
Major Capital Grants Policies

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.

Program Description:

The Winnipeg Foundation's Major Capital Grants program awards grants to charitable organizations and qualified donees for capital campaigns and large capital projects where the request is greater than \$100,000.

Eligibility:

- Only registered charities or other qualified donees are eligible to apply for grants from The Winnipeg Foundation.
- 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.
- The organization applying for a Major Capital Grant must either own the space that is the focus of the capital project, upgrades, or renovations; or hold a long-term lease, of at least five years, at the time of grant approval.
- Only organizations that have a grant history with The Winnipeg Foundation and have received and reported on at least one Community Grant are eligible to apply for a Major Capital Grant.
- Organizations that have a current or outstanding Major Capital Grant are not eligible to apply for a Major Capital Grant.
- Applying for a Major Capital Grant does not preclude an organization from applying for a Community Grant or Special Program Grant in the same calendar year, but it must be for a different project.
- Before applying for a Major Capital Grant, applicants must contact the Grants Team at The Winnipeg Foundation to arrange for a pre-consultation meeting to discuss the project.
- Project readiness is a key factor in grant analysis. Preference will be given to applications where more than 50% of the project budget has been confirmed.

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- For projects with less than 50% of the budget secured, preference will be given to communities that have not benefitted equitably from grants and have traditionally been disproportionately underfunded by the philanthropic sector.

Eligible Costs:

- A Major Capital Grant covers costs for a specific purpose associated with capital which is defined as diverse types of infrastructure, including renovations, new builds, and natural landscape. The most common costs covered are for equipment and supplies, construction and renovation, administration, etc.
- A Major Capital Grant will not cover initial project costs or preliminary planning and development for the project, such as drawings or estimates.
- Grants do not cover costs related to activities undertaken before the date of the Grants Committee or Board decision.

How to apply:

There is a two-stage application process for Major Capital Grants. Applications are accepted online through The Winnipeg Foundation's website, wpgfdn.org.