

Major Capital Grants Policies and 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.

Grant Policies

- Only registered charities are eligible to apply for grants from The Winnipeg Foundation.
- The Winnipeg Foundation is a project funder and does not provide on-going operating support. Grants are awarded for specific purposes and for projects covering a definite period of time. The Foundation does not guarantee annual support for any organization.
- Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committed board, fiscal responsibility, and effective management.
- Projects must primarily benefit the people of Winnipeg. For projects taking place outside of the City, applicants should demonstrate how the project will also benefit the people of Winnipeg. (This includes people making a temporary home in Winnipeg – for example, those coming to the city for medical treatment.)
- Organizations may apply for one Major Capital Grant per calendar year.
- Applying for a Major Capital Grant does not preclude an organization from applying for a Community Grant or special program grants in the same calendar year, but applications must be for different projects.
- Organizations must submit a satisfactory report on any previous Major Capital Grants before submitting a new Major Capital Grant application. Reports should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the next application.

Preference is given to projects which:

- align with The Winnipeg Foundation's strategic granting priorities
- 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;
- and strengthen an organization's capacity to be sustainable.

Grants are not usually made to:

- support operating expenses of established agencies;
- 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;
- or other grantmaking programs.

How to apply

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on the application date and will be accepted online only through The Winnipeg Foundation website, wpgfdn.org. Please consult our website for intake timelines and application due dates for this program.

If you have any questions about the Major Capital Grants Policies & Guidelines or would like to meet with a Community Grants staff, please call 204.944.9474 (toll free 1.877.974.3631) or email grants@wpgfdn.org.

