

## Through Tides Canada's unique international grant-making capability, U.S. donors can give to Canadian charities.

Tides Canada – in partnership with Tides Foundation in the United States – has worked with a wide range of Canadian charities to facilitate gifts from U.S. individuals, corporations, and foundations. Over the past 10 years, Tides Canada has enabled over **\$22.6 million USD** in charitable gifts to Canadian federally registered charities including: The Royal BC Museum Foundation, the Canadian Centre for International Justice / Centre canadien pour la justice internationale, Ecojustice, Engineers Without Borders Canada, Toronto Rehab Foundation, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

### Making a gift to a Canadian charity is simple:

1. Contact Tides Canada to obtain a U.S. donation form.
2. Send the completed form and the gift (in USD) to Tides Foundation in the U.S. The gift can be made by cheque or securities and must be a minimum of \$1,000 USD.
3. Within three to six weeks of receiving the donation, Tides Foundation provides the donor a U.S. 501(c)(3) official donation receipt that can be used for U.S. income tax purposes. *For gifts from U.S. foundations Tides Foundation provides a letter to acknowledging receipt of the gift, instead of a donation receipt.*
4. Within four to six weeks, the Canadian charity receives a grant for the Canadian dollar equivalent of the U.S. dollar gift (less 2% retained by Tides Foundation). There are no additional costs for the Canadian charity.

### Tides Canada has created an uncommon solution

Tides Canada holds a donor-advised fund at the Tides Foundation in the U.S. “the U.S. fund.” The U.S. fund accepts donations from donors with U.S.-sourced income who wish to make recommendations to support charities in Canada. In Canada, Tides Canada maintains a fund “the Canadian fund,” which accepts donations from donors with Canadian-sourced income, who wish to make recommendations to support charities in the U.S. and internationally.

When a donor in the U.S. makes a gift to the U.S. fund at Tides Foundation in support a Canadian charity, their recommendation may be approved by funds from the Canadian fund. When a donor in Canada makes a gift to the Canadian fund at Tides Canada in support of a U.S. or international charity, their recommendation may be approved through the U.S. fund. This unique solution provides donors the flexibility to support international charities and gives charities the flexibility to receive gifts without money ever crossing the border.

## Reasons to work with Tides Canada

Unlike U.S. foundations, Canadian foundations cannot make grants outside of Canada, this leaves Canadian donors who wish to support international charities with limited options. By using the international grant-making capability at Tides Canada, you **double your impact with each donation**. Every charitable dollar you recommend to a Canadian charity enables a donor in Canada to recommend an equivalent gift to a U.S. or international charity.

Our uncommon solution offers U.S. foundations a simplified process for making grants to Canadian charities. We eliminate the need to complete a public support test – because your foundation is supporting a U.S. 501(c)(3) charity.

For more information visit our [website](#) or contact:

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## About Tides Canada

Tides Canada's mission is to provide uncommon solutions for the common good by leading and supporting actions that foster a healthy environment and just Canadian society. We advance our mission by:

- Creating opportunities to pool ideas and resources to solve complex environmental and social problems
- Partnering with private and public sector donors to facilitate strategic grant-making
- Enabling charitable organizations and people with innovative project ideas to more effectively advance their missions
- Providing philanthropists with tax-efficient vehicles and solutions to amplify the impact and efficiency of their giving

Tides Canada is the only national Canadian foundation focused on the environment and social justice, with full-service offices in Vancouver and Toronto. Our donor-advised funds enable donors to focus on their passion for philanthropy without the administrative burden of setting up stand alone foundations. We work with individuals, families, foundations, and corporations to help guide and activate their philanthropic aspirations.

Our strategic program arm has seen successes including the Great Bear Rainforest campaign, where we took a highly complex issue and worked with a diverse group of interests – including government organizations, First Nations, the corporate sector, environmental groups, and individual and institutional donors – to develop a solution that created positive environmental, social, and economic outcomes. Building on this success, we are working on significant regions of Canada including the Arctic and the boreal forest, and tackling critical issues: food systems, climate and energy, and urban sustainability.

Additionally, Tides Canada is considered a Canadian leader in the area of social innovation by hosting a shared infrastructure platform for over 40 projects and collaborations. By providing this shared infrastructure over many projects, we help reduce unnecessary duplication of overhead costs in the charitable sector.

Our International Grant-making Capability is just one of Tides Canada's **uncommon solutions for the common good**.