

LANFINE WIND COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

Total Funds Available (2026): \$21,110

Background

[Pattern Energy Group LP](#) is a leader in renewable energy and transmission infrastructure with a global portfolio of wind, solar, and energy storage facilities, guided by a long-term commitment to environmental stewardship, community partnership, and sustainable development.

The [Lanfine Wind project](#), Pattern Energy's first facility in Alberta, is a 150-megawatt (MW) wind power facility located in Special Area No. 3 and the Municipal District of Acadia. Lanfine Wind generates clean, renewable electricity for tens of thousands of Alberta homes.

In support of community vitality and long-term local benefit, Pattern Energy has committed \$1 million over 20 years to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) to establish the Lanfine Wind Community Grant. The fund supports community-led initiatives that strengthen the quality of life for residents of Special Area No. 3, the Town of Oyen, and the Municipal District of Acadia.

Thinking of applying? Contact our Regional Development Coordinator to talk about projects you have in mind! helene@cfsea.ca or 403.866.8901.

Grant Application Timelines

Applications to the Lanfine Wind Community Grants Program are accepted once a year, with deadlines subject to change if they fall on a holiday or weekend:

- **March 2** at 12 pm – Grant Applications Open
- **March 27** at 4:30 pm – Grant Application Close

Applications are reviewed by an Advisory Committee, which includes a representative from each area being supported and a representative from Pattern Energy. All eligible applications are reviewed, and recommendations are made to the Board of Directors. All applicants are notified of the outcome.

Eligibility Checklist

Step 1: Is Your Organization Eligible?

- Operate within Special Area 3, the Town of Oyen, and the Municipal District of Acadia, whose activities are within the Community Foundation's policies.
- Is a **qualified donee** (i.e., registered charity, municipality, school division).
- A non-profit organization that partners with a qualified donee.
- Registered non-profit societies in Alberta (in good standing for 5+ years) may apply for up to **\$5,000**. Larger requests require an affiliate process.

Step 2: Is Your Project Eligible?

Lanfine Wind Community Grants may be used to support capital, operating, program, or special one-time costs within the following priority focus areas:

- **First Nations and Métis:** Causes that benefit First Nations and Métis people whose traditional territory is within the municipalities listed. Priority will be given to programs operating directly in First Nations and Métis communities or in partnership with Indigenous organizations.
- **Local Communities:** Initiatives that strengthen rural communities within the Lanfine Wind service area. Grants may be used to support local events, facilities, programs, and organizations that build connection, resilience, and vibrant community life.
- **Environmental:** Community-driven initiatives that support ecological preservation, restoration, land stewardship, sustainability, and environmental education relevant to rural and agricultural landscapes.
- **Youth and Education:** Programs that meet the needs of children and youth through education, recreation, leadership development, or safety initiatives. Priority is given to programs that foster individual and community-based leaders.
- **Health and Wellness:** Programs that proactively support individual and community well-being by addressing the social determinants of health. Priority is given to initiatives that improve access to services for families, seniors, and vulnerable populations in rural communities.

We Do Not Fund:

- Core administrative expenses, political or religious activities, debt repayment, endowments, or retroactive costs.
- Projects outside of Special Area 3, the Town of Oyen, and the M.D. of Acadia.

Step 3: Project Strengths

Strong applications demonstrate the following:

- Initiatives that fulfill the mission, mandate, and services of your organization.
- Clear goals and evaluation plans.
- Innovative, practical solutions.
- Is well developed, achievable **within 12 months**, and:
 - proposes an innovative and practical solution;
 - strengthens your organizational capacity or sustainability;
 - if applicable, promotes collaboration and sharing among agencies;
 - and if applicable, addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Step 4: Application Process

Applicants must submit their applications through the [Community Foundation's Grant Portal](#) before the stated deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

Eligibility Note: For your application to be eligible, you must have no outstanding final reports from previous Lanfine Wind Community Grants before the grant deadline. Having an open [Community Grant](#) final report will not affect eligibility.

Notification, Recognition & Reporting

- Decisions are finalized within two months of the application deadline. Applicants are notified after Board approval—first by phone, then by email. Feedback is available upon request for unsuccessful applications.
 - Successful applicants must sign a Grant Agreement before receiving funds.
 - **Grant disbursements occur in late May.** Recipients are kindly asked to attend the cheque-granting event.
 - Recognition of the Lanfine Wind Community Fund **must** be made by all approved applicants by way of public acknowledgment.
 - Final reports must be submitted within 12 months through the online Grant Portal. Late or incomplete reports may affect future funding eligibility. A financial report template is available on our website and on the Grant Portal.
 - Organizations may apply for other CFSEA Grant streams, but they must be for different projects.
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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

CFSEA applies an equity-based lens throughout the granting process, considering identity, marginalization, and systemic barriers. If you require accommodation, please contact us for assistance.

To support inclusive access:

- **Tech support** is available for applicants unfamiliar with digital platforms.
 - **Oral applications** may be submitted virtually. The deadline to complete an oral application is March 20.
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Your application has the best chance of receiving funding if you follow these steps and your submission is clear and accurate. Grant applicants are encouraged to contact the CFSEA office with questions at any point during the application process. **We are here to help!**

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