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The GCF Musagetes Fund Arts Grant is Open from March 3 – April 7

Guelph ON – March 03, 2025

Attention all Arts Organizations!

Since 2004 The Musagetes Fund has been providing grants to arts organizations in Guelph and Wellington County. This granting stream comes from a donor advised fund held at the Guelph Community Foundation to support registered charities. This fund is intended to act as a catalyst for the ongoing production and enjoyment of performing, visual, and literary arts excellence in Guelph and area. Organizations that are not registered charities, such as non-profit art organizations, art collectives, or other eligible entities can apply for project funding if they partner with a registered charity. The Guelph Community Foundation can help establish these partnerships upon request.

Applications for The Musagetes Fund will be accepted March 3 – April 7, 2025 through the Guelph Community Foundation's online granting portal. The grant is particularly interested in funding new approaches to building community and culture. Preference will be given to organizations that engage a community-based partner who satisfies a connection(s) to social justice, environmental resilience, and intercultural relationships through the arts. Those seeking funding for art or music therapy projects are encouraged to apply for our Community Grants stream for more appropriate consideration.

Organizations can apply for two different funding options:

- Project Funding – with the option of dedicating up to 30% of the budget to operating costs.
- Operational Funding – using 100% of granted dollars for operating funds to be used where they are needed most. Organizations applying for Operational

Funding must have a reputation for excellence in the arts and at least 2 years of previous history with Musagetes funding to be eligible.

In Classical Greek mythology, Musagetes (pronounced 'Mews-a-get-ees') is the name given to the god Apollo in his role as protector and promoter of the Muses. Apollo is often depicted with plectrum (pick) and lyre (harp). This is why this fund shares its name, as it similarly champions the arts. The Musagetes Fund promotes the arts and artistic creativity as tools for social transformation.

If you have questions about the fund or eligibility requirements, please reach out to grantsassistant@guelphcf.ca to discuss.

The Waterloo Region Community Foundation is also accepting applications for The Musagetes Fund for their area. If you know of an arts organization in Waterloo Region that might be interested in applying, direct them to WRCF's page for more details: <https://www.wrcf.ca/musagetes>

GCF Grants Portal: <https://www.grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=guelphcf>

For more information about this opportunity visit: <https://guelphcf.ca/musagetes-fund-2025/> or email grantsassistant@guelphcf.ca

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. To learn more visit guelphcf.ca.