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**SUBJECT: The Province Is Now Accepting Applications for Connect2 Grant Program**  
**DEADLINE: May 5, 2017**

The Province recently announced that its Connect2 sustainable transportation grant program is now open for applications. Expressions of interest, followed by applications for grants, are now being accepted from communities and organizations wishing to have more access to walking and biking paths, ride sharing, and other sustainable transportation options.

Connect2 aims to provide more options to communities to reduce their carbon footprint, and making walking, biking and using sustainable modes of transportation a practical and enjoyable choice throughout Nova Scotia.

Municipalities, communities, and organizations interested in applying for a grant are invited to first submit an expression of interest. A response along with an application form will be provided within 48 hours confirming if your proposal is eligible. The deadline to then submit your completed application is May 5.

The Department of Energy will provide \$600,000 to the program again this year, pending budget approval. Sustainable transportation projects focused on active transportation infrastructure design or builds are eligible for up to 50 per cent of costs, to a maximum of \$150,000. Projects focusing on public education and engagement, or studies to advance sustainable transportation best practices in Nova Scotia are eligible for up to 50 per cent of costs, to a maximum of \$30,000.

For more detailed information and to submit an expression of interest, please visit: [www.novascotia.ca/sustainabletransportation](http://www.novascotia.ca/sustainabletransportation). Should you have any questions, please contact the Sustainable Transportation Program Coordinator at [Connect2@novascotia.ca](mailto:Connect2@novascotia.ca).

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