

Potential Funding Sources for Environmental Assessment Challenges

1. <http://www.edcanada.org/csp/ea.htm>

This is the website of Environmental Defence Canada which states:

"Environmental Defence Canada previously known as the Canadian Environmental Defence Fund has long been involved in federal environmental assessment (EA). We help citizens participate in EAs by providing funding, experts, and other assistance. We lobby for better EA laws and policies. We provide public education on environmental assessment. And we use the courts if EAs are not done properly."

2. <http://www.carc.org/futures.php3>

This is the Arctic Futures Fund of CARC, the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee. Should the environmental assessment challenge be in the Arctic, it may be an option.

"The interest and dividends generated by *Arctic Futures Fund* is used by CARC to pay for all manner of activities including research, advocacy, public information, publishing and litigation consistent with the belief that economic development in the Arctic must be environmentally and culturally sustainable and equitable."

3. <http://www.rec.org/REC/Databases/Funders/Default.html>

This is a *Directory of Funding Sources for Environmental NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe*. It is a searchable database that offers information about 164 different funding institutions. It is likely only useful for projects in that geographic area, although if proposed by Canadian companies the projects must still abide by Canada's environmental assessment processes.

"The directory covers 15 CEE countries in which the REC is active and also some Newly Independent States. The directory presents a range of funding institutions focusing on environmental activities as well as support to non-governmental organisations."

4. http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/010/0001/0002/index_e.htm

This is the Participant Funding Program of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Individuals and non-profit organizations interested in participating in environmental assessments may receive limited funding.

5. <http://www.cegn.org/>

This is the website of the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers Network, "a membership group of private, community, public and corporate foundations, and government and corporate funding programs that give grants in support of the Canadian environment." It hosts the *Canadian Environmental Grants Database*.

6. <http://www.sierralegal.org/>

This is the website of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, a non-profit, charitable organization that uses litigation as a means of environmental protection. Their

experience with environmental assessment challenges includes the proposed development adjacent to Waterton Lakes National Park, the assessment of bridges (not roads) by Sunpine Forest Products, a golf course development in a provincial park in Newfoundland, and logging in the Bruce Peninsula National Park in Ontario. These are just some of the past challenges.

7. <http://www.keeper.org/>

This is the main website of Waterkeeper Alliance. It includes a 'Find Your Waterkeeper' function to help locate possible waterkeeper groups in the region.

8. <http://www.earthjustice.org/>

This is the website of EarthJustice, "a non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the magnificent places, natural resources, and wildlife of this earth and to defending the right of all people to a healthy environment." It is based in the U.S. but has an international office observing that some issues are international in scope.

9. <http://www.aida-america.org/aida.php>

This is the website of the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense, an international non-profit environmental law organization. Two of AIDA's member organizations are the Sierra Legal Defence Fund and EarthJustice. Their three main program areas are biodiversity and critical natural ecosystems, trade and the environment, and human rights and the environment. "AIDA's Mission: We promote the ability of citizens to protect their health and environment through development and enforcement of national and international environmental laws."

10. <http://www.ejlb.qc.ca>

This is the EJLB Foundation website. The Foundation was incorporated in 1983 as a non-profit charitable corporation. It has supported environmental litigation in the past, specifically CARC for northern environmental interventions and the Canadian Environmental Defence Fund for legal challenges under federal environmental assessment legislation.

11. <http://www.wcel.org/services/edrf/>

This is the website of the West Coast Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund administered by West Coast Environmental Law. It does fund litigation although it is likely that the issue has to be either in B.C. or with a direct impact on that province.