Approved projects for FGCA 2025

Project FGCA 2025-C	Forest Gene Conservation Association
Association:	Annual Core Funding
Approved Funding:	141,250.00
Description:	Core Funding

Project FGCA 2025-1	Forest Gene Conservation Association
Association:	PW Seed Orchard Management
Approved Funding:	$73,450.00
Description:	This year, activities will include significant inventory work, database updates and modifications, map updates, tree removals of clones in poor or declining condition, vegetation management (for ease of access for forecasting and collection), ramet labeling, marking, crop forecasting, cone collections and monitoring.

Project FGCA 2025-2	Forest Gene Conservation Association
Association:	Genetic Installation Measurement and Maintenance
Approved Funding:	$16,950.00
Description:	The priority for this year is tree growth measurements on 3 sites established under the FFT FGRM program (Glencairn, Taylor Lake and Westmeath) to document performance of the various clones. The data collected will be used to help inform management of the Cayuga white pine seed orchard and can also be used to support MNRF guided discussions on genetic gain from white pine seed orchards. In addition to the tree measurements, we anticipate conducting some mowing and/or other vegetation controls to reduce especially challenging competition. Each site will be visited by an at least two-person team over several days, who will also make note of other maintenance needs, both short and long term. All data collected will be digitized for ease of analysis and sharing with SFLs and other partners. We will also engage with Algonquin College to get assistance from students to implement the project.

Project FGCA 2025-3	Forest Gene Conservation Association
Association:	SFL Engagement
Approved Funding:	22,600.00
Description:	In 2025/2026 we will deliver high-quality, targeted content to SFL partners by: featuring guest speakers, hosting more workshop-based meetings, sharing on and off-site FGCA priority work of interest to SFL partners , generating social media content informed by SFLs pertaining to the challenges and opportunities associated with sustainable forestry practices in this region of Ontario, holding discussions that will lead to future FFT project development, supporting SFL.s in southern Ontario seed procurement activities, educating partners on crop forecasting strategies for all species of interest, sharing challenges and opportunities associated with forest genetic resource management as part of the Canadian Forest Genetics Association, inviting forest genetic resource management and tree improvement experts from across the country, present on their work and integration with the forest industry, conducting field visits with SFL partners within their forests, inviting them to share sites of interest, with us including sites for future installation work and collaborating with large private landowners in the region to explore trials that benefit the SFLs.