



NORTHERN ONTARIO HERITAGE
FUND CORPORATION

Programs



Background

- The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation is an agency of Ontario's Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.
- The Corporation was established on June 1, 1988. Last year was the NOHFC's 25th anniversary.

The mandate of NOHFC is to partner with northerners to create jobs and strengthen the northern economy by:

- Supporting northern community infrastructure
 - Enhancing economic development capacity
 - Stimulating commercialization, innovation and productivity; and
 - Attracting and retaining talent
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- NOHFC current annual budget is \$100 million.

NOHFC's Programs

The NOHFC introduced five new programs in October 2013:

- Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program
- Community Capacity Building Program
- Northern Innovation Program
- Northern Business Opportunity Program
- Northern Internship Program



Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program

Who is Eligible?

Partnerships and alliances comprising municipalities, First Nations, Aboriginal organizations, local services boards, not-for-profit corporations, educational institutions and private sector businesses and organizations.

Municipalities, First Nations, not-for-profit corporations and educational institutions may apply individually. Other organizations with a training or educational mandate may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What is Eligible?

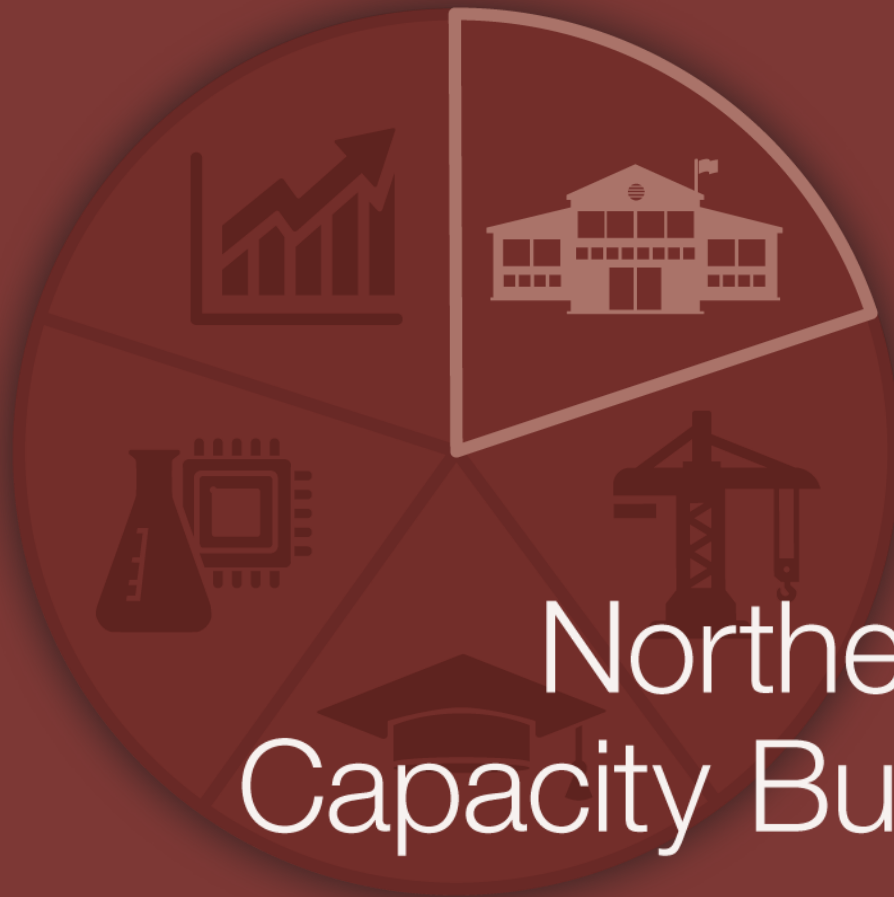
Strategic infrastructure projects that have a direct and demonstrable net economic impact in Northern Ontario, with a focus on job creation.

Existing and emerging priority economic sectors aligned with the Growth Plan.

Funding:

The maximum investment from the NOHFC generally does not exceed the lesser of 50 per cent or \$1 million, towards eligible project components.

The amount and type of assistance is determined by the board. Only in exceptional circumstances does the NOHFC consider projects exceeding the normal levels of assistance, on a case-by-case basis.



Northern Community Capacity Building Program

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Investment in support of capacity building activities is provided through two program subcomponents:

- Community Capacity Building Initiatives
- Event Partnerships

Not all projects meeting the program criteria outlined below will receive funding. Applications are accepted under this program until March 31, 2017. This is subject to change without any prior notice.



Northern Innovation Program

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Investment in support of research and development or commercialization activities will be provided through the four program subcomponents:

1. Opportunity Assessment Projects
2. Applied Research & Technology Development Projects
3. Pilot Demonstration & Commercialization Projects
4. Industrial Research Chairs

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Northern Business Opportunity Program

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Investment in support of private sector growth is provided through four program subcomponents:

1. Business Expansion Projects
2. Small Business Start-up Projects New Investment Projects
3. New Investment Projects
4. Film & Television Production Projects




Northern Ontario Internship Program

Candidate Criteria

- University and college graduates who have graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university. Candidates must be graduates of post-secondary degree or diploma programs.
- The position must provide the intern with first time employment in their field of study.
- Candidates are only eligible to participate in the internship program one time.
- Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Application Process

- NOHFC staff review applications based on the NOHFC's published program guidelines.
- All applicants receive a written response from the NOHFC.
- Eligible private sector applications are evaluated by NOHFC's due diligence provider (Deloitte).
- Eligible public sector applications are evaluated by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.
- NOHFC Committees review the evaluations and make recommendations to the Board.
- The NOHFC Board makes the final decision regarding NOHFC approvals.



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