

One-Time Community 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.)
- 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. (Organizations that currently have an outstanding Multi-year Community Grant are considered to have an application in the current calendar year and operate under the terms laid out in their Grant Agreement). A second application will be considered in the case of a declined application or a collaboration. (More detailed information about collaborations can be found in Grant Assessment Criteria.)
- Applying for a Community Grant does not preclude an organization from applying for other types of grants (eg. special program) in the same calendar year, but applications must be for different projects.
- Organizations must submit a satisfactory report on their previous Community Grant before submitting a new Community Grant application. Reports should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the next application. In most cases this will be a final report. However, an interim report will be accepted for program grants where organizations are seeking a subsequent year of support for the same project. Please consult with a Community Grants Associate to determine if this situation applies to your circumstances.

Grant Assessment Criteria

Organizational considerations:

- Previous track record or demonstrated capacity to deliver projects and work in partnership



- Receipt of satisfactory required reports on previous grants
- Organization's capacity to contribute to the project
- Grant history
- Site visit (where applicable)

Project considerations:

- Congruency with organization's mission
- Clear goals and activities; overall viability
- Benefit to the community/numbers affected
- Needs of the population being served by the project
- Qualifications and experience of staff conducting the project
- Support for the project from other organizations
- Consultation and/or collaboration with other community organizations, where applicable
- Realistic project budget (note: The Foundation will consider budgets that include administrative costs up to a maximum of 20% of the total project budget)
- Support for the project from other funders
- Viability of the project should the full amount requested not be provided
- The need for specific conditions to be attached to the funding
- Perspectives of diverse community experts and those of other funders are taken into consideration regarding proposed projects

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, defined as proselytizing related to a specific set of organised beliefs and practices;
- Or other grantmaking or scholarship/award 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 Community 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

