Ralph M. Barford Equal Access Project Accelerator – Overview
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Purpose

The Ralph M. Barford Equal Access Project Accelerator is designed to empower Enactus teams to create and implement projects that promote equality and access across various sectors, including education, healthcare, technology, environmental justice, food security, housing, and economic opportunity.

Selection Criteria

Successful applications will demonstrate the following:

- Identification of a definable need related to the purpose of the Project Accelerator
- Clear goals, objectives, execution plan, and reasonable budget to achieve success
- A plan to effectively empower their chosen audience through a project solution that transfers knowledge, builds capacity, and incorporates solutions that focus on long-term success

Recipients

Six (6) Enactus teams will receive the following benefits:

- A project grant of $2,500 to advance their proposed project

Note: 75% of the project grant will be disbursed in November 2025. The final 25% will be disbursed in May 2026, upon completion of a final impact report that is deemed acceptable by the review committee.

Prizes

Based on the outcomes of the participating Enactus teams' initiatives, along with the quality of Final Impact Reports, one (1) Enactus team will be selected to receive the 'Best Project' award, which will be presented at the 2026 Enactus Canada National Exposition.

Note: Prize structure is subject to change without notice.

Measurable Outcomes

As a guideline, measurable outcomes for the Ralph M. Barford Equal Access Project Accelerator could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Number of people directly impacted
- Number of people indirectly impacted
- Number of people reached (e.g. media reach, awareness campaigns, application downloads, etc.)
- Number of people enrolled in new or improved programs
- Number of people gaining digital access
- Number of people trained in digital skills

- Number of technology tools or platforms deployed to improve access
- Number of people receiving mental health support
- Number of people with improved access to nutritious food
- Number of food-related educational programs conducted
- Number of housing units built, repaired, or made accessible
- Number of people who have secured stable housing
- Number of people who completed job training or certifications
- Number of people accessing financial tools or services
- Number of people securing employment or starting a business
- Total revenue generated