REBUILDING LIVES 2020-2023
GRANT GUIDELINES

3-YEAR GRANTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2020

Deadline: January 7, 2020 at 11:59pm PST

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REBUILDING LIVES GRANTS 2020-2023

To be considered for a grant, we require a Letter of Intent filled out ONLINE here:

Use this link to register for the online application portal,
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5647?SA=SNA&FID=35056

Use this link to access my account and your application in progress,
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5647?SA=AM

We expect the following information:

✓ **Organizational Information**, including organization name, charitable number or indication that you are a qualified donee, contact information, mission, and annual operating budget

✓ **Project / Program Information**, including type of grant you are applying for, geographic area, projected number of individuals, and communities served, and total amount requested from the Canadian Women’s Foundation

✓ **Project Approach**, including description and purpose, activities and approach, and key partnerships

If your letter of intent is shortlisted for the second stage, you will be invited to submit a full proposal, which will include a detailed budget, program outline, audited financial statements, etc. You are not required to submit these additional documents at this time.

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For Frequently Asked Questions and Letter of Intent Instructions visit
https://www.canadianwomen.org/grants-rb2020/

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN WOMEN’S FOUNDATION

The Canadian Women’s Foundation is a national leader in the movement for gender equality in Canada. Through funding, research, advocacy, and knowledge sharing, the Foundation works to achieve systemic change that includes all women. By supporting community programs, the Foundation empowers women and girls to move themselves out of violence, out of poverty, and into confidence and leadership.

Launched in 1991 to address a critical need for philanthropy focused on women, the Canadian Women’s Foundation is one of the largest women’s foundations in the world. With the support of donors, the Foundation has raised more than $90 million and funded over 1,900 programs across the country. These programs focus on addressing the root causes of the most critical issues and helping women and girls who face the greatest barriers.

The Canadian Women’s Foundation aims to be inclusive of diverse people across gender and sexuality spectrums. We focus our efforts on supporting those who face the most barriers and have least access to relevant services. This includes people who identify as women, girls, trans, genderqueer, non-binary, and 2SLGBTQI+.

OUR APPROACH TO FUNDING

The Canadian Women’s Foundation prioritizes inclusion and addressing barriers to access. Our vision of gender equality for all in our grantmaking is expressed in our prioritization of women, girls, trans, two-spirit, and non-binary peoples who face multiple challenges.

In recognition of the long histories and ongoing effects of colonization, racism, violence and exclusion, the Canadian Women’s Foundation has increased our focus on the following communities:

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- Black women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- Women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples living with disabilities
- Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, androgynous, and asexual (2SLGBTQI+) peoples

WHAT WE FUND

- Programs for women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary people who face multiple barriers and are underserved, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, Black peoples and peoples of colour, those living in rural or northern communities, those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, living on low-incomes, older peoples, refugee, immigrant or non-status peoples, those with disabilities and/or who are Deaf, and young people

“Until all of us have made it, none of us have made it”

Rosemary Brown
Founding Mother, Canadian Women’s Foundation
Projects in which participants are leaders

Projects that consider the realities of participants’ lives e.g. by providing childcare, transportation assistance and advocacy supports

Projects that have established partnerships with other local women’s organizations or community-based organizations that have experience working with women, girls, trans, two-spirit, and non-binary peoples

Grassroots organizations with small budgets

Projects that demonstrate a gender-analysis within the project objectives, organizational structure, materials, etc.

Projects where our funds can help leverage other funds

CANADIAN WOMEN’S FOUNDATION DOES NOT FUND

- Individuals
- Federal, provincial or municipal government agencies and school boards (they can be involved but the grant will be made directly to the community organization)
- Profit-based organizations
- Conferences
- Projects outside of Canada
- Projects not solely or primarily focused on women, girls, trans, two-spirit, and non-binary peoples
- Deficit or emergency funding
- Films or videos (unless this is part of a larger project)
- Capital expenditures
- Self-defense training (if it is the only component of the project)

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS

Applicants must be incorporated non-profit organizations and have a valid charitable number from Canada Revenue Agency or be a First Nations Band designated as a qualified donee by Canada Revenue Agency.

If your organization does not have charitable status or is not a qualified donee, we can consider an application in partnership with another organization that is a registered charity with a mandate relevant to the project. The other organization’s volunteer Board of Directors will have fiscal responsibility for the grant and be legally responsible for ensuring that the funds are spent for the charitable purposes intended. They will be required to sign a letter of agreement and work in partnership with the organization delivering the project.
ABOUT REBUILDING LIVES GRANTS

The Canadian Women’s Foundation believes that all women should live free of violence. Since 1993, the Foundation has funded programs along a continuum of violence prevention and rebuilding the lives of women and children across all provinces and territories. Based on the high demand for support through Annual Violence Prevention grants, the Foundation is launching a pilot, 3-year Rebuilding Lives grant stream.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Approximately 17 grants of up to $40,000 per year each will be allocated.

Please note that we will only accept one application per organization in this grant stream. Organizations can apply for a grant in only one of the two areas:

1. **Rebuilding Lives:**
   Programs, projects and initiatives that support women, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary people, and their children, who have experienced violence.

