



GETTING STARTED: QUICK FUNDRAISING TIPS

Applying for grants is serious work. Sharpen your pencils and your brains for the task ahead!

1. Assume the best: that you'll receive the money you requested.

- This means you have very detailed plans.

2. Follow the grant application questions precisely.

- Answer all the questions in the order they appear on the application.

3. Call the representative of the funding agency.

- Discuss what you are doing.
- Have the criteria changed? Does your project meet the criteria?
- What do they *not fund*?
- When are the applications due?
- What is the turnaround time?

4. Share the task with others.

- It's a big job so get others to take different sections and write them up.

5. Ask before you buy.

- If you receive in-kind donations, include the dollar value as part of the funds you have raised.
- It's surprising what resources may be available in your community.

6. Decide during the application process who will write the final report to the funding agency when you're finished.

- This is a tedious task, often required when energy is at a low.

7. Take the time to anticipate all of your costs.

- Don't forget things like taxes, delivery, film and processing.
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8. Check out evergreen.ca for other sources of funding.

OTHER WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

- Commemorative trees
- Donation trees
- Cookie sales
- Ice cream sales
- Pizza lunches
- Recipe book
- Bulb sales
- Wildflower sales
- Raffle – estimate the # of gummy worms in a plant pot or the number of sunflower seeds collected from a sunflower head
- Golf tournament
- Home/garden show 'leftovers'
- Allocate a percentage of general fundraising to the school ground
- Hold a movie night with donated pizza and a bake sale
- Write a book on your project
- Use the harvest from the garden (make sweet grass braids or potpourri)
- Collect Canadian Tire money
- Create and sell theme baskets for each class (i.e., 'The Beach' – items that you would use at the beach, or 'Blue' – fill a basket with items that are blue)
- Cookie dough sales

Loony for a Leaf

Select three different trees to be planted on the school ground. Create leaf cut-outs of each tree. Ask for donations of a loony per leaf. Colour the leaves and put them up in the library.

Walking Towards our Future

Create a map of your greening vision on the wall in the front entrance of the school. Make cut-outs in the shape of feet and ask each parent to buy a foot.