



Project Brochure

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: A program designed to support communities through the next steps in their climate preparedness journeys.

WHO: For representatives from small or mid-sized, remote, and rural communities in B.C., both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

WHY: To equip participants with the knowledge, resources, and connections needed to confidently navigate their climate adaptation efforts.

Application deadline: July 31, 2024

Welcome to CONEXT: Climate Preparedness Hub – a program dedicated to guiding communities through the complex landscape of climate preparedness in B.C.

Communities today are facing an array of climate hazards, from extreme weather events to wildfires to rising sea levels. These challenges are compounded by a rapidly evolving policy landscape that demands swift and informed action. Local leaders and practitioners must navigate complex information, balance immediate needs with long-term planning, and foster resilience amidst uncertainty.

This is where CONEXT: Climate Preparedness Hub steps in.

Our goal is to empower community leaders with the knowledge, resources, and connections needed to navigate the next steps in their climate preparedness journey with confidence. Supported by Natural Resources Canada and led by a network of dedicated organizations, CONEXT aims to amplify the ability of small to mid-sized, remote, and rural communities to adapt to climate change. Together, we can take significant steps towards building a more resilient future.

Why CONEXT?

Climate preparedness is an ongoing journey that requires collaboration, innovative thinking, and practical action.

Our introductory program offers practical training, personalized support, and access to a network of like-minded leaders, supporting you to advance your initiatives effectively and build a safer, healthier future for your community.

Who is eligible?

We are looking for passionate representatives from First Nation communities or organizations, local governments (municipalities and regional districts), and key partners, to apply to this program.

If you are committed to advancing climate preparedness and resilience in your community, we invite you to be part of this collaborative and supportive network.

Key Features of CONEXT:

- **Collaborative Learning:** Engage with a network of community leaders, experts, and peers who are all working towards similar goals.
- **Practical Training:** Our curriculum is designed to be practical and applicable, allowing you to apply what you learn directly to your community's needs.
- **Guidance and Support:** From interactive workshops to coaching calls, CONEXT offers personalized support to help you make meaningful progress.
- **Resource Hub:** Access a comprehensive collection of tools, templates, and resources tailored to assist you wherever you are at in your climate preparedness journey.



Overview of Sessions

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Session 1: Understanding Community Climate Impacts

Explore the impacts of climate change on various aspects of our communities – from infrastructure to economy, priority populations, health and wellness.

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Session 2: Climate Information and Ways of Knowing

Learn to utilize different types of climate data, alongside Indigenous and local knowledges, and effectively communicate this information to your community.

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Session 3: Assessments and Planning

Get oriented to conducting risk and vulnerability assessments and explore planning approaches for climate adaptation.

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Session 4: Action Learning

Integrate emergency management and recovery into climate adaptation planning processes and develop a short-term action plan to guide your next steps.

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Session 5: Action Plans and Cross-Community Learning

Share and improve your action plans with the help of collaborative feedback and learning from other communities.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who from my community should participate?

CONEXT focuses on supporting leaders and practitioners at the community or regional level who are well-positioned to translate knowledge into action within their organizations and communities. This includes a wide range of staff such as planners, engineers, financial officers, communications specialists, and emergency managers, as well as elected officials and community leaders.

What is the time commitment for participants?

The program runs from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025. Participants should expect to dedicate between 20-25 hours in total. This includes attending online sessions and completing homework assignments.

Can more than one person from my community join? What about other partners?

Yes! In fact, we encourage this. Each community is asked to commit between 2 and 6 people (staff, elected or hereditary leaders and/or other key partners) to participate in the entire process. Ideally this would include a diverse range of perspectives (see “Who from my community should participate?”). Additionally, communities have the option to create joint applications with neighboring communities or organizations to increase their capacity and collaborative efforts.

How will the program be delivered?

All CONEXT activities will be delivered virtually. This includes five regularly scheduled group workshops and follow-up coaching calls.



Apply Now!

To apply, please complete our online Expression of Interest form, linked below, by **July 31, 2024**.

EOI Link: <https://fraserbasin.limequery.com/127444>

Contact Information

If you have any questions or need support to apply, please contact Rebeka MacDonald at rmacdonald@fraserbasin.ca.

About Us

CONEXT is a three-year project supported by Natural Resource Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program and led by a diverse team of organizations committed to enhancing climate resilience across B.C.

