

2021 ALBERTA ECOTRUST CLIMATE INNOVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM SCORECARD

Criteria	Considerations	0 - N/A or nonexistent	1 - Poor	2 - Fair	3 - Good	4 - Very Good	Overall Weighting
Cumulative GHG Emissions Reduction	<p>GHG emissions reduction can be considered through two lenses depending on the type of proposal being assessed:</p> <p>1) Direct GHG emissions reduction potential at the project level; and/or 2) Potential GHG emissions reduction at scale</p>	The GHG emissions reduction for this project are not calculable, inappropriate, or negligible at the project level and at scale.	<p>The direct GHG emissions reduction are lower than typically expected for this type of project.</p> <p>Based on the information provided, the results are unlikely to be achieved.</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>The pathway to the scale up of the GHG emissions reduction is unclear, poorly articulated or negligible.</p>	<p>The direct GHG emissions reduction are aligned with what would be expected from this type of project without necessarily having been optimized.</p> <p>Based on the information provided, the project has reasonable potential to achieve these reductions.</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>The pathway to the scale up of GHG emissions reduction is articulated but missing key considerations/context.</p> <p>Emmissions reductions at scale are less than 100,000 tonnes calculated over the 20 year period (cumulative).</p>	<p>The direct GHG emissions reduction are optimized for this type of project.</p> <p>Based on the information provided, the project has great potential to achieve the reductions.</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>The pathway to the scale up of the GHG emissions reductions is well articulated and reasonable.</p> <p>Emissions reduction at scale are between 100,000 – 200,000 tonnes over the 20 year period (cumulative).</p>	<p>The direct GHG emissions reduction are outstanding and exceed expectations for this type of project.</p> <p>Based on the information provided, the project has great potential to achieve the reductions.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The pathway to the scale up of the GHG emissions reduction is well articulated and will lead to clear and sustained reductions.</p> <p>Emissions reduction at scale are over 200,000 tonnes over the 20 year period (cumulative).</p>	35%
Scale Potential	<p>Scaleability: Indicates the potential for accelerated or exponential change beyond initial project scope.</p> <p>Examples of <i>scale pathways</i> that can be integrated into project design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy change - Socio-behavioural change - Technology diffusion - Shift to low-carbon, sustainable economy - Consideration of future sources of funding - Accelerates transformation towards a net zero society - Engages or includes decision makers that are best positioned to accelerate impact <p>Examples of <i>broader context</i> that could be taken into account to accelerate scaleup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections or public reviews - High-impact public issues/concerns (housing affordability, COVID Recovery, employment challenges) - Regulatory changes or updates/reviews - Social movements - Technological readiness or breakthroughs - Avoids carbon lock-in - (Etc) <p>Examples of <i>replication & acceleration</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project removes barriers or enables the adoption of additional low carbon technologies - The project includes replication mechanisms beyond the applicant organization (ie. public case studies, toolkits, community of practice, learning series etc.) - The project is technically viable and either aligns with existing government subsidies/interventions or will not require further subsidies/interventions - The project (or adjacent technology) could be considered a disruptive innovation - The project avoids carbon lock-in 	No elements of scale are present.	<p>The project has chosen a scale pathway that is inappropriate for the intervention or broader context.</p> <p>There is very little ability to sustain work beyond the current grant cycle.</p>	<p>The project has some potential for scale but the pathway or broader context is not well articulated.</p> <p>The project may be removing some barriers to further adoption but does not have a well thought out strategy to sustain the work beyond the current grant.</p>	<p>The project has a well thought out scale pathway that is appropriate given the broader context.</p> <p>The project will remove barriers to further adoption/replication and will have the ability to accelerate change beyond the grant cycle.</p>	<p>The project has a well thought out scale pathway (s) that is strategic given the broader context.</p> <p>The project will remove barriers to further adoption/replication and has a model that if successful, will result in accelerated and sustained change.</p>	25%
Co-Benefits	<p>Jobs & Economy; Community Prosperity / Livelihoods focus to economic development</p> <p>New jobs created as a result of the project will be local, meaningful, and accessible.</p> <p>Project places human flourishing and social development as a key outcome of economic activity.</p> <p>Economic multiplier/economic impact is described (related to GDP)</p>	No economic benefits identified or discussed.	<p>The majority of benefits from economic activities will be accrued outside of the local economy.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The project does not consider its role in the low carbon economy.</p>	<p>The project will result in some increases in local economic activity, and community prosperity.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The project promotes or discusses economic transformation that enables low carbon activities.</p>	<p>The project will likely increase local economic activity, and community prosperity.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The project will develop new knowledge or policy (ies) that may enable low carbon activities in the local economy.</p>	<p>Economic activity from the project will have a large multiplier effect on the local economy and lead to more resilient and prosperous communities. This includes creating well paid, meaningful jobs.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>New knowledge or policy (ies) developed by the project are likely to contribute to structural changes to the local economy that enable low carbon activities.</p>	20%
