

GRANTS—Community: Conservation Property Tax Exemption Grant

Grant Name	Purpose	Eligibility	How to Apply	Important Dates	Award	Contact Info	Grant Type
Conservation Property Tax Exemption Grant	The Province of Nova Scotia provides a Conservation Property Tax Exemption to land owners who agree to the legal and permanent protection of their ecologically significant land for conservation purposes. The intent of the legislation is to help the province achieve the goal of protecting 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's land area by 2015.	All land owners in Nova Scotia with qualifying conservation property are eligible for this tax exemption. This includes non-governmental, charitable conservation land trusts that own land acquired for conservation purposes.	Nova Scotia Environment, the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Property Valuation Services Corporation, and qualifying land trusts work together to identify properties that will become eligible for the Conservation Property Tax Exemption. Once identified, those properties will continue to receive the exemption year after year unless a change of use occurs. <u>Municipal units:</u> Municipal units are not required to apply for the Conservation Property Tax Exemption Grant. Using data provided by the Department of Environment, the Department of Municipal Affairs calculates each Municipality's grant amount. Grant payments are typically made in the last quarter of	Grants Payments are typically made in the last quarter of each fiscal year.	The grant allocation is equal to the amount that would have been paid to the municipality if the property were not classified as tax exempt. Using data provided by the Department of Environment, the Department of Municipal Affairs calculates each municipality's grant amount. Grant payments are typically made in the last quarter of each fiscal year.	http://www.novascotia.ca/dma/funding/operating/property-tax.asp Planning & Development Officer Telephone:902-424-6338 Email: wendy.dauphinee@novascotia.ca	Tax Exemption - Land

			<p>each fiscal year.</p> <p><u>Individual land owners:</u> Individual land owners do not need to apply for the exemption. Once identified as a conservation property, the property will continue to receive the exemption year after year unless a change of use occurs.</p>				
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