Green Team 2020 - Frequently Asked Questions

Why did our organization only receive half of the funding we requested on the first intake?

The Province has committed up to \$10 million, nearly double the amount invested in 2019, to support community organizations, municipalities and provincial parks delivering Green Team projects across Manitoba. The Department appreciates the opportunities that your organization is providing for youth and the community.

If your organization requires additional funding, a second intake for the program was opened on May 12, 2020. Any type of projects that provide youth with summer employment opportunities will be considered under this intake. Details can be found at www.manitoba.ca/mr/bldgcomm/greenteam.html.

Organizations are encouraged to seek out various funding sources and establish partnerships with other organizations in order to help deliver their projects. Other resources for community-based organizations can be found at https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/business/index.html.

When will we be notified on the status of our second intake application?

Green Team funding requests for the second intake in 2020 are under review. Organizations will be notified via e-mail as soon as the information is available in June.

Can we promote one of our GT employees to a supervisory position and increase their pay accordingly?

Green Team reimburses up to the Manitoba minimum wage rate plus 4% vacation pay. Organizations who choose to pay more than that amount would be responsible for those additional costs. A Green Team employee can act as the supervisor for other Green Team employees as long as they receive adequate direction from the organization they are working for and are at least 18 years of age.

Do organizations have to limit the number of workers in a vehicle at the same time?

Guidelines have been developed for employees using vehicles during COVID-19 pandemic, with recommendations to help reduce the risk of community exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, for employees performing work in shared vehicles during the pandemic. See https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/business-employees-vehicles-guidance.pdf

Can you back date the start date of our employee?

Once program staff have received the Acknowledgement Form confirming your organization's ability to implement its Green Team project in accordance with all applicable Public Health Orders respecting physical distancing, all eligible Employee Profile Forms can be back dated to May 1, 2020 as per the program start date. An approval e-mail will be sent for all approved employees, including the approved start date.

What do we do if RCMP detachment is refusing to do criminal record checks at this time?

Youth can connect with their local RCMP detachment on a regular basis to see if they have re-opened for onsite criminal record checks or they can go through private companies that perform name-based checks. For more information on where to get a criminal record check, visit: https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/criminal-record-checks.

For youth living near or around Brandon, the Brandon Police Services is now taking appointments for people needing criminal record checks done for employment or schooling purposes only. They can contact the Criminal Record Check Office directly at 204-729-2311.

For youth living in Winnipeg, a criminal record check can be done on-line at https://winnipeg.ca/police/pr/PIC.stm#pic.

Record checks are only needed for Green Team employees working on recreation projects. Criminal record checks are not done for youth under the age of 18.

As a temporary solution, organizations can ensure that employees are working alongside a full-time employee of the organization (excluding other Green Team staff) while waiting for their RCMP detachment to resume the processing of these checks.