

COMMUNITY ASSET DEVELOPMENT (CAD)

Project Eligibility

These eligibility criteria represent intentions of the CAD program to work towards and support communities in self-determination and building intergenerational wealth through the ownership and management of infrastructure, built assets, and businesses.

All interest forms are reviewed based on history of relationship or community references, alignment with Ecotrust's 5-year strategic plan and 3Es (equity, environment, economy), and our team's capacity. The information collected in the [interest form](#) is meant to help us learn more about your project and is not intended to judge or discredit the work of any organization or group.

CRITERIA

Each potential project collaborating with CAD meets these eligibility criteria:

- Project is Black, Indigenous, &/or people of color (BIPOC) led, owned &/or governed
- Project is focused on building community wealth through the purchase or development of an asset. CAD is seeking to support collective and community efforts (in contrast to efforts by an individual)
 - Projects should have a demonstrated capital need, including acquiring an identified asset (e.g. building, land, equipment.)
 - Repayment on loans fit within project budget (e.g. specific requirement for projects taking on financing)

And these project readiness criteria:

- Project organization is a registered entity, such as a Multi-Member LLC, 501(c)3, Cooperative, etc. or working towards being a registered entity.
- Project has clear mission, vision, and project description
- Project has been in operation for a minimum of 2 years
 - Or there is staff dedicated to the success of the project AND there is capacity to work with Ecotrust staff to move our collaborative work forward

If you have any questions about project criteria or are not sure if your project qualifies, please connect with us anyways! We'd love to hear from you and might be able to support your project in other ways.