



Lifejacket Loaner Station Grant Application

Lifejacket Loaner Station Grants Available from the Lifesaving Society Alberta and NWT Branch

The Lifesaving Society has recently received grant funding from Cabela's Canada Outdoor Fund. We are very pleased to be able to offer a limited number of grants of up to \$1,500 each to support the establishment of new lifejacket loaner stations.

The Lifesaving Society will work with the successful applicants to provide banners, signage and Water Smart® public education materials for the new lifejacket loaner stations at no additional cost. The Society is able to co-brand the main Lifejacket Loaner Station banner displayed at each loaner station.

Cabela's Canada Outdoor Fund is also supplying 200 lifejackets that will be used to support the new lifejacket loaner stations and also resupply existing lifejacket loaner stations based on need.

We ask that interested communities complete the information below as an expression of interest and submit to the Lifesaving Society by **Monday, June 18**. The Lifesaving Society will review the submitted expressions of interest and will select communities based on need and eligibility. Support from community champions and partners is essential to the lifejacket loaner station program's success and will be a factor in the selection of successful applicants. Preference will be given to communities who do not currently have a lifejacket loaner station.

Background:

The Lifejacket Loaner Station program has two components. The first is a kiosk (can be outdoor or indoor) where visitors can borrow lifejackets, available in various sizes, and return them after use at no cost. The second component provides an opportunity to educate the public about drowning and water-related injury through Water Smart® public education materials such as posters and rack cards (provided by the Lifesaving Society at no cost to the community Lifejacket Loaner Station). Please see the Lifejacket Loaner Station Program Guide for more information. This is a very thorough resource that explains all the details of the program and how to implement the program. Lifejacket Loaner Stations are currently located in sixteen provincial parks as well as in several municipalities and private communities across Alberta and the Northwest Territories. See a current map of the Lifejacket Loaner Stations in Alberta.

Please complete the following information and submit to watersmart@lifesaving.org by **June 18, 2018**.

Amount Requested (up to \$1,500) - please indicate the amount of funds required by your community to support the establishment of your lifejacket loaner station. Please also outline in the space below details about how this funding will be used.

Community Supporters - please list the organizations that will support your lifejacket loaner station program and the type of support they will provide (i.e. in-kind, financial (please indicate amount), program promotion, labour, building materials, etc.):

Site/Location (where will the lifejacket loaner station be located):

Area & Population served (please describe the area and population the lifejacket loaner station will serve):

Management/Operation (please describe how the loaner station will be monitored and maintained and who is responsible):

Successful applications will be contacted by the Lifesaving Society and will be required to sign a Lifejacket Loaner Station agreement. Please submit any questions to watersmart@lifesaving.org or call (780) 415-1755.