



# Gwaii Trust Society

## General Grant Guidelines

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- Applications will be adjudicated based on the information entered in the application form in our grant management system.
- Gwaii Trust will not fund projects that relieve the provincial and/or federal government of its obligations.
- Minimum applicant age is 19 for all grants, except for continuing education and travel. Youth between 16-18 who apply to the Arts Program should contact Gwaii Trust to discuss options.
- Gwaii Trust will not approve applications or fund projects that support or have the potential to support illegal activities or purchases.
- Gwaii Trust will not fund projects that purchase weapons, alcohol, or drugs.
- Gwaii Trust funds cannot be used for cash prizes or cash gifts. Gift cards to stores or suppliers on Haida Gwaii are eligible.
- Grant applications must be submitted a minimum of two months before the project start date. The two-month minimum starts when the next intake closes.
- Submission of false or deliberately misleading information may result in the Gwaii Trust denying an application and/or future applications to the Trust under any of its granting programs.
- Verbal or physical abuse of directors or staff in person, by phone, or in writing will not be tolerated. Offenses may result in Gwaii Trust denying current and future applications to any of its granting programs.
- Gwaii Trust will not fund projects that are in progress, complete, or that have paid expenses prior to a board decision. Spending can start on a project once the grant is approved.
- Conflicts of interest are to be declared in writing either in the application or as they arise to Gwaii Trust staff. Failure to do so may result in a denial of claim reimbursement and/or closure of the grant at Gwaii Trust's discretion.
- Expenses that are covered by other resources or funders are ineligible.
- Any assets funded by the grant must be owned by the grantee.
- Ownership of Gwaii Trust funded assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 must be maintained by the grantee for a minimum of five years unless prior written consent has been obtained from Gwaii Trust.
- Organizations must be Haida Gwaii-based to be eligible to apply for Gwaii Trust grants. Staff can determine what Haida Gwaii-based means on a case-by-case basis.
- An individual must be a Haida Gwaii resident to be eligible to apply for Gwaii Trust grants. A resident is defined as an individual who has lived on Haida Gwaii for the past 24 consecutive months. An individual who has left Haida Gwaii to attend school, to seek medical treatment, or for a vacation but otherwise maintains their residency is considered a resident by Gwaii Trust.
- Businesses are not eligible to apply.
- A project can only apply to one grant stream at a time and cannot receive funding from more than one grant stream at a time.

- An organization can have multiple grant approvals with Gwaii Trust for different projects and can apply for new projects at any time.
- Standard project length at Gwaii Trust is one year from the approval date.
- Key tests for applications are merit and need.
- Applicants can apply for administrative costs related to the implementation and reporting of an approved project. More information on what administrative costs can be applied for can be found in the Gwaii Trust General Grant Guidelines and Standard Rates. No administrative costs are eligible if administration of the project is a paid element of the person's employment or to cover expenses related to the application stage.
- The maximum facilitator cost is \$1000 per day.
- When Gwaii Trust standard rates are used in an application, Gwaii Trust will pay out costs at the actual cost or to the maximum of the standard rate, as documented on the receipt in the project claim.
- In application budgets, Gwaii Trust will be a general funder of the project expenses unless specified as otherwise.