

Community Grants - Policies & Guidelines

The Winnipeg Foundation makes granting decisions based on an application's merit and does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived group characteristics as identified in the Manitoba Human rights Code. Organizations applying for a grant from The Winnipeg Foundation must also adhere to the Manitoba Human Rights Code.

- Only registered charities are eligible for grants from The Winnipeg Foundation.
- Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committed board, fiscal responsibility, and effective management.
- Projects must primarily benefit the people of Winnipeg. For projects located outside of the City, applicants should demonstrate how the project will also benefit the people of Winnipeg.
- Grants are awarded for specific purposes and for projects covering a definite period of time, typically one year or less.
- Pilot or demonstration projects must include provision for evaluation and a realistic plan for financial viability beyond the pilot stage.
- Organizations may apply for one Community Grant per calendar year. A second application will be considered in the case of a collaboration. Applying for a Community Grant does not preclude an organization from applying for a special program grant in the same calendar year, but it must be for a different project.
- Organizations must submit a final report on their previous Community Grant before submitting a new Community Grant application.

Preference is given to projects which:

- demonstrate innovative approaches and techniques to solve community issues, and build individual, neighbourhood and/or community capacity;
- demonstrate accessibility and inclusiveness;
- demonstrate sensitivity to diversity;
- address the root causes of issues in our society;
- demonstrate that consideration has been given to the project's effect on the environment;
- encourage more efficient use of community resources;

- promote cooperation and sharing among organizations to minimize the potential for duplication of services;
- promote volunteer participation;
- strengthen an organization's capacity to be sustainable.

Grants are not usually made to:

- support operating expenses of established agencies or programs;
- governments.

Grants are not made to, or for:

- individuals;
- project costs related to activities undertaken before the date of the Grants Committee or Board decision;
- annual fundraising campaigns or annual fundraising events;
- pay down mortgages or reduce deficits;
- political activities;
- exclusively religious activities.

How to apply:

One-Time Community Grant

Applications are due on January 30 for decision in May and September 30 for decision in January.

Major Capital Grant

Applications (Stage 1) are due March 30; invited Stage 2 applications are due June 15 for decision in November.

Multi-Year Grant

Applications (Stage 1) are due April 30; invited stage 2 applications are due June 15 for decision in September.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on the application date and will be accepted online only through The Winnipeg Foundation website, www.wpgfdn.org.

If you have any questions about the Community Grants - Policies & Guidelines or would like to meet with a Community Grants staff, please call 944.9474 (toll free 1.877.974.3631) or email grants@wpgfdn.org.