

- the applicant for funding should be one who the commission is satisfied has a direct and substantial interest in the subject-matter of the inquiry,
- it should be clear to the commission that separate and adequate representation of that interest will make a necessary and substantial contribution to the hearing,
- those seeking assistance should have an established record of concern for, and should have demonstrated their own commitment to, the interests they seek to represent,
- it should be shown to the satisfaction of the commission that those seeking assistance do not have sufficient financial resources to enable them to represent adequately that interest in the hearing under consideration, and will require the assistance to enable them to do so,
- those seeking assistance should have a clear proposal as to the use they intend to make of the funds, and should be willing to make a commitment to account for the funds.

5. Determination of Specific Requirements

In determining whether to provide assistance and the amount of assistance to provide, the commission may consider:

- the length of time required for preparation of the presentation,
- non-monetary subsidies or other monetary inputs available to the individual or group applying for assistance,
- the number of paid employees who will be participating in the preparation of the presentation,
- the number of people represented by the group.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING OF PARTICIPATION IN INQUIRY

These criteria are intended to assist the commission in distributing the available funds in the fairest possible way so as to ensure effective public participation in the inquiry.

1. Representation of Wide Range of Interests

The parties assisted should be representative of the various interests which are directly or indirectly affected by the matters subject to the inquiry. It may not be feasible or practicable to fund representatives of all or any groups to the extent they feel necessary or desirable.

2. Avoidance of Duplication

Consideration may be given to encouraging the coalescence of individuals or groups with similar interests. An incentive could be provided to groups or individuals who are willing to work together and combine their presentations for the inquiry.

3. Representation of Various Geographic Areas

Funding may be allocated to representatives of concerned groups or individuals who do not live or work immediately adjacent to the proposed development but who have a substantial and direct interest in the subject-matter of the inquiry.

4. Allocation of Limited Funds

Within the context of the above criteria, in determining which applications for funding should be accepted, the commission may give consideration to the following specific guidelines:

"Environment" means,

- (i) air, land or water,
- (ii) plant and animal life, including man,
- (iii) the social, economic and cultural conditions that influence the life of man or a community,
- (iv) any building, structure, machine or other device or thing made by man,
- (v) any solid, liquid, gas, odour, heat, sound, vibration or radiation resulting directly or indirectly from the activities of man,
or
- (vi) any part or combination of the foregoing and the interrelationships between any two or more of them,

in or of Ontario.