

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Canadian Women's Foundation staff and a committee of community volunteers and donor partners from across the country reviews the proposals. The committee makes recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors about which organizations to fund. The Board of Directors gives final approval to all grants awarded.

Committee recommendations are informed by the strength of the application, i.e., the extent to which the application aligns with the criteria outlined and regional distribution.

The Economic Development Grants Committee use this selection criteria outline below to make decisions.

- 1) Demonstrate that the organization **meets the above eligibility criteria**
- 2) Organizations **led by women, Two Spirit, trans, and/or non-binary people** from populations that face multiple barriers and are underserved
- 3) Organizations **servicing**:
 - a) First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
 - b) Black women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
 - c) Women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples living with disabilities
 - d) Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, androgynous, and asexual (2SLGBTQI+) peoples
- 4) Organizations that demonstrate:
 - a) Applies a **feminist, intersectional analysis** to its organizational structure and activities
 - b) Understands the **intersection of inequity and barriers to economic participation** such as race, class, gender, and sexual identity, (dis)ability, immigration status, language, and/or geography
 - c) Uses an **asset-based, positive approach** that centres clients' knowledge and experiences
 - d) **Considers the realities of participants' lives**, e.g., by providing childcare, transportation assistance, or advocacy to enable access to services/programs

- e) Has established **partnerships** with other local organizations or community-based organizations that have experience working with women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary people
- 5) Clearly communicate **how the funds will be used** to support the organization's capacity to serve women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and/or non-binary people in their community
- 6) Present a **clear and balanced budget**

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)
- ✘ For-profit organizations
- ✘ Fundraising events
- ✘ Conferences, seminars, and symposiums
- ✘ Projects outside of Canada
- ✘ Projects not solely or primarily focused on women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- ✘ Deficit funding
- ✘ Films or videos (unless this is part of a larger project)
- ✘ Capital expenditures

