



INFORMATION REGARDING FIG TREE'S CALL FOR PROPOSALS –2023

Below is information regarding Fig Tree Foundation's 2023 Call for Proposals. If you have any questions about the application process please email Christoph Schultz at christophs@figtreefoundation.com

1. General information:

- Organizations can apply for project funding up to \$50,000 Canadian dollars (CAD)
- Organizations can apply for more than one project
- Projects can include a match up to 50% of total project costs
- Fig Tree will be funding projects up to a total of \$150,000 CAD
- Projects should not begin until after November 1st, 2023

2. Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have been a Fig Tree Roundtable member for at least one year
- Applicants must be a Canadian registered charity
- Applicants must be in good standing in terms of past project reporting
- Projects must align with Sustainable Development Goals

3. Guidance regarding how projects will be evaluated:

- Projects will be evaluated based on Fig Tree's funding priorities, the merits of the project, and quality of the proposal

4. Fig Tree's funding priorities:

Projects that Fig Tree prioritizes and encourages to apply:	Projects that Fig Tree will not fund:
Projects that advance any of the Sustainable Development Goals	Projects that involve handouts
Projects implemented with a social enterprise approach or have a high likelihood of sustainability in the long-term.	Emergency and disaster relief
Projects that contribute to improving local livelihoods and/or economic development	Projects that are purely academic research
Projects that can be implemented within 12 months of receiving funding	Projects that promote a particular religious belief

5. Guidance regarding Fig Tree’s focus on sustainability, social enterprise, and beneficiary contributions:

- a. Sustainability
 - Fig Tree’ views sustainability as project and impact continuity, meaning we ask the questions, what is the likelihood the project impacts are sustainable
- b. Social enterprise vs non-Social enterprise approach
 - Projects do not need to follow a social enterprise approach however projects that are more entrepreneurial in nature will have score higher based on our evaluation matrix
- c. Beneficiary contributions
 - In the full project application Fig Tree will ask for an explanation of beneficiary contributions
 - This will have an impact in how we evaluate project applications

6. Project funding – Timeline and Process

Activity	Deadline
Deadline to submit Expression of Interest	Friday, May 5 th , 2023
Notifications of invitation to complete full application	Mid-May 2023
Deadline to submit full application	Friday, June 30 th , 2023
Funding decisions	Mid-September 2023
Agreements signed and funding provided	End of October 2023

7. Guidance regarding project budgeting:

- Project budgets can include any legitimate project cost
- The applicant can include a maximum of 8% for Operational expenses
- The maximum funding request from Fig Tree should not exceed \$50,000 CAD

8. Guidance regarding matching funding:

- Projects do not need to include matching funding
- If your project has matching funding, it cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. For instance, for a funding request of \$50,000, CAD the total project cost should not exceed \$100,000 CAD
- If your project includes matching funding, please clearly outline the funding breakdown, source, and status