Social & Environmental Benefits	<p>Social and community benefits: does the project contribute to health, wellbeing and safety? To what extent the project: - Improves mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing; - Creates safe conditions to live and work within; - Improves public health, access to services, poverty reduction, democracy/inclusion, etc</p> <p>Environmental benefits: does the project contribute to a healthy environment? To what extent the project: - Protects and/or promotes biodiversity; - Conserves and/or regenerates habitat; - Reduces pollution to air, land, water - Improves occupant experience (IAQ, access to light) - Reduces waste - Improves climate adaptation or resilience</p>	No additional social or environmental benefits have been identified or are expected to be accrued as a result of the project.	It is reasonable to expect that some social or environmental benefits will accrue, but will not be directly attributable to the project activities.	<p>Some additional social or environmental benefits will accrue as a result of the project.</p> <p>There is no plan in place to measure or implement them.</p>	<p>The project specifies how one or more social or environmental benefits will accrue as a result of the project.</p> <p>There is a plan in place to measure one or more.</p>	<p>The project will result in: Both social and environmental benefits being accrued;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Exceptional benefits in either the social or environmental category will be accrued.</p> <p>There is a clear and logical rationale for how the benefits will be accrued and measured.</p>	20%
Equity	<p>It is important to note that an equity based approach will be unique to each project; however, AEF has been using the following three dimensions of equity to help frame our understanding:</p> <p>Distributional Equity: increases access to climate solutions for equity seeking groups - Identifies full costs and benefits, up and down stream, and considers potential unintended effects. - Designs to ensure benefits are equitable and accessible.</p> <p>Procedural Equity: Increases capacity and participation for excluded or marginalized communities to participate in public policy and planning related to climate mitigation</p> <p>Recognition Equity: Includes equity-seeking groups in decision-making pertaining to project design and management - Has a plan to consult people with lived experience and/or those directly affected - Demonstrates leadership within the program plan by BIPOC, women or LGBTQS+ individuals - Accounts for funding or other supports required to enable equity-seeking groups or participants' participation</p>	Little, to no considerations of equity, or the project has the potential to exacerbate issues of equity.	The proposal acknowledges the importance of equity but has a limited plan to actively increase equity through project activities.	<p>The proposal considers the impacts project activities will have on equity.</p> <p>Project plan to ensure increases in equity are tangential to core project activities/outcomes.</p>	<p>Increasing equity is a key consideration in the project.</p> <p>Project demonstrates a commitment to increase equity through all project activities.</p>	<p>Increasing equity is a central tenant of both the project and applicant organization(s).</p> <p>Organization(s) and project demonstrate a nuanced understanding of equity and a clear commitment to increasing equity through the project.</p>	20%
Organizational Capacity	This category assesses the qualifications that the organization has to undertake the project.	<p>Applicant(s) demonstrate a lack of understanding of the context in which the work will be undertaken.</p> <p>The applicant organization is missing critical partnerships.</p>	<p>The applicant(s) does not have in place the correct resources to see the project through.</p> <p>Team profiles and partnerships, and the plan for working together is unclear.</p>	<p>Proposal is unclear on how and why this applicant(s) is doing this kind of work and they will have to obtain additional internal resources that are not addressed in the proposal to complete the work.</p> <p>Project partners or collaborators are defined, but the applicant(s) has no relationship with them at this time, and no strategy for working together is presented.</p>	<p>Project aligns with the applicant(s)'s expertise, and/or mission. It is reasonable to presume they can complete the work in a timely and effective manner.</p> <p>Proposal identifies most of the relevant stakeholders, institutions, and entities who are currently working on the situation. Applicant has a strategy for engaging and working appropriately with these stakeholders.</p>	<p>Project aligns with the applicant(s)'s work and/or organizational mission. Applicant(s) are well positioned to address the specific challenges; project staff and other collaborators possess the proper qualifications and expertise.</p> <p>The applicant(s) identifies and is partnering with key stakeholders, institutions, and entities who are currently working on the situation. A robust strategy and workplan for collaboration is properly defined and presented.</p>	N/A
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