Submission Form for the Next Great Save Competition 2027

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Next Great Save Competition Eligibility

During the Next Great Save competition, project groups compete for public votes to win $65,000 in cash prizes for projects that will protect, adapt, renew, or improve a historic place for the future, and inspire us all in the process. The winner of this competition will receive $50,000 to go towards their Next Great Save. The second-place winner will receive a $10,000 cash prize, and the third-place winner will receive a $5,000 cash prize.

To be eligible for this competition, projects must be submitted by a lead project group that is either a not-for-profit organization, a registered charity, or an Indigenous organization from within Canada. The lead project group must own or be a long-term lessee (with a minimum 7-years remaining in their lease agreement or proof of intention to renew their lease for the upcoming 7 years) of the historic place that is benefiting from the Next Great Save project or be acting on the authority of an eligible owner or long-term lessee, giving the lead project group the responsibility and authority to carry out the proposed project.

Not-for-profit organizations that represent or work with municipalities, provincial or federal governments are eligible to apply, provided they are applying on their own behalf. Ineligible applicants include individuals, for-profit organizations, or business entities. Municipalities, provincial or federal governments (i.e. federal departments, Crown corporations and/or agencies) may not apply on their own.

To review the complete Next Great Save Competition eligibility criteria, please read the Submission Guidelines.

Please note: Lead project groups must provide supporting documentation that proves their eligibility in order for their submission to be considered. Please consult the list of documents below to ensure you have all that is required to complete this submission form. Prior to submitting this form, you will be asked to upload your supporting documents. Please verify

that you have successfully attached all your supporting documents.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE NEXT GREAT SAVE COMPETITION:

The following forms and documents are mandatory and must be included with your application unless otherwise indicated:

Proof of Eligibility (Mandatory)

- Proof of ownership or long-term capital lease for the site.
- Proof of not-for-profit or charitable status, or proof of being an Indigenous organization. This may include a certificate of incorporation, letters patent, or another similar document. For Indigenous organizations, this may include proof of registration with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), or a provincial Indigenous affairs ministry. A letter of recognition or support from a First Nation Band Council, Tribal Council, or Indigenous government or Self-governing First Nation, or similar will also be accepted.

Supporting Financial Documents (Mandatory)

- Most recent audited or unaudited financial statements (prepared for the last closed financial year).

Endorsement (Mandatory)

- A letter of support from another community organization (such as a downtown business improvement organization, a heritage NGO, a local service organization, band council or a municipal government) providing an endorsement of the lead project group and the Next Great Save project.

Other Documentation (Not Mandatory)

- Applicable photos, plans, drawings and sketches, architectural and engineering studies.
- Any existing recent condition assessments or conservation plans.
- Applicable designated substances and hazardous materials reports.
- Preliminary cost estimates, prepared within the last 12 months, reflecting approximate pricing obtained from contractors, architectural firms or professionals, conservation specialists, for all proposed conservation work.

Community and Media Outreach

Each project group is responsible for developing a social media strategy to mobilize their community to vote for their project. Prior to submitting this form, please prepare a 1–2-page plan for how you plan to engage your audiences through communication channels (e.g. radio, flyer campaign, social media posts, local events, etc.) which you will be required to upload. Please include considerations like what kind of audiences are you planning to engage with, what kind of posts do you plan on making, as well as what your outreach team looks like.

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ABOUT THIS SUBMISSION FORM

Tell us about your project for the Next Great Save competition by completing and submitting this form. Once we have reviewed your information, we may contact you with further questions.

Please note: Applicants can change their answers on any page until they complete or exit the submission form. Applicants can return to the form to pick up where they left off and/or edit previous responses until they click Submit. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at nextgreatsave@nationaltrustcanada.ca

To Complete:

- Historic Place Information
- Lead Project Group - Contact Information
- Site Ownership / Lead Project Group Status
- Project Description
- Project Timeline
- Project Budget
- Community and Media Outreach
- Document Checklist
- Signature

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Section 1: Historic Place Information

In this section, please tell us about the historic place that will benefit from your Next Great Save Competition project.

