

The Guelph Community Foundation calls for grant applications

April 12, 2013 (Guelph) - What happens when you cross good people, long term vision and sound community leadership? You get an endless stream of grants for great community programs. Endowments at The Guelph Community Foundation give back to the community for good... forever.

“One core function of The Guelph Community Foundation is to build endowments, to manage those funds prudently and to work with donors to distribute them to an issue area they care about,” explains Executive Director, Andrea Olson. “Donors can choose a field of interest, a designated charity or recommend grants annually themselves – that’s a donor advised fund. Alternatively, funds can be made available for The Foundation to distribute through its Community Grants program.”

The range of giving options for donors and the breadth of granting means that The Foundation can fund a broad spectrum of organizations and projects that contribute to all aspects of community well being.

Two granting streams are now accepting proposals, until July 26th, 2013: the Community Grants Program and the Musagetes Grant Program.

The Community Grants Program –Several Foundation funds support the Community Grants program, including The Foundation’s *Community Fund*, to which anyone can donate any amount. A number of local businesses, families, and individuals have also set up unrestricted funds in their name to support the Foundation’s Community Grants program. The Community Grants program has grown and benefitted from a recently established endowment, the McKeough Taylor Fund.

The Community Grants program accepts applications from charitable organizations that provide projects/activities in: Health and Wellness, Social Services, Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Recreation, Education, and the Environment. For 2013, a total of approximately \$50,000 is available with most grants ranging between \$1,500 to \$3,000.

“The creativity and resourcefulness of our community agencies never cease to amaze the committee members,” says Susan Brown, Chair of The Foundation’s Grants Committee. “It is astounding how far relatively modest amounts can go. The Foundation is a good steward to grow the funds and the charities are good stewards in ensuring the grants provide impact in the community.”

Musagetes Grant Program – The Musagetes Fund, a donor advised fund, was created in 2004 to focus on performing, visual, and literary arts excellence in our community. Since then, the fund has disbursed more than \$220,000 locally. For 2013, the Musagetes Fund is particularly interested in new approaches to building community and culture. A total of approximately \$50,000 is available from the Musagetes Fund Grants Program.

Interested in applying to a granting program at The Foundation? Be sure to review specific eligibility criteria, project guidelines and The Foundation’s submission process, before completing an online application. Guidelines and eligibility criteria are available at <http://www.guelphcf.ca/>.

For more information on the types of programs funded by The Guelph Community Foundation, please visit our [website](#).

About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding communities. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowments. Income from the endowments supports a wide range of charitable programs and activities. Total assets under administration are \$10.4 million with over \$7 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$2 million has been distributed to over 800 charitable initiatives.

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