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Rouge Park Vision

Rouge Park will be a special place of outstanding natural features and diverse cultural heritage in an urban-rural setting, protected and flourishing as an ecosystem in perpetuity. Human activities will exist in harmony with the natural values of the park. The park will be a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit.

Our Goal

To protect, restore and enhance the natural, scenic and cultural values of the park in an ecosystem context, and to promote public responsibility, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of this heritage.

Rouge Park Small Grants Programme

Application Package

Since 1996, Rouge Park has provided funding to groups and organizations working in the Rouge River watershed to preserve and restore its natural and cultural heritage

Rouge Park Objectives

Natural Heritage

To protect, restore and enhance the natural ecosystem of the park by ensuring the health and diversity of its native species, habitats, landscapes and ecological processes.

Cultural Heritage

To identify, protect and conserve the cultural heritage features of the park for their inherent value and depiction of the long-term human use and occupancy of the area.

Land Use

To ensure protection of the ecological integrity and cultural values of the park through innovative planning, management and land use in the park and its environs.

Management

To manage the park to ensure the achievement of all park objectives and to provide for ongoing public involvement in park planning and management.

Interpretation

To promote knowledge and understanding of the natural and cultural values of the park, their protection and management requirements, and their significance, sensitivities and interrelationships.

Recreation

To provide opportunities for appropriate recreational enjoyment consistent with other park objectives.

General instructions for applicants

The Small Grants Programme was created by Rouge Park in 2003 to provide a shorter process for groups requiring smaller amounts of funds than those allocated through the Natural and Cultural Heritage Funding Programme.

The goals of the Small Grants Programme are:

- increased potential for public education
- to grow the volunteer base of Rouge Park
- develop Rouge Park outreach activities

Eligibility

- Projects must be in the Rouge River watershed.
- If the project has received funding through, or is eligible for receiving funds through, the regular Heritage Funding Programme it will not be eligible for the Small Grants Programme (the organization will be advised to resubmit the proposal for the next round of review of the regular Heritage Funding Programme).
- Applicants must only be applying for 1 year at a time.
- An organization will only receive funding for one project per year.
- If the project is on private property, preference will be given to projects which involve a formal agreement with the land owner to protect the restoration work and/or matching funding from the owner.
- The project must acquire any permits would be needed for implementation.
- Projects proposed on private or public lands are eligible.
- Projects submitted by either an organization or individual are eligible.
- Projects must fit within the goals and objectives of Rouge Park as outlined in the 1994 Rouge Park Management Plan.
- Only materials and equipment costs are eligible for Rouge Park funds.

Application process

Rouge Park offers small grants for projects which are smaller in scale, and can be started quickly. Applications are reviewed by staff, with special advisers as necessary. There is a simpler application process than for Heritage Projects, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed by staff throughout the year.

To apply, submit 5 copies of your application to:

Vicki MacDonald

Biologist

Rouge Park

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There is no application deadline.

Reporting requirements for successful applicants

Project managers will be required to fill out a final report form including information on how Rouge Park funding was spent. They will not be responsible for reporting budget details on funding received from other partners, but must indicate all partnership funds (both in-kind and cash) received towards this project.

Successful candidates will be required to sign an agreement form confirming that the applicant will comply with the Funding Policies and Reporting Requirements. The land owner will be required to give permission (if applicable).

If you have any questions, contact Vicki MacDonald

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Application Form

Section A: Applicant information

Project name

Date of submission

Organization (if applicable)

Project coordinator (name and title)

Phone number

Fax number

E-mail address

Web site (if applicable)

Mailing address

Municipality

Postal Code

Alternate contact (name and title)

Phone number

Fax number

E-mail address

Signature of organization representative or applicant

Date

Section A, continued...

Purpose of organization or mandate (if applicable)

Section B: Background information

1

Funding

Amount of request

Partnership funding: Have you sought other funds for this project?

yes no (If yes, complete the chart below.) for both confirmed and potential funding sources

organization	cash contribution	in-kind contribution cash value	funding confirmed		in-kind contribution description
			yes	no	
			yes	no	
			yes	no	

2

Number of volunteers involved in the project

3

List of materials, supplies, etc. that Rouge Park funds will be used to purchase

4

Total project cost

Section C: Project Design and Benefits

1

Project location (attach a map with directions from the nearest major intersection)

Address

Municipality

2

Land ownership

private

municipal

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Name of land owner and/or agency staff contact

Signature

Date

3

Duration of project

new project

multi-year project

Start date

End date

4

Type of project

Which of the following best describes the nature of your project?

private lands tree planting

implementing best management practices

public lands tree planting

promotional material

built heritage

monitoring

archaeological research

inventory

wildlife reintroduction/release

public education

wildlife research

other (please specify)

5

Project description

Section C: Project Design and Benefits, continued...

6

Measurable benefits

7

Work plan

8

Objectives (what will the project accomplish?)

9

How did you or your organization hear about this funding programme?