* 1. Historic Place Name.

* 2. Historic Place Address

Street address	
City/Town	
Province/Territory	
Postal Code	

3. Historic Place Website (please provide a link, if available)

4. Is your historic place on social media? (If yes, please provide links to your profiles.)

* 5. Provide a summary of the historic place. (Max 150 words)

This summary should include a brief history of the historic place (including dates when possible), the primary perspectives included (e.g. Indigenous, Japanese Canadian, Acadian) and the programs implemented at your historic place or through your organization.

* 6. In your opinion, what is the heritage value of your historic place? (Max 150 words)

To answer this question, please reference the definition of heritage value available on page 5 in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada:

Heritage Value: the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual importance or significance for past, present and future generations. The heritage value of an historic place is embodied in its character-defining materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings. (p.5)

* 7. Has the historic place received any formal designation or protection (municipal, provincial/territorial, or federal)? Please specify. Please note that designation is not required to participate in the Next Great Save competition.

* 8. What is the current use of the historic place? If it is not in use, how long has it been vacant?

* 9. What kind of risks are posed to the historic place? Please explain. (Max 100 words)

* 10. Is the historic place at risk of demolition? Please explain. (Max 100 words)

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Section 2: Lead Project Group - Contact Information

In this section, please tell us about the lead project group entering the Next Great Save Competition and provide us with contact details.

* 11. Lead Project Group Name. What is the legal name of the lead project group (not-for-profit, charity, or Indigenous organization) responsible for your Next Great Save project?

* 12. Please select your eligible group type.

Please note that non-profit organizations that represent or work with municipalities, provincial or federal governments are eligible to apply, provided they are applying on their own behalf. Ineligible applicants include individuals, for-profit organizations or business entities. Municipalities, provincial or federal governments (i.e. federal departments, Crown corporations and/or agencies) may not apply on their own.

- ◯ Not-for-profit Organization (registered)
- ◯ Charity (registered)
- ◯ Indigenous Organization

13. Please provide your business or Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) number (if applicable).

14. Please provide your organizational email address (if applicable).

Email address

15. Organization/Charity Website (If different from Historic Place website, please provide a link.)

16. Is your organization/charity on social media? (If different from Historic Place social media, please provide links.)

* 17. How many paid staff does your organization/charity employ?

* 18. How many volunteers does your organization/charity have?

Primary Contact

Please provide us with the name and contact information for your primary contact person. Your primary contact person is someone from within your lead project group who we will reach out to throughout the duration of the competition and project.

* 19. Name and Role

Title / Role (within lead project group)

First name

Last name

* 20. Phone Number

Country code

Phone number +1

Ext.

* 21. Email Address

Email

* 22. Preferred language of communication (English or French)

- [ ] English
- [ ] French

Secondary Contact

Please provide us with the name and contact information for your secondary contact person. Your secondary contact person is someone who we will reach out to if we are unable to reach your primary contact.

* 23. Name and Role (within lead project group)

Title / Role

First name

Last name

* 24. Phone Number

Country code

Phone number +1

Ext.

* 25. Email Address

Email

* 26. Preferred language of communication (English or French)

- [ ] English
- [ ] French

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Section 3: Site Ownership / Lead Project Group Status

Prior to completing this section, please ensure that you have read and understand the Next Great Save lead project group eligibility criteria. Please consult the Submission Guidelines to ensure your lead project group's eligibility.

* 27. Please select the option that best describes ownership of the historic place that will benefit from your Next Great Save project.

- ◯ The lead project group owns the historic place.
- ◯ The lead project group is applying on behalf of the eligible owner of the historic place.
- ◯ The lead project group is a long-term lessee of the historic place.

* 28. Describe the Ownership of the Site. If the lead project group does not own the historic place, please explain the current arrangement with the owner(s) including how the organization has the responsibility and authority to undertake the proposed project.