2. **Collaborative Projects:**
   Research, policy, capacity-building and advocacy programs, projects, and initiatives that support systemic change efforts on a local, regional or national scale.

OVERALL ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a Rebuilding Lives grant, your program, project or initiative is required to meet the following:

- Women or gender equality organizations with significant experience in working with survivors of violence such as shelters, sexual assault centres, and organizations providing a continuum of services and connection to the community

- Understand the intersection of violence with factors such as race, class, gender and sexual identity, (dis)ability, immigration status, language or geography

- Use an asset-based, positive approach that centers survivors’ knowledge and experience

- Demonstrate approaches to create and maintain safer/braver spaces during program time that encourage participants to speak up, and consideration given to the safety of program participants and staff outside of program spaces

GRANTEE ACTIVITIES

In addition to funding, successful applicants will help develop and take part in learning and evaluation activities such as:
✓ Grantee meetings
✓ Peer-to-peer learning opportunities
✓ Evaluation strategy
✓ Skills institutes that increase knowledge and build the field of practice
✓ Strategic alliances and networks

PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

A. REBUILDING LIVES PROGRAMS:
Up to $40,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years

We will fund programs that support women, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary people, and their children, who have experienced violence including:
✓ Counselling, legal or support services for those that have experienced violence, including physical, sexual, emotional or verbal, financial, spiritual, and criminal harassment or stalking
✓ Housing supports provided to women who have experienced violence, and their children
✓ Supports to survivors of sexual assault and harassment, including in the workplace and on campus
✓ Support to children who have witnessed abuse or for parenting children who have witnessed abuse
✓ Projects using other approaches to assist women who have experienced violence, and their children, to rebuild their lives free from violence

B. COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS
Up to $40,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years

We will fund programs that support the capacity of organizations serving and reducing barriers for women, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary people, who have experienced violence including:
✓ Sectoral resource sharing, capacity building or training opportunities, and knowledge mobilization by regional, provincial, or national groups
✓ Policy work/leadership on gender-based violence that actively involves women who have experienced violence
✓ Advocacy that aims to address systemic barriers for survivors of violence
✓ Education and action on gender-based violence involving First Nations, Métis and Inuit, Black, 2SLGBTQI+ and women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples living with disabilities

SELECTION CRITERIA

RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

✓ Relevance of the approach for participants in local area
✓ Program alignment with the stated criteria, and the Foundation’s overall mission and vision
✓ Inclusion of a comprehensive outreach and recruitment strategy that strives to reach potential participants who may experience barriers to accessing programs

✓ Programs for those who face multiple barriers and are underserved, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, Black peoples and peoples of colour, those living in rural or northern communities, those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, living on low-incomes, refugee, immigrant or non-status peoples, those with disabilities and/or who are Deaf

✓ The ability to provide, either internally or through confirmed referrals, a wide range of supports and services to ensure that participants are able to fully access and complete programs such as: childcare, transportation, loan funds, counseling, advocacy, and job retention support

✓ Strong gender analysis with a commitment to including gender issues as a central part of the learning objectives, and is demonstrated in all aspects of the program from outreach to evaluation

✓ Clear competencies and skills that will be developed and offers opportunities for participants to practice

RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION

✓ Organization’s philosophy and previous experience with the proposed community and with addressing gender-based violence

✓ Organization’s ability to carry out the work and to attract the other funds required if the request to Foundation is for partial support of costs

✓ Demonstrated experience applying a gender-analysis on the issue and delivering programming from an intersectional feminist approach

✓ Organization’s openness to learning from other approaches and interest in testing new ideas

✓ Experience with monitoring and documenting learnings, and willingness to participate in national evaluation activities led by the Canadian Women’s Foundation

✓ Partnerships with organizations that have prior experience delivering similar programs

RELATED TO THE PROPOSAL

✓ Clarity and viability of ideas along with a realistic assessment of program goals and challenges

✓ Ongoing effects/impact which will endure beyond the grant

✓ Balanced, clear budget
PROCESS AND TIMING

The deadline for Letters of Intent January 7, 2020 at 11:59pm PST.

Note that this call for proposals involves a two-stage process. Interested organizations are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) using the online form. A select number of organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal, including detailed workplan, budget and partner letters. All applicants will be notified as to whether they will pass to the second stage by email within 4-6 weeks following the due date for the LOIs.

A Grants Committee of community volunteers from across the country, experienced in violence against women, several donor partners, and Canadian Women’s Foundation representatives, reviews the proposals. The Grants Committee makes recommendations to the Foundation’s Board of Directors about which projects to fund. The Board of Directors gives final approval to all grants.

TIMELINE 2020

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FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about your application, please check the instructions for program proposal questions, the sample budget and timelines provided, and the FAQ section on our website https://www.canadianwomen.org/grants-rb2020/

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REGISTER FOR OUR WEBINARS

Rebuilding Lives Grants: What You Need to Know - Tuesday, December 3 at 1:00pm EST
Rebuilding Lives Grants: What You Need to Know - Thursday, December 5 at 1:00pm EST
Rebâtir des vies : Séance d’information (en français) - Le jeudi 5 décembre à 11h00 HNE
If you have any further questions, please e-mail or telephone:
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