

**THREE PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE FUND**

- Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association: \$43,300 to deliver new natural refrigerants training in Manitoba to ensure that key delivery organizations have the capacity to introduce natural refrigerants training into trade programs for the next generation of skilled workers. This project will help fill a gap in Manitoba and across Canada to enable much-needed training and skill development, and will reduce the use of potent greenhouse refrigerant gases in automobile air conditioning, fridges and freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners and other equipment.
- Manitoba Eco-Network: \$25,000 for Phase 2 of the Building Community Climate Resiliency Project to support measures required at the community neighbourhood level in Winnipeg. Project will focus on early engagement activities that will support further actions for enabling community climate resilience to help adapt to climate change impacts and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Boyne Regional Library (Carman): \$7,500 for 14 nature discovery backpacks with tools and resources for families to engage with the local area natural habitats, forests, and grasslands. Funding also supports a native heritage seed library lending program to provide access to native and heritage seeds and share skills about growing gardens and preserving food. The project represents a low cost, community-based engagement initiative that supports hands on nature-based learning.

In 2022, the Conservation and Climate Fund supported a total of 16 Manitoba organizations and projects that included:

- a carbon dioxide recapture system for local craft beer production;
- carbonizing biosolids to address methane emissions and nutrient loading;
- creating a digital twin flood map to support development of flood-resilient infrastructure;
- a training program for infrastructure professionals on climate risk assessment and adaptation strategies; and
- an initiative to promote climate resiliency and adaptation among Manitoba small and medium-sized enterprises.

The application criteria are based on pillars and keystones of the *Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan*. Grants are available for selected projects that support current priorities and align with at least one of three categories: clean technology, water, or nature and resilient landscapes. Eligible applicants include incorporated non-profit organizations, academic and educational institutions, municipalities, businesses, and northern and Indigenous communities.