29. Please indicate the start date of your lease (if applicable).

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

30. Please indicate the end date of your lease (if applicable).

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

Owner Contact Information (if the lead project group is not the owner)

31. Historic Place Owner Name

Name of Organization (if not a person)

First name

Last name

32. Mailing Address

Street address

City/Town

Province/Territory

Postal code

33. Phone Number

Country code

Phone number +1

Ext.

34. Email Address

Email



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Section 4: Project Description

In this section, please tell us about your Next Great Save project. To review the Next Great Save project eligibility criteria, please read the Submission Guidelines.

* 35. Name of Project. What are you calling your Next Great Save project? (e.g. “Save the Theatre”)

* 36. What is the current condition, issue, or problem that you want to address through your Next Great Save project? (Max 150 words)

* 37. Provide a summary of your Next Great Save project that describes the objectives and scope of work to be undertaken using the Next Great Save’s $50,000 prize. Include details of the conservation work to be undertaken. What would you do with $50,000? (Max 250 words)

Note: In the following sections, you will be given the opportunity to share a more detailed description of how your Next Great Save project fits within the scope of any larger projects.

* 38. How will your Next Great Save project respect and help conserve the values and/or character-defining elements of the historic place (as described in Q3 of this submission form). Describe the effect (visual, structural, or other) on existing features. For guidance, see the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. (Max 150 words)

* 39. Tell us how your project aligns with one or more of the following key goals of the Next Great Save Competition. (Max 150 words)

- Reducing environmental impact and addressing climate change.
- Promoting inclusion and working in collaboration with diverse communities.
- Addressing needs in the community such as housing affordability or youth engagement.
- Reaching more people through access, education, or inspiration.
- Championing heritage restoration and traditional craftsmanship.)

* 40. Are there additional economic, social, cultural or environmental benefits for your community you would like to highlight in your Next Great Save? (Max 150 words)



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Section 5: Project Timeline

In this section, please tell us about the approximate timeline of your Next Great Save project. If your project has multiple components, please identify where your Next Great Save project sits on your larger timeline.

Please note: Projects must take place within one calendar year from when the winning project is announced.

* 41. Please indicate the anticipated start date for your Next Great Save project.

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

* 42. Please indicate the anticipated end date for your Next Great Save project.

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

* 43. Provide a breakdown of your project timeline summarizing each component of the project. (Max 250 words)

44. If your Next Great Save project is part of a larger project, where does your Next Great Save project sit on that timeline? (answer if applicable)

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Section 6: Project Budget

In this section, please provide us with details for how your Next Great Save project could use the $50,000 prize if you win.

* 45. How will the Next Great Save prize money be used? Provide us with an approximate budget that outlines how you would use the $50,000 prize. Identify the total estimated cost of your entire project. If the Next Great Save will fund the entirety of the project, please indicate this in your answer.

Please note: The winner of the Next Great Save will be required to provide a more detailed budget prior to receiving the $50,000 prize as part of their Next Great Save Agreement. For this submission form, we request that you outline the general scope of your budget (what you intend for the $50,000 to cover) and a summarized breakdown of the projected costs.

Example of a Next Great Save budget where $50,000 covers the entire conservation project. Note: Budgets may include fewer or more items depending on individual cost estimations.

Project Scope

This project addresses repairs needed to present ongoing water infiltration and damage to the roof.

Roof Repairs and Water Protection

Removal of deteriorated roofing materials – $10,000
Repair of roof sheathing in localized areas – $10,500
Replacement of damaged shingles – $12,500
Flashing repairs and replacement – $8,500
Eavestrough and downspout repairs – $8,500

Total Project Cost: $50,000

* 46. Tell us about your fundraising efforts so far, including grant funding and events. (Max 150 words)

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Section 7: Community and Media Outreach

In this section, please tell us about how you plan to campaign for your Next Great Save project.

* 47. The Next Great Save involves an intensive outreach campaign lasting 21 days.

