

# The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund's PUBLIC SECTOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Do you believe that emerging technologies will drive your community in the 21st century? Are you eager to tap into the knowledge economy? The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is proud to partner with public sector institutions to modernize communications infrastructure and develop exciting new technologies - because supporting research and innovation is just one way we're working with you to build a stronger, more prosperous North.

## How can we help you build for tomorrow, today?

The NOHFC's Emerging Technology Program aims to support the research, innovation and development of new technologies that will contribute to future northern prosperity.

### Who is Eligible?

- Eligible applicants may include partnerships and alliances comprising municipalities, private sector businesses and organizations, the federal government and other government-related agencies.
- Municipalities, First Nations, not-for-profit corporations and educational institutions may apply individually.
- Projects must be located in Northern Ontario.

### What is Eligible?

Eligible initiatives include but are not limited to:

- Information and communications technology infrastructure, including high speed Internet expansion and cellular expansion projects
- Centres of Excellence
- Film development and production
- Value-added products
- Capital project costs and intellectual property development
- Biotechnology and life sciences projects

### Funding

- The NOHFC may provide a conditional grant, repayable loan or forgivable performance loan of generally up to 50 per cent of eligible costs, normally not to exceed \$1 million per project.
- The NOHFC may consider higher levels of assistance on a case-by-case basis.

Fostering innovation could have a revolutionary impact on your community. So dream big.



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## Guidelines

- Projects must meet industry standards where applicable.
- To the greatest extent possible, the project will not duplicate investments already made in basic, underlying infrastructure.
- Community support for the project must be demonstrated in the form of financial contributions to the project.
- All other potential sources of funding must be explored and documented.
- NOHFC assistance must be required to make the project viable.
- Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate a high level of contribution from the client or request a repayable contribution.
- Projects must show long-term sustainability beyond our commitment period.
- The NOHFC may consider other innovative applied technology projects that, in the opinion of the Board, meet the mandate of the NOHFC.

## What is Not Eligible

Projects of a purely social, recreational or cultural purpose will normally not be considered eligible for assistance.

Certain costs will generally not be considered eligible for funding. These include:

- Projects that do not have direct job creation or economic development objectives
- Websites and portals
- Ongoing operating costs of organizations
- Business plans
- Strategic plans
- Feasibility studies
- Training costs
- Marketing costs
- Purchase of rolling stock (e.g.: trucks and cars)

## Application Process

Application forms are available at [www.nohfc.com](http://www.nohfc.com) or may be obtained from ServiceOntario and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines offices. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. Program funding is limited. There is no guarantee that all applications meeting program criteria will be approved by the NOHFC.