

## A List of Funding Opportunities for Research and Other Activities in Nova Scotia

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### **About this Document**

One of the ways organizations can interact with the NS Quality of Life Survey results is to request analysis of them by our team on a fee-for-service basis. This document is a living list of funding sources to support a variety of projects and initiatives that could include analysis of the survey results. Additionally, or alternatively, a proposal to a funding opportunity may be strengthened by citing survey results.

Each funding opportunity is summarized and linked to its relevant source for more information. Things are always changing – opportunities that are open until funding is distributed may end sooner than you think; funders may grant extensions to calls for applications; opportunities that were once annual may end, etc. It's always best to go directly to the funder for the most accurate and up-to-date information on available funding opportunities, eligibility to apply, matched funding requirements, and what activities can be funded. If you're new to grant-writing, you may appreciate the [Green Lights for Grants Interview Series](#) about “Understanding Nova Scotia's granting organizations, their funding priorities, and what they need to see in your submission.”

Has something changed related to one of these funding opportunities or do you know about one that isn't listed? Let us know by emailing: [research@engagenovascotia.ca](mailto:research@engagenovascotia.ca) and we'll update this document.

The latest version will be [available on our website](#).

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Program name</b>	<b>Purpose and scope of funding</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Annapolis County Active Kids Healthy Kids	<a href="#">Annapolis County Active Kids Grant Program</a>	Priority will be given to programs that want to provide or support youth leadership in their community, address transportation issues, and increase access or programs at community facilities.	No deadline

<a href="#">Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)</a>	Two funding opportunities they have are: <a href="#">Project Grant Program</a> and <a href="#">Foundation Grant Program</a> .	CIHR is “Canada’s federal funding agency for health research. Composed of 13 Institutes, we collaborate with partners and researchers to support the discoveries and innovations that improve our health and strengthen our health care system.”  See each program’s page for details on that opportunity.	There are multiple calls for applications in a year.
Community Foundation of Nova Scotia	<a href="#">Community Funds</a>  <a href="#">Donor Directed Funds</a>  <a href="#">Charitable Endowment Funds</a>	There is a growing network of community funds across the province. “A community fund is designed to be open and flexible to address the ever-changing needs and priorities of your community – from environmental concerns to social change and more.”  In addition to a regional perspective, there are also Charitable Endowment Funds and Donor Directed Funds that may be relevant to supporting your project and activities. Each CFNS webpage lists the funds within each.	Varies by opportunity
Community Health Boards	<a href="#">Community Health Board Wellness Funds</a>	Wellness Funds are intended to “support new and innovative projects that advance Community Health Board priorities and use a population health-based approach in addressing the social determinants of health.”	October 15, 2021 at 5pm
Employment and Social Development Canada	<a href="#">New Horizons for Seniors</a>	Supports projects that are led by older adults and are volunteer-based. The projects can be related to various activities, objectives, and national priorities as identified in the funding opportunity description.	October 23, 2021 (extended from June 30, 2021)
Government of Canada, administered by Community Foundations of Canada	<a href="#">Canada Healthy Communities Initiative</a>	“The Healthy Communities Initiative is funding projects that help create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, and provide digital solutions to help their neighborhoods or communities navigate the pandemic and look to build back better in the COVID-19 recovery.”	Round 2 is closed. Will keep an eye on future rounds.

Halifax Regional Municipality	<a href="#">Community Grants Program</a>	"Awards project-specific cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The program is primarily developmental with a focus on support to volunteer-led initiatives and organizational capacity-building." Projects can be related to arts and crafts; diversity and inclusion; environment; emergency assistance and neighbourhood safety; history; housing; leisure; and, recreation.	Annual; opens January and closes March 31, currently closed
Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia	<a href="#">Community Grants</a>	These community grants "provide funding to support individuals and organizations province-wide to undertake programs or services that will benefit the mental health of individuals throughout Nova Scotia."	August 12, 2021 at 4pm
National Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)	Opportunities are organized by stream: <a href="#">Develop</a> , <a href="#">Explore</a> , <a href="#">Promote</a> , and <a href="#">Celebrate</a> .	NSERC "funds visionaries, explorers and innovators who are searching for the scientific and technical breakthroughs that will benefit our country."	Closing dates vary by opportunity.
Province of Nova Scotia: Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	<a href="#">Planning Assistance Program</a>	"Assists community organizations and municipalities in obtaining professional assistance in planning, designing, and researching proposed and existing sport and recreation facilities."	Applications accepted on an ongoing basis between April 1 and December 22, 2021.
Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	<a href="#">Building Vibrant Communities Grant</a>	"Not-for-profits, local governments, businesses, and educational institutions all have a role to play in eliminating poverty. They can apply for a grant that builds the capacity of community organizations and encourages collaboration."	Not explicitly stated; annual

Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	<a href="#">Diversity and Community Capacity Fund (DCCF)</a> and <a href="#">Community and Cultural Identities Fund (CCIF)</a>	The DCCF “invests in the capacity-building efforts of organizations that represent traditionally marginalized communities and promote diversity and social equity.” The CCIF is a companion program to the DCCF and “supports activities which recognize and celebrate the diversity of Nova Scotia’s new, emerging, and established cultural communities.”	Deadlines are May 31, August 31, and October 31
Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	<a href="#">Culture Innovation Fund – Healthy Communities Stream</a>	The Healthy Communities Stream “helps community leaders and innovators attract and embrace physicians and their families through projects and initiatives that use creativity and diverse culture.”	Closed right now, but typically accepts applications with deadlines of either September 19 or December 1.
Public Health Agency of Canada	<a href="#">Intersectoral Action Fund</a>	“The objective of the Fund is to support action on social determinants of health by building capacity in communities to advance intersectoral action, in ways that improve population health and reduce health inequities.”	Closed as of July 12
<a href="#">Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)</a>	Three of their funding opportunities are the <a href="#">Talent Program</a> , <a href="#">Insight Program</a> , and <a href="#">Connection Program</a> .	“The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports research and training in the humanities and social sciences.”  Talent Program Goal: “support students and postdoctoral researchers to develop the next generation of researchers and leaders across society, within academia and across the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.”	Closing dates vary by opportunity.

	<p>Find more with SSHRC's <a href="#">Funding search tool</a>.</p>	<p>Insight Program Goal: "build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research in excellence in all subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding."</p> <p>Connection Program Goal: "realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, and benefit and impact on beyond the campus, by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the flow and exchange of research knowledge."</p> <p>SSHRC is also launching the "<a href="#">Race, Gender, and Diversity Initiative</a>" this summer that will support partnership research to "inform actions to address social disparities related to race, gender, and other forms of diversity."</p>	
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### **About Engage Nova Scotia**

Engage Nova Scotia is a non-profit organization whose vision is a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient province. Everything we do is in collaboration with partners from private, public, and non-profit sectors, academia, and communities across Nova Scotia. Our primary focus has been the NS Quality of Life Initiative since 2017, which is an effort to prompt fresh perspectives and new action that better balances our social, environmental, cultural, and economic priorities.