

Put your idea into action!

Walking Together Youth Grants Policies and Timeline

Introduction

Walking Together is a program that encourages you to lead a project to support truth and reconciliation. Youth ages 13-25 can initiate projects with their school or community organization. Grant requests can be for projects of up to \$10,000.

The Winnipeg Foundation's first Vital Signs identified reconciliation as a central theme for community well-being, and an area that requires more focused attention and immediate action. Building upon The Winnipeg Foundation's Reconciliation Grants program for charitable organizations, Walking Together youth grants aim to give you the opportunity to support stronger mutual relationships.

Guiding Resources

We encourage you to read and understand the documents that lay the groundwork for reconciliation in Canada:

- [The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#) [PDF]
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission \(TRC\) of Canada: Calls to Action](#) [PDF]

It's important that you clearly explain how your project supports truth and reconciliation. We also encourage you to research existing Indigenous-led reconciliation initiatives and consider how you can support those.

How does it work?

Schools and organizations with youth committees can apply for funds to help with the costs of a project. The Walking Together Youth Advisory Council of The Winnipeg Foundation will review applications to determine if your project will receive funding. A report to The Winnipeg Foundation must be submitted at the conclusion of the project. This will include: a list of how funds were spent and copies of receipts, a story about your project, and photos.

Youth from a school or organization with a registered charity number can make a request for funding. A registered charity and a non-profit organization, jointly planning and implementing a project can also apply. If that is the case, the registered charity must fill out the application.

Where to begin?

- Learn about reconciliation, starting with the guiding resources above
- Think about a project or identify an existing one you'd like to support
- Gather youth (ages 13-25) to form a Project Team
- Find an individual at your school or organization to write a letter of support
- If your Project Team is under the age of 18, find an adult in your community willing to be the advisor for your project

How to apply

- Review the guidelines that follow



- Fill out an online application
- Get a letter of support from an individual at your school or organization which includes
 - Why the project is important
 - How they know the youth involved

Who is eligible to apply?

- Schools
- Post-secondary institutions
- Youth committees at registered charitable organizations

Grants policies

- Projects must be youth-led, meaning they are proposed and put into action by youth.
- Projects must be implemented by volunteers.
- The CRA registered charitable number for your school or organization is required.
- Projects must primarily benefit the citizens of Winnipeg.
- Applications must clearly demonstrate how the project supports truth and reconciliation, and specify the TRC calls to action or UNDRIP article(s) that it addresses.
- If you are a non-Indigenous group applying for funding, you will need to have the name of an Indigenous reference or elder who you are connecting with.
- Preference will be given to projects that are beneficial to both the community and youth organizing the project, as well as projects with support from the broader community.

Examples of projects include:

- Workshops and conferences that increase understanding about Indigenous realities, culture, histories, and experiences.
- Hands-on activities such as planting a heart garden to honour residential school survivors as part of a national effort with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society.
- Community gatherings or events including ceremonies, feasts, festivals, performances, and cultural events.
- In the context of COVID-19, projects may include virtual programming such as online workshops.

Project costs may include (but are not limited to):

- Promotional costs (flyers, posters, radio/newspaper ads)
- Transportation costs
- Food
- Honoraria

Project costs may not include expenses such as:

- Salaries or wages

Do you have questions or need assistance preparing your application?

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