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McConnell Foundation Climate Partners

Our 2022 partners



Partners

Introduction

The McConnell Foundation has three focus areas.

The Climate Focus area has three categories. Here is a list of our current active partners, detailed by each strategy.

Climate Mitigation Solutions: Organizations that address systemic barriers to GHG emissions reduction in Canada

Partner name	Programs	What they do	Website	Regional coverage
West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation	Climate Law in our Hands, Sue Big Oil campaign	Cost of climate impacts, litigation, fossil fuel companies accountability	https://www.wcel.org/program/climate-law-in-our-hands	British Columbia
Efficiency Canada	Efficiency for All	Energy poverty, residential energy efficiency research, policy advocacy, labour market training	https://www.energycanada.org/	National
Farmers for Climate Solutions	Supporting Farmers as Leaders in Canada's Climate Transition	GHG emissions reduction in agriculture, regenerative agriculture, policy research and advocacy, equity and diversity in farming	Farmers for Climate Solutions	Quebec, Ontario, BC, Alberta, Manitob, Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island.
Raven Indigenous Impact Foundation	AKI Energy	Supporting geothermal power installation in First Nations in Manitoba	AKI Solutions Group (akienergy.com)	Manitoba
Transition Accelerator		Net Zero Carbon Pathway research and implementation in electricity, hydrogen in heavy duty trucking in Alberta, energy efficiency in commercial buildings, electric vehicle market integration	https://transitionaccelerator.ca/	Quebec, Maritimes, Ontario, Alberta
Clean Energy Canada	Building and communicating Canada's clean energy advantage	Research, policy and communication in job creation and economic opportunities in Canada's clean energy sectors	Clean Energy Canada – Realizing solutions	National, English Canada (not Quebec)

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Environment Funders Canada	Low Carbon Funders Collaborative	Collaborative of eight funders supporting ten national environmental organizations to advance ambitious federal climate policy (research, policy advocacy, government relations and communications)	Funder groups – Environment Funders Canada	National
Canadian Public Health Association	Partnership with Canadian Health Association for Sustainability and Equity	Develop resources for health professionals to support local climate solutions and include equity in climate resiliency plans	Canadian Health Association for Sustainability & Equity – Improving Health, Protecting the Planet, Reducing Inequities (chasecanada.org)	Ontario
The Atmospheric Fund	Retrofit Accelerator	Provide expert services to deliver deep energy retrofits in the multi-family building sector in the GTHA. We collaborate with building owners, utilities, governments, residents and other stakeholders to maximize the health, social, environmental, and economic outcomes of retrofits.	https://taf.ca/	Ontario GTHA
Fondation du Grand Montreal	Partenariat Climat Montreal	Supporting ecosystem of stakeholders to support climate projects in Montreal in the building, transport and sectors	https://climatmontreal.com/	Montreal
Student Energy	Launching the Climate Solutions Movement	Supporting youth policy leaders and entrepreneurs in clean energy projects	Student Energy — Empowering the next generation of energy leaders	National
Écohabitation	JeRénovÉco	Developing innovative financing to support residential energy retrofits in Quebec	https://www.ecohabitation.com/	Quebec
Indigenous Clean Energy	Bringing It Home: An Indigenous-led initiative to enable and implement healthy, energy	Supports Indigenous communities to be clean energy change agents through capacity-building, skills development, career training, and mentorship with high-quality and hands-on programming.	https://indigenoucleanenergy.com/	National

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Strategic Impact 2: Diversity and Inclusion (supporting equity and inclusion in the net zero carbon economy)

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Climate Action Network Canada - Réseau action climate Canada (CAN-Rac)	Supporting a Just Transition for all Canadians	Supports a network of 120 civil society organizations calling for ambitious climate action	https://climateactionnetwork.ca/	National
Indigenous Climate Action	Sustaining Indigenous-Led Climate Action	Support Indigenous-led climate action and Indigenous climate activists	website ICA	Yukon, Alberta, BC, Quebec
Iron & Earth	Iron & Earth Industries	Offers upskilling and retraining to fossil fuel workers in clean energy technology, policy advocacy	website	Alberta, BC
GreenPAC	Every Day Advocates	Mobilize Canadians to engage with candidates during electoral periods and endorse environmental champions in all political parties	https://greenpac.ca/	National
Climate Caucus	Building and consolidating the Climate Caucus	Support local governments in developing climate mitigation and adaptation solutions	https://www.climatecaucus.ca/	National
The Pembina Institute	Ensuring and Enhancing Gender Equity in Alberta's Energy Transition	Advancing gender equity in the energy transition in Alberta (research, policy advocacy and communications)	https://www.pembina.org/	National
EmpowerMe	New Canadians and Energy Efficiency	Recruits, supports and trains New Canadians in achieving energy efficiency in their home and gaining employment in the energy efficiency sector	Empower Me Program Canada	British Columbia
The Narwhal	Ontario Expansion	Independent investigative journalism covering climate, energy and environmental issues in Canada	The Narwhal	Ontario
Foundation for Environmental Stewardship	The Harbour: Supporting youth led climate	Youth-led philanthropy for youth climate activists, provides organizational support, resources and re-granting to projects	Foundation for Environmental Stewardship (fesplanet.org)	National
Équiterre	Mettre les enjeux climatiques au cœur des processus démocratiques au Québec	Mobilizing and organizing Quebecers especially in smaller municipalities to demand ambitious climate action from elected officials	https://www.equiterre.org/fr	Québec

