

Food Sovereignty Grant Application Guide

The Food Sovereignty Grant funds small projects that contribute to improving local food production, harvesting, and distribution in a sustainable manner. The grant is intended for initiatives that promote long-term food security and self-sufficiency on Haida Gwaii. The ultimate goal is to enhance food security and foster self-sufficiency within the community. The grant focuses on the following priorities:

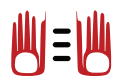
- **Enhancing Local Production:** Support projects that increase the capacity for growing and harvesting food locally.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Promote environmentally friendly and sustainable agricultural practices that benefit the community.
- **Strengthening Distribution Networks:** Improve access to fresh, locally-produced food through better distribution methods.
- **Community Education and Engagement:** Foster awareness and education around food sovereignty, nutrition, and local food systems.

Important Information

- **Intakes are due March 1st.**
- **Maximum application is \$10,000. Projects that include partnerships and serve multiple communities may be eligible for grants up to \$25,000.**
- **Equity requirement:**
 - Local non-profit organizations - 25%
 - Local governments - 50%
- **Applicants with overdue reports are not eligible to apply.**
- **Projects must start at least two months after the application intake deadline.**
- **Any expenses incurred before Board approval will not be eligible for reimbursement.**
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Who can Apply?

- Local non-profit organizations.
- Local governments.



Eligible Uses

- **Community Green Spaces:** Creation, expansion, or improvement of community greenhouses, gardens, food pantries, or farmers' markets.
- **Educational Workshops:** Hosting workshops on growing, harvesting, storing, or preparing local foods.
- **Food System Control:** Initiatives that aim to increase local control over food systems, ensuring better access to fresh and healthy food.
- **Strategic Planning:** Community planning projects focused on food sovereignty.
- **Local Food Access:** Other projects that improve the production or access to locally grown or harvested foods.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Partnerships and initiatives that involve multiple communities are encouraged.

Ineligible Uses

- **Core Funding:** General operational costs or funding for ongoing programs.
- **Food Purchases:** Buying perishable or non-perishable food items.
- **Individual Applications:** Businesses and individuals are not eligible to apply.
- **Prior Expenses:** Costs incurred before grant approval.
- **Other Restrictions:** Any items outlined in the General Grant Guidelines.

What you need to apply for the Food Sovereignty Grant

- [Apply online at gwaiitrust.com portal.](https://gwaiitrust.com)
- Your total project cost and the amount you would like to request.
- Any additional project funding or revenue you may have.
- A project plan.
- Your project start and end date.
- How will you acknowledge Gwaii Trust's support?
- Any additional supporting information - like a partnership or authorization letters.

When your project is done

- Provide your final budget to actual spreadsheet and include all the relevant receipts
- Provide photos of the project - we'd like to share your success
- Write a brief final project summary - tell us things like:
 1. What went well?
 2. Were there any challenges?
 3. How many people participated or attended?
 4. Any additional comments, feedback, or recommendations.

I need help with this, who can I speak to?

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