
Climate and Equity Lab letter of interest to apply

As the signature program of the Equity Acceleration Fund, in the fall of 2023, Gore Mutual launched the Climate and Equity Lab in partnership with Social Innovation Canada and York University.

The purpose of the Climate and Equity Lab is to better understand how climate change is impacting the most vulnerable populations in the Waterloo Region, the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), and the Lower Mainland of Vancouver, and to identify solutions that may mitigate these impacts. In alignment with our Equity Acceleration Fund, we seek to engage in system transformation at the intersections of poverty, equity, and climate change.

One of Gore Mutual's goals for investing in the Climate and Equity Lab and making the research public is to influence the collaboration of charitable partners across the spectrum of poverty, equity, and climate change for greater alignment and leveraging of resources and initiatives.

To support this goal, Gore Mutual Foundation will be granting a total of **\$250,000 to support five partnerships** between a registered Canadian charity working in conjunction with one or more registered Canadian charities or registered not-for-profit organizations focused on advancing community and place-based solutions aligned with one or more of the “levers of change” acknowledged in the Climate and Equity Lab’s Public Findings report. A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between organizations is not required to apply for this grant.

In addition to supporting five partnerships with \$50,000 grants, Gore Mutual Foundation will provide an additional \$2,500 monitoring and evaluation capacity-building grant for each successful partnership to support the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the impact and outcomes of our Foundation’s support.