Please list the capacity your organization has to sustain an outreach campaign for the duration of the competition (social media, website, newsletter, etc.) including staff support and software platforms:

* 48. Please attach a 1–2-page plan for how you plan to engage your audiences through communication channels (e.g. radio, flyer campaign, social media posts, local events, etc.) Please include considerations like what kind of audiences are you planning to engage with, what kind of posts do you plan on making, what does your outreach team look like? How do you intend to mobilize your community to vote for your project?

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* 49. Photo 1 (Please submit up to six images of your historic place and/or organization) :

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50. Photo 2

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51. Photo 3

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52. Photo 4

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53. Photo 5

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54. Photo 6

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* 55. Do you own these images?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

* 56. Please provide a short caption to accompany your images answering (no more than 100 words total):

a) what your historic place means to your community and

b) how your place could benefit from winning the Next Great Save

57. (Optional but highly recommended) Please provide a link to a short form video/reel no more than 30 seconds in length about your plans for the Next Great Save :

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Documents Checklist

Please upload your supporting documents.

Proof of Eligibility

* 58. Please attach your proof of eligibility documentation here. Examples of proof of eligibility documents:

- Proof of ownership or long-term site lease (for example, Municipal Tax Roll)
- Agreement between the lead project group and the owner of the historic place giving the lead project group the responsibility and authority to carry out the proposed project. (if applicable)
- Proof of not-for-profit or charitable status, or proof of being an Indigenous organization. This may include a certificate of incorporation, letters patent, or another similar document. For indigenous organizations, this may include proof of registration with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), or a provincial Indigenous affairs ministry. A letter of recognition or support from a First Nation Band Council, Tribal Council, or Indigenous government or Self-governing First Nation, or similar will also be accepted.

Document 1

Choose File | Choose File | No file chosen

59. Document 2 (if applicable)

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60. Document 3 (if applicable)

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Supporting Financial Document

* 61. Please attach your most recent audited or un-audited Financial Statements (prepared for the last closed financial year).

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Endorsement

* 62. Please attach a letter of support from another community organization (such as a downtown business improvement organization, a heritage NGO, a local service organization, band council or a municipal government) providing an endorsement of the lead project group and the Next Great Save project.

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Additional Supporting Documents (Not Mandatory)

63. Please attach up to 4 additional supporting documents here (not mandatory).

- Applicable photos, plans, drawings and sketches, architectural and engineering studies.
- Applicable product information sheets.
- Any existing recent condition assessments or conservation plans.
- Applicable designated substances and hazardous materials reports.
- Preliminary cost estimates, prepared within the last 12 months, reflecting approximate pricing obtained from contractors, architectural firms or professionals, conservation specialists, for all proposed conservation work.

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64. Additional Documents

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66. Additional Documents

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* 67. Is your organization or site involved in any legal or other disputes that could discredit the Next Great Save competition?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

68. If you answered 'Yes' to the previous question, please explain.

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Signature

I AFFIRM THAT the information in this application is accurate and complete, and the project proposal, including plans and budgets, is fairly presented. I will provide any additional information and documentation as may be necessary to assess this submission form.

I CONFIRM THAT the lead project group is eligible to participate in the Next Great Save Competition according to the Next Great Save competition eligibility criteria.

I AGREE THAT if announced as the winner of the Next Great Save competition, once the initial 50% of the cash prize is provided, any change to the project proposal (as defined at Q24) will require prior approval of the National Trust for Canada. I agree to publicly acknowledge winning the Next Great Save competition and to be transparent about the use of the prize money, in accordance with the terms of the competition agreement. I also agree to submit a final report, and if required, financial accounting.

* 69. Signature. By entering your name, you are deemed to have signed this document.

Title / Role (within the lead project group)	
First name	
Last name	

* 70. Please enter the date on which you are agreeing to the terms of the Next Great Save Competition Submission Form.

Date

Date

DD/MM/YYYY