

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SAFER + STRONGER GRANTS

Practical Questions

1. How much funding is available in the program?

Organizations are eligible to receive between \$10,000 and \$200,000, depending on need and number of requests, to help them offset some of their expenses due to COVID-19. It is preferred that organizations plan to spend most of the funds by March 31st, 2021, however there is some flexibility for expenses to be incurred after March 31st until September 30, 2021

2. My organization does not have a charitable number. Can I still apply?

All applicants must be incorporated, non-profit organizations.

If you have a valid charitable number from Canada Revenue Agency, or are a [qualified donee](#), you can apply directly.

If you are an incorporated non-profit but not a charity, you may choose to work in partnership with another group that has a charitable number or is a qualified donee. That organization will need to assume responsibility for the grant. In other words, the charitable organization (or qualified donee) will make the application using their CRA number and will be responsible for the funds, the outcomes, and the final report.

3. We have applied for a grant in the past and not been successful. Can we still apply?

Yes.

4. We already received funds from the Canadian Women's Foundation for another program. Are we still eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible for these funds on top of your existing grant if the request meets the eligibility requirements and your activities are specific to dealing with the pandemic.

Please note that if you are based in Quebec you are not eligible for this program. Please go to <https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/fun-fin/shelters-refuges-en.html> for information on funds for gender-based violence being distributed in Quebec.

5. We have received a COVID Emergency Support grant previously. Can we still apply in this funding cycle?

Yes, if you received funding from Women's Shelters Canada or the Canadian Women's Foundation this spring/summer you are eligible to apply for this grant. If you received shelter or sexual assault centre funds in November or December of 2020 you can apply if it is for additional activities and otherwise meets the criteria.

6. Can I submit two applications for the same granting cycle?

No. We only accept one proposal per organization per granting cycle.

7. Can I apply for funds for a men's program or programs involving men?

No. Canadian Women's Foundation supports work to end violence against women and while we recognize that men's programs are important doing this, in order to prioritize, we have chosen to focus our efforts on programs for women, girls, trans, non-binary and Two Spirit people.

8. Do you fund furniture and office equipment?

Yes, if it is related to adapting organizational space in the context of provide services during the pandemic.

9. When will the grants be made?

We will strive to notify applicants of funding decisions within two weeks after each deadline date. Successful applicants will be asked to sign a funding agreement and provide banking information. Funds are released within a week of receiving the signed funding agreement along with the organization's banking information. See the timeline, below:

TIMELINE

Deadline date	Full proposals due by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date
Deadline + 1 week	Proposals are reviewed and Grants Selection Committee meeting is held
Deadline + 2 weeks	Recommendations are reviewed by Foundation staff and grants approved
	Applicants are informed of results by email and asked to complete grants agreement and provide banking information
Deadline + 3-4 weeks	Funding released upon receipt of completed grant agreement and banking information.
October 29, 2021	Final reports submitted through the portal to the Foundation

10. How will I be informed of the different stages in the process?

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until February 15. The first deadline will be January 8, 2021 with additional deadlines on January 18, February 1, and February 15, 2021.

All applicants will be advised upon review of their applications, generally within two weeks of the deadline, as to whether they will receive funding. Final decisions will be communicated via email to all organizations that apply for the grant.

11. Can I call or email for updates about my grant?

Yes, please email your Regional Grants Advisor (see emails below). Please remember that you are one of many applicants, so getting an answer may take time. Generally, email requests receive faster responses.

12. What are the stages of the grant-making process?



Application Content Questions

13. What is the deadline to apply?

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14. I do not have reliable internet access to complete the online application. Is the application available in on offline format?

Yes, the application is available as a fillable PDF form. Please visit the website to download the document or contact the Grants Advisor for your area to receive a copy via email.

15. Do you fund operations or provide core funding?

No. This special grant provides funding for the following activities:

- Counselling support
- Crisis intervention
- Digital and telephone-based resources
- Coordination of services and/or supplies
- Prevention of and supports for those that have experienced sexual violence, including in the workplace and on-campus
- Capacity building for the sector through resource sharing, training opportunities or knowledge mobilization by regional, provincial, or national groups
- Broader prevention work such as advocacy, policy development, research and public engagement in the context of the pandemic.

16. I have read these FAQs and I would still like to contact staff from the Foundation.

We are always happy to hear from prospective grantees! Please use the main number and the phone extension for your Regional Advisor, below, or send them an email.

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