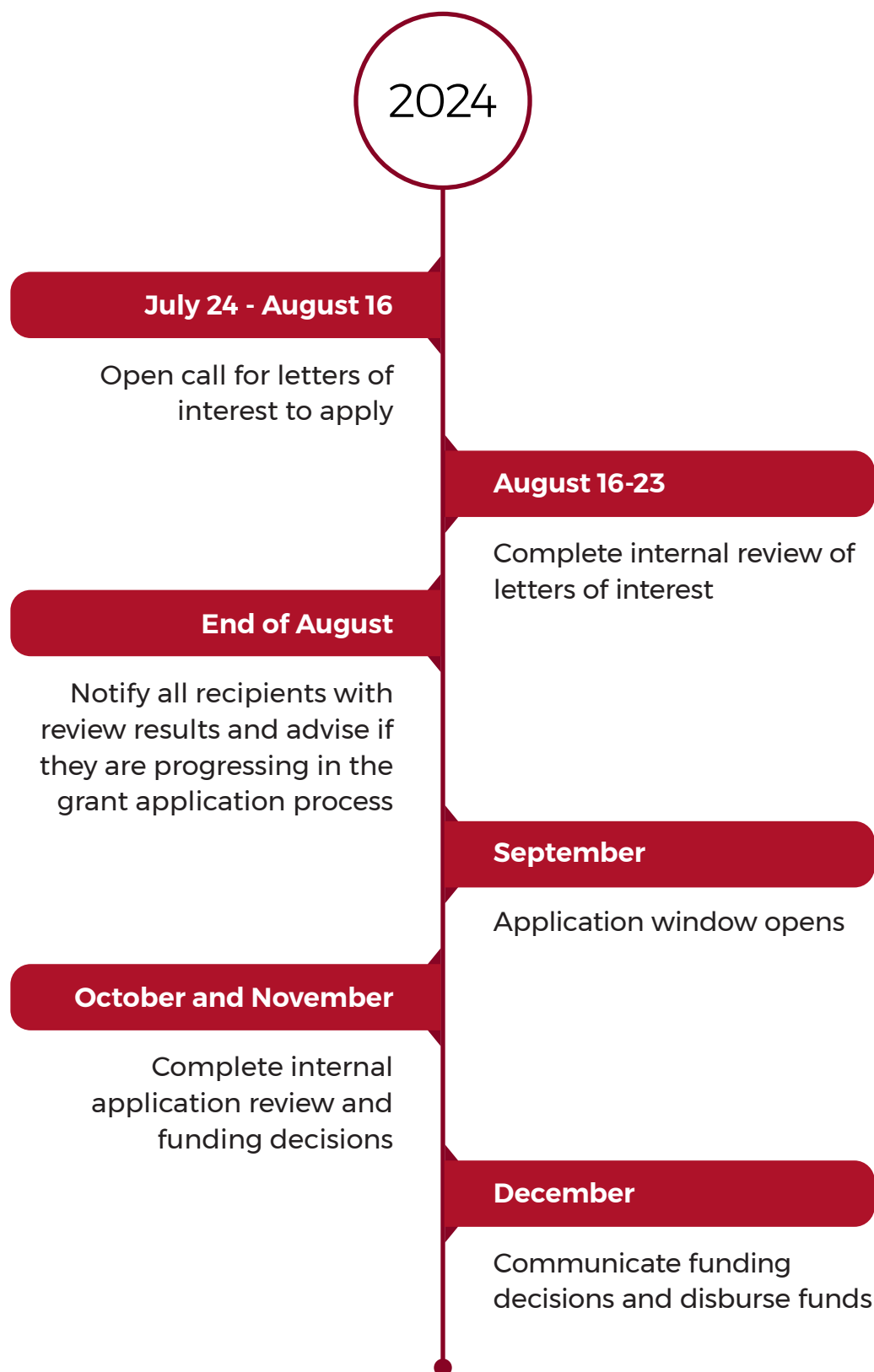


The “levers of change” are:

- 01 Community-led climate resilience
- 02 Inclusive municipal climate adaptation approaches
- 03 Protective and accessible housing innovations
- 04 Collaborative action and advocacy
- 05 Access to affordable insurance

Organization interested in applying for one of these grants, should read the following FAQ requirements to determine your eligibility.

2024 granting timeline:



FAQ

How many grants are available?

Gore Mutual Foundation will be granting five partnership grants of \$50,000. Each partnership grant will be bundled with an additional \$2,500 Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Building grant, for a total of \$52,500 per charitable partnership.

What are the granting guidelines and eligibility requirements?

In addition to supporting the delivery of programs and projects, Gore Mutual Foundation supports capacity-building and seed funding to further develop emerging initiatives. To apply for this grant, your organization must meet all the following requirements:

- The initiative must be related to one or more of the “levers of change” acknowledged in the Climate and Equity Lab Public Findings Report.
- The initiative must primarily benefit vulnerable populations who are residents of the Waterloo Region, the Greater Toronto Area, and/or Lower Mainland, Vancouver.

Please note that in accordance with the principles and commitments of Gore Mutual Foundation, our internal review process looks for the board and leadership of the applicant organization to include representation of the equity-deserving groups they aim to serve.

What is the application timeline?

Letters of interest to apply will only be accepted between July 24, 2024, 12 am PST to August 16, 2024, 5 pm PST.

How do I submit my application?

Please send your signed letter of interest containing all the below-listed requirements to purpose@goremutual.ca on or before 5 pm PST on **Friday, August 16**.

What should I include in my letter of interest to apply?

Your letter of interest should include the information in the table below. To help guide your responses, we have included the questions we ask ourselves when evaluating your responses.

Information to provide	The questions we ask ourselves when evaluating your responses
Registered Canadian charity's legal name, address, and registration number	
Partnering registered Canadian charitable organization(s) or registered not-for-profit(s) legal name, address, and registration number	
Board members and leadership team summaries (includes full names and bios)	
President and/or CEO names and signatures of partnering charitable organization(s) and or registered not for-profit(s)	
Statement of which "lever(s) of change" you are aligned with and how (one paragraph)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do they clearly outline a tangible and relevant alignment to the "lever of change" chosen?• Have they provided specific examples of how?
Geographic location you serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do they serve the Waterloo Region, the GTA, and/or Lower Mainland, Vancouver?
Statement of community need (1-2 paragraphs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do they include recent community need statistics and relevant data specific to the geographic area they indicated?• Have they included examples of what they've learned through listening to those they serve to define what the community needs are?
Partnership statement (1-2 paragraphs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do they demonstrate how they are or are in the process of, working together, with a focus specifically on the intended outcomes aligned to their chosen "lever of change?"• Do they clearly define why they are the right organizations to work together to create solutions or engage in system transformation that will support the most vulnerable populations in their geographic location?• Have they included relevant examples?

Information to provide (continued)	The questions we ask ourselves when evaluating your responses (continued)
Statement of what Gore Mutual Foundation's support would help you accomplish (1-2 paragraphs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do they clearly outline what programs and projects, or developing emerging initiatives, Gore Mutual Foundation's \$50,000 grant will help support? • Do they relate this support to the chosen "lever of change?" • Do they clearly articulate how they will primarily support vulnerable populations who are residents of the specified region? • Does their answer involve a solution or promising emerging idea that addresses a root cause of vulnerabilities related to the chosen "lever of change?" • Does their answer clearly outline a place-based solution that's been co-designed within the community and by those it aims to serve?
Statement of intended outcomes (2-4 specific outcomes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does their answer clearly outline 2-4 specific intended outcomes relevant to their chosen "lever of change?" • Does their answer include relevant and measurable metrics that specifically relate to their answers in the "What will Gore Mutual's support help you accomplish" section?