

## Weston Family Prairie Grasslands Initiative

Protecting the long-term ecological integrity and biodiversity of Canada's Prairie Grasslands

Funding opportunity to secure the long-term protection of Prairie Grasslands biodiversity through stewardship, economic viability, and training.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

## Applicants must be:

- Organizations operating in the Prairie Grasslands, with the knowledge, experience, and capacity to support the identified program goals and objectives are eligible to apply.
- A qualified donee, in accordance with the Canada Revenue Agency and Income Tax Act. Non-qualified organizations may participate as collaborators alongside a qualified lead applicant.
- Organizations that meet all program criteria but are not a qualified donee are asked to <u>contact the Foundation</u> prior to submitting an application.

### Projects should seek to do one or more of the following:

- Stewardship: Promote the increased use and adoption of best stewardship practices to protect the biodiversity and ecological function of grasslands.
- Economic Viability: Address the economic drivers affecting land use change to reduce conversion and protect the ecological integrity of grass-based systems.
- Training: Deliver evidence-based knowledge, tools and resources to support ecologically based land management.

Interested? See the Program Details for further information.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### Information Webinars:

Webinar 1:

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm ET

Webinar 2:

Thursday, March 13, 2025

1:00pm - 2:00pm ET

\*NOTE: Both Informational Webinars will feature the same content, resources, and information. Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend only one (1) of the two sessions according to their availability. A recording of the first webinar will be uploaded to the Weston Family Foundation website approximately one week following the scheduled webinar date.

#### Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline:

Tuesday April 1, 2025, at 3:00pm ET

# Proposal Deadline (select applicants only):

Tuesday June 30, 2025, at 3:00pm ET\*

\*Tentative, date subject to change

#### **Award Announcement:**

Fall 2025