



Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Grant Fund: Application Guidelines

Background

Under the [Nova Scotia Smoke-Free Places Act](#)*, smoking is prohibited in all indoor workplaces and public places, select outdoor public spaces, outdoor licensed areas and patios of all restaurants, lounges, beverage rooms and cabarets. This applies to all combustibles, including tobacco, cannabis, e-cigarettes, and waterpipes.

The select outdoor spaces are:

- On or within 20 meters of playground located in an outdoor public space
- On or within 20 meters of a publicly owned sport and recreation event or venue, located in an outdoor public space.
- On and within nine meters of public trails
- In provincial parks and on provincial beaches, except for within the boundaries of a rented campsite
- School grounds

*Towns/municipalities may pass by-laws or policies that put additional restrictions in place. The stricter rules apply. For instance, the [Cape Breton Regional Municipality](#), [Halifax Regional Municipality](#), [Town of Shelburne](#), [Town of Berwick](#), [Town of Amherst](#), [Municipality of the District of Lunenburg](#), and the [Municipality of the County of Cumberland](#) have enacted by-laws or policies that apply in addition to the provincial Smoke-Free Places Act

Purpose

The Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Grant Fund is intended to:

- Support communities which have already established smoke-free outdoor spaces by assisting with the cost of signage
- Promote awareness and education in communities around smoke-free outdoor spaces
- Assist Towns/Municipalities in the enforcement of the smoke-free outdoor spaces policies or by-laws
- Foster partnerships between communities and Smoke-Free Nova Scotia.
- Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in communities

Eligibility

This is a limited, one-time funding opportunity. Grants as high as \$2,000 may be awarded. Examples of previous signage funded can be found [here](#). In order to receive funding, applicants must:

Be a town/municipality that has a current and active smoke-free outdoor space policy or by-law

OR

Be a public service group or non-profit Board that operates and /or maintains open spaces AND have permission to erect and maintain community signage.



Criteria

Your application will be reviewed based on the criteria below. Applicants must score 4 or higher to be considered for funding.

	2 points	1 point	0 points
Funding history	No prior funding	Has received funding, but not in the last five years	Has received funding in the last five years
Smoke-free policy/by-law	Present	In-progress	Not present
Quality of application	High quality: Clear and detailed strategy to erect signage	Acceptable quality: Strategy to erect signage present but lacking detail	Low quality: No strategy to erect signage or strategy is not relevant
Commitment to smoke-free initiatives (e.g., cigarette butt clean-up, school engagement, employee assistance plans, active living strategy)	Evidence of other smoke-free initiatives in community	Few details about other smoke-free initiatives in community	No evidence of other smoke-free initiatives in community

How to apply

Completed applications should be emailed to Lacey Sutherland, Coordinator of Smoke-Free Nova Scotia, at laceysutherland@lungnspei.ca. This funding is open year-round.

Review process

A working committee of Smoke-Free Nova Scotia will determine the amount of funding that can be granted for each applicant it approves for funding. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than 60 days once the application is received.

If your project is funded

If your application is successful, there are certain deliverables that need to be met in accordance with your funding. By submitting your application, you are indicating that you understand your commitment to:

- Sign an agreement with Smoke-Free Nova Scotia
- Order signage and submit a copy of the invoice to Smoke-Free Nova Scotia
- Agree to send in proof of signage installation (after your project is completed) no later than 1-year of the agreement signed with Smoke-Free Nova Scotia
- Agree to use the money in the manner outlined in your application unless special permission is granted, in writing, by Smoke-Free Nova Scotia
- Agree that Smoke-Free Nova Scotia may use information and photos about the projects in press releases and/or for advertising purposes