

Eligibility

The NAPECA program seeks to support efforts at the grassroots level. The objective is to empower and build the capacity of local peoples and organizations to improve their health and environmental quality. For this reason, priority will be given to action-driven projects with dynamic community involvement, implemented by local groups or organizations.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), environmental groups, community-based associations, academic institutions, Tribal nations, and indigenous peoples and communities. Grantees must be located in Canada, Mexico or the United States.

NAPECA will not support businesses, private individuals, municipal, provincial/state, territorial and federal governments. However, proposals from qualified organizations partnering with the private sector or local government are eligible. Additionally, NAPECA will not support potential applicants who are currently receiving or applying for funding from Environment Canada for their proposed projects.

The CEC cannot accept applications from an applicant who is, or whose immediate family member(s) is/are:

- An official of a NAAEC Party (i.e., the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States of America, or the Government of the United Mexican States) who served in that position within the past year;
- An official of the CEC Secretariat;
- A present or past member (within the past year) of the CEC Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC); or
- A member of the domestic advisory committees (“Immediate family” includes spouses, parents, siblings and children).

The following projects and activities are not eligible for funding:

- Activities for which the local, state/provincial or federal government is responsible (e.g., construction of roads, bridges, sewage treatment plants);
- Purchase of motor vehicles, property, or land;
- Renovations;
- Pursuing legal action;
- Projects dedicated exclusively to planning;
- Projects meant only to beautify an area;
- Lobbying or advocacy;
- Annual or regular organizational events/campaigns;
- Expenses to attend general conferences; and
- Projects implemented outside the territory of the three NAAEC countries.