



Lanfine Wind
Community Fund



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About Pattern Energy Canada

Pattern Energy Group LP is a leader in renewable energy and transmission infrastructure. Pattern Energy is guided by a long-term commitment to serve customers, protect the environment, and strengthen communities. In conjunction with their 150-megawatt (MW) Lanfine Wind power project in Special Area 3 and the MD of Acadia, they also committed \$1 million to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) over the next 20 years.

From Application to Grant

Charities and Non-Profit groups are invited to apply for one grant each cycle. Organizations MUST be located within the boundaries of Special Area 3, the Town of Oyen, or the MD of Acadia.

Applications are reviewed by an Advisory Committee established by Pattern Energy Canada which includes a representative(s) from CFSEA's Grants Committee or local Prairie Crocus Community Fund Advisory Committee, representation from each area supported, and the project manager of the Lanfine Wind Project. The Committee considers all eligible applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. Once approved, all applicants will be notified, regardless of whether or not they receive funding.

Grant Application Timeline:

- March 3rd 2025 – Grant Applications Open
- March 28th 2025 – Grant Applications Close at 4:00 pm
- Funds distributed in late May
- A recorded webinar will be available for more information before the grant opens at cfsea.ca

Total Amount Available: Spring 2025 - \$20,000.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

The committee's entire review process integrates an equity-based lens (fair and impartial). Equity requires the consideration of individual and group identities, marginalized communities, and spatial and systematic barriers. The following is a list of accommodations that may support the grant writer:

- CFSEA will provide technology support such as one-on-one instructions for individuals unaccustomed to digital platforms.
- To honour oral practices and to accommodate technical or physical barriers, CFSEA will accept recorded oral applications, conducted virtually. CFSEA will be accountable for typing the answers into the online grant portal. The deadline to conduct an oral application is June 25th.

If you require accommodations, please connect with CFSEA for support.

Step 1 – Is your organization eligible for funding?

- Organization MUST be **located and operated** within Special Area 3, the Town of Oyen, or the MD of Acadia #34 whose activities are within the Foundation's policies.
- Registered charitable organizations or non-profit groups with a declaration of affiliation.
 - The Community Foundation provides grants to federally registered charities or qualified donees. You can check your organization's charitable status by visiting the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Website – [List of Charities](#).
 - If you do not have a CRA number, you may still apply for funding through a partnership with another registered charity, municipality, or school district. If you would like more information on the affiliation process, [please call the office](#).
 - As of fall 2024, CFSEA can grant funds to a registered, non-profit society in Alberta currently in good standing which has existed for at least five (5) years, for up to \$5,000.
 - If you are a non-profit society, requesting more than \$5,000, you will still need to complete the affiliate process.

Step 2 – Is your project eligible for funding?

- **WHAT WE FUND** - Grants may be used to support **capital, operating, programs, or special one-time costs** within the following **priority focus areas**:
 - **First Nations and Metis:** Grants will be distributed to causes that benefit First Nations and Metis whose traditional territory is within the Municipalities. Special attention will be given to programs that have been identified by area First Nations and Metis communities.
 - **Local Communities:** Grants will be distributed to geographic communities that are within close proximity to the Lanfine Wind Energy Project. These grants may be used for events, facilities, programs, and organizations that support building strong and vibrant communities within the Municipalities.
 - **Environmental:** Grants will be distributed to initiatives and programs that support community action on ecological preservation, restoration, land stewardship, and education.
 - **Youth and Education:** Grants will be distributed to programs and organizations that are working in the Municipalities to meet the needs of children and youth development through education, recreation, or safety. Special attention will be given to programs that build individual and community-based leaders.
 - **Health and Wellness:** Grants will be distributed to organizations that are working proactively on building and supporting individual and community health and wellness. Special attention will be given to programs that are working collaboratively on finding ways to support families by acknowledging the importance of the social determinants of health.

- **WHAT WE DO NOT FUND**
 - Retroactive funding
 - Partisan political or singular direct religious activities
 - Debt Reduction
 - Building an endowment or fundraising expenses

Step 3- Completing your Grant Application

Application – Complete the full application on our [online grant platform](#). You will need to create an account before logging in. If you are unsure if your organization has an account, please connect with the CFSEA office first – please do not duplicate organization accounts.

Recognition and Reporting

- Grant decisions are finalized within two (2) months of the application deadline and notifications are made after Board approval, first by phone and then through email. If requested, CFSEA will provide additional feedback on submissions that were not approved for funding.
- Each successful applicant will then be required to sign a formal *Grant Agreement*.
- Grant cheques are distributed in late August.
- Once the project is completed, a final report with a phone call or site visit must be submitted. Late or incomplete reports may affect future grants. The final report is to discuss impact stories, successes, challenges, and outcomes.
- Previous grant recipients are eligible to submit a subsequent grant application, however, no funds will be released *until CFSEA receives the final report*.
- Recognition of the Lanfine Wind Community Fund must be made by all approved applicants by way of public acknowledgment.
- You are welcome to apply for other CFSEA Grants streams, but they must be for different projects.

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