



# Fact Sheet

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### Overview

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) established a Participant Funding Program in early 2011. Members of the public, Aboriginal groups and other stakeholders may apply for funding to support their participation in the CNSC's regulatory processes.

### Why was the PFP created?

The CNSC has always valued public input into its regulatory processes. The PFP will complement available avenues for public participation by providing funding to eligible applicants in order to:

- enhance Aboriginal, public and stakeholder participation in the CNSC's Environmental Assessment (EA) and licensing process;
- help stakeholders bring valuable information to the Commission through informed and topic-specific interventions related to aspects of EA and licensing.

In addition, past intervenors have requested this type of program.

### Eligibility

Participant funding may be available to eligible stakeholders, members of the public and Aboriginal groups, to participate in aspects of Environmental Assessments and/or a licensing action for major nuclear facilities. Funding may also be made available for other CNSC proceedings that are of significant interest to Aboriginal groups, the public, or other stakeholders.

Eligible PFP applicants will be considered for funding if they can demonstrate that their proposal bring value-added information to CNSC proceedings. Value-added information is new, distinctive and relevant information that contributes to a better understanding of the anticipated effects of a project.

### Quick Facts

- The Participant Funding Program is intended to enhance stakeholder participation in the CNSC's regulatory processes.
- Funding is available for participation in aspects of Environmental Assessments and/or a licensing action for major nuclear facilities.
- Funding is limited and meant to cover only some eligible expenses, as recommended by an independent Funding Review Committee.
- Groups and individuals seeking funding for similar activities are encouraged to work together on their proposals when feasible.
- Anyone can request to intervene at a CNSC public hearing, but only some eligible applicants will receive PFP funding.



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## **Funding amounts**

The total funding envelope for PFP is \$1.1 million per fiscal year, from 2011 until 2014–15.

The maximum amount of funding that could be provided for a specific project could reach up to \$250,000, with some flexibility to increase this amount.

## **What funding covers**

Participant funding is intended to cover some expenses incurred by eligible applicants related to professional fees, travel, and other expenditures, as recommended by an independent Funding Review Committee. Funding is not intended to cover all costs of participant engagement in the CNSC's regulatory processes.

### **For more information:**

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