as a guide to possible projects, not an exhaustive inventory of ideas:

- Experiments comparing different energy sources to traditional fuels.
- Studies on attitudes and behaviors towards climate change.
- What is climate change and how does it affect our lives?
- The connection between fire, soil, & CO₂ emission levels.
- Investigate the greenhouse effect.
- Find out if plants affect the temperature in a sealed box.
- How does CO₂ affect air's rate of temperature change?
- Explore the effects of urban heat islands on cities and global warming.
- What is the best way to reduce fuel use in our community?
- Investigate different fossil and alternative fuels and their effect on the ozone layer.
- Investigate the logistics and practicality of creating wind, solar, hydro, and fossil fuel energy in our province.

Applicants must be enrolled in a grade school in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; teachers may apply on behalf of an entire classroom or group of students.

Applicants must use grant monies to support their endeavors towards climate change research, which may include, but are not limited to, the purchase of supplies and materials, supplementing transportation costs to and from a designated research facility, and equipment rental.

Successful applicants must take photographs to help document the progress of the project and submit them with the final report.

Applicants must stipulate how they wish to spend the monies, including a start-to-finish timeline/work plan, and provide a detailed budget breakdown.

How to Apply

Using the template provided, applicants must apply in writing to Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador, Suite 103, 10 Austin Street, St. John's, NL, A1B 4C2, via email kperry@ccnl.ca or fax (709) 729-7270.

Applications must include the full name of the person or group making the request, as well as all contact information including the full mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant.

Applications should also include a letter of support from a teacher at the school.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee and will be judged based on merit, originality, and feasibility.

We encourage early submissions, and successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of our receipt of the application. Funding is limited, so apply early!

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until funding has been expended. A final report (including photographs) must be submitted no later than June 30, 2012 (template to be provided).

Further Inquiries May Be Directed To:

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