



COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How much funding is available in the Community Needs Grants program?

The Community Needs Grants are available for a maximum of \$20,000 for one year.

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

All applicants must be incorporated non-profit organizations with a valid charitable number from Canada Revenue Agency, or with other [qualified donee](#) status.

If another group with a charitable number is working in partnership and can take on the responsibility of the grant, they may make the application using their Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) number.

3. My organization has a larger operating budget, but our department or project has a much smaller budget. Will our application be considered?

The Community Needs Grants aim to provide funding to smaller organizations where the funds may have greater impact.

The Foundation can accept applications from larger organizations where the work will be delivered by a smaller grassroots organization without their own charitable status, OR from organizations able to demonstrate that they are the sole service provider for women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, or non-binary people in a rural, remote, or northern community.

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

Yes. Try to gain insight as why you were not successful by speaking to staff from the Foundation and adjust your approach accordingly. See the bottom of the FAQ sheet for their contact information.

5. We currently have a Canadian Women's Foundation grant that is not finished. Can we still apply for a grant?

Yes. You can still apply so long as the Community Needs Grant will support new or different work. The Community Needs Grant funds cannot be used to complete components of the project or program currently funded through another grant stream.

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

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

7. Our audited financial statements are not yet ready. What should I do?

Provide the most recent financial statements and follow-up with the last year's statement as soon as it is available.

8. We do not have an audited financial statement. Will the Foundation accept another format of financial statement?

Yes. You may provide unaudited financial statement or statement of financial position prepared by an accountant, or an internally prepared financial statement that includes information such as revenues and expenses for a complete fiscal year and the current assets and liabilities for the organization. In the latter case, you must have these signed by the appropriate signing authority of your Board of Directors or demonstrate that these have been presented and accepted by your membership.

9. We do not have any letters of support from women's or gender justice organizations. Will that affect how our proposal is assessed?

You must include at least one letter of support from a partner organization, preferably from an organization with experience working with women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples in the context of empowerment.

If your organization does not hold charitable or qualified donee status and is working with an organizational partner for this application, you must include a letter from your partner outlining how you will work together.

10. The work we are planning to undertake takes place over two years; can we apply for two years at once?

No. However, you may apply for funding for the same work again next year. Applicants can apply for a maximum of three years of subsequent funding for the same activities.

11. Do you fund operations or provide core funding?

Yes. The purpose of the Community Needs Grants is to support, at least in part, operational or administrative costs related to your work. You may submit a proposal to fund these costs exclusively.

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

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

NOTE: The only programs with men/boys that may be funded by a Community Needs Grant will be focused on healthy relationships education with teens.

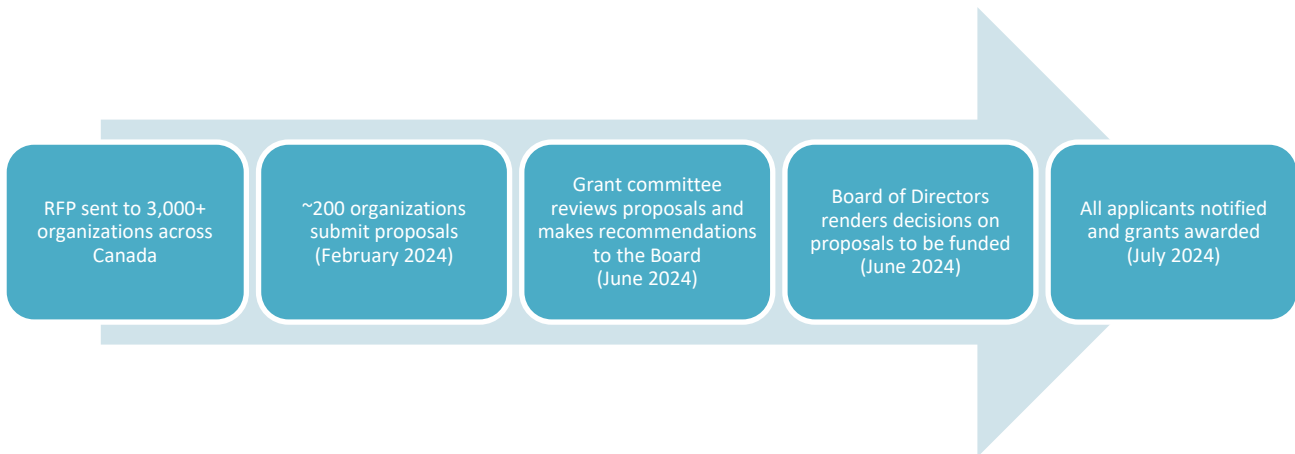
13. Do you fund furniture and office equipment?

Yes. A portion of these funds can be used for the purchase of furniture and office equipment, but it cannot be used towards major capital expenses (i.e., renovations, new build, etc.).

14. How will I be informed of the status of my application and when will the grants be made?

Final decisions are made by the board in June 2024. Funding decisions will be communicated with applicants and the funding will be released in July 2024.

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



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

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