

# 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.*

- Only registered charities or other qualified donees are eligible to apply for grants from The Winnipeg Foundation.
- Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committed board, fiscal responsibility, and effective management.
- Organizations must demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, and confirm that their programming is affirming of diverse beliefs and perspectives.
- 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.)
- 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.
- 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 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 special program grants 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.

## **Preference is given to projects which:**

- Align with The Winnipeg Foundation's granting priorities;

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- 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 and cultural competency;
- 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; or
- Strengthen an organization's capacity to be sustainable.

**Grants are not usually made to:**

- Support ongoing 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, fundraising positions, or annual fundraising events;
- Pay down mortgages or reduce deficits;
- Political activities;
- Exclusively religious activities (defined as religious worship or instruction), or organizations that engage in proselytizing (defined as converting or recruiting people to a specific religion), particularly in the case of youth or other vulnerable audiences.
- Other grantmaking or scholarship/award programs; or
- Projects that are primarily the responsibility of municipal, provincial or federal government (e.g. teachers in schools, major hospital equipment, etc.).

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