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Partner name	Programs	What they do	Website	Regional coverage
Youth Climate Lab	Sustaining Youth Climate Lab to Scale Youth-led Climate Solutions	Train cohorts of youth in climate policy and finance, supports collaboration to become effective policy advocates at the municipal, provincial and federal level as well as in internal climate negotiations	YOUTH CLIMATE LAB	National
Front pour la Transition Énergétique	Collectivités ZéN : débloquer la transition !	Develop and implement local net zero carbon transition plans in regions of Quebec by mobilizing all stakeholders in those communities (business, institutions, youth, elected officials etc)	Front pour la Transition Énergétique	Québec
For Our Kids	Mobilizing Parents	Supports campaigns led by parents in specific regions as well as public policy advocacy	For Our Kids	National
Carleton University	Climate Activation Centre	Provides organizations with supports for effective climate communication to engage specific audiences and move people to action, through research, training, polling and social media messaging		National
Environmental Defence Canada	Blue Green Canada	Collaboration between labour unions and environmental groups to create good clean jobs for Canadians	BlueGreen Canada	National
Green Communities Canada	Building capacity for deep energy retrofits in local communities	Supports local organizations to increase residential energy retrofits, with a focus on low-income households, provides energy auditing services	Green Communities Canada	Alberta, BC, Manitoba, New Brunswick
Small Change Fund	Climate Justice Organizing Hub	Support structure designed around the needs of grassroots social movement organizers in so-called Canada that respects organizers' knowledge regarding their own challenges and priorities.	Climate Justice Hub	National
Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment	Bringing Physicians' voices to the climate crisis	Trains and supports physicians to be effective advocate for ambitious climate mitigation, campaigns around specific health threats of climate and fossil fuels	CAPE	National
National Observer	Climate Solution Report	Investigative reporting, in-depth analysis, solutions journalism, multimedia features, opinion and daily news coverage on climate and energy issues.	National Observer	National
UnPointCinq	Renforcement de l'écosystème québécois en appui à l'action climatique	Média indépendant qui couvre les solutions concrètes et inspirantes à la crise climatique au Québec.	Un Point Cinq	Québec

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Climate Reality Canada	Raising climate ambition through empowered communities	Training of climate ambassadors to be effective climate communicators in their community and engagement of those ambassadors in local climate initiatives, particularly in underserved regions	The Climate Reality Project Canada	National
Coop Carbone	Pour une mobilité inclusive et durable	Recherche et recommandations pour des solutions de mobilité durable régionale qui sont abordable et accessible aux personnes défavorisées	Accueil - Coop Carbone	Québec
QUEST Canada	EDI in community energy planning in New Brunswick	Develop and implement EDI in the engagement of individuals in community energy planning in New Brunswick	QUEST Canada Accelerating Smart Energy Communities	New Brunswick
Copticom	Communauté de Pratique en Communication Climatique au Québec	Appui un réseau de plus de 200 organismes de plusieurs secteurs à communiquer effectivement sur la crise climatique	COPTICOM - Engagés pour le monde qui bouge.	Québec
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Climate Equity Project	Develop recommendations for climate adaptation and resiliency measures to include equity, especially inadequately housed and people with lived experienced of poverty around the GTHA	CMAH	GTHA

Strategic Impact 3: Sustainable Finance

Partner name	Programs	What they do	Website	Regional coverage
Shift Action for Pension Wealth	Mobilizing and Engaging Pension Funds	Engage pension beneficiary and require that large Canadian pension funds develop net zero carbon investment plans	https://www.shiftaction.ca/	National
University of British Columbia - Peter A. Allard School of Law	Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI) - Phase III - Knowledge Mobilization and Policy Hub	Train Boards of Directors in understanding their fiduciary obligations towards climate risk disclosure	https://ccli.ubc.ca/	National
Queen's University - Smith School of Business	Institute for Sustainable Finance	Provide research and government relations to advance sustainable finance in Canada	Institute for Sustainable Finance Research Queen's University Canada (queensu.ca)	National
Québec Net Positif	Québec Net Positif - Accélérer la transition de l'économie québécoise vers un avenir sobre en carbone	Supports and mobilize SMEs in Quebec in attracting capital for net zero carbon solutions	https://www.quebecnetpositif.ca/?lang=en	Québec
Synergy Foundation	BC Green Business and Circular Economy Program Expansion	Support SMEs in BC to reduce their GHG emissions and environmental impact of their supply chain and operations, incorporate reconciliation and support Circular Economy entrepreneurs	Green Economy Synergy Foundation British Columbia	BC
EcoJustice Canada	Paris Aligned Financing for Canadian Banks	Coalition of organizations putting pressure on Canadian banks to adopt science-based net zero carbon plans, and recommendations for governments to regulate the financial sector in Canada to align with our climate commitments	Ecojustice Canada's largest environmental law charity	National
Concordia University - John Molson Executive Centre - Montreal Sustainability Ecosystem Initiative	Sustainability Ecosystem Initiative	Sustainable finance research	https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/executive-education/expertise/governance-sustainable-business-practices/sustainability-ecosystem.html	Québec