

Community Grants 2025

The Guelph Community Foundation

Eligibility Questions

The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) exists for the purpose of strengthening and supporting our community through philanthropic leadership. It is during the act of granting dollars that we live our purpose most directly. Our mission is to empower people and causes through evidenced-based granting and donor support.

For this reason, when making the decisions about how to allocate available funds, our committee of dedicated volunteers reviews all applications with care and use several specific measuring tools. Before the application is seen by the committee it is reviewed by a member of GCF staff to ensure the eligibility criteria are met. A member of GCF staff may reach out to you during this initial review to have any questions answered before evaluation.

Community Grants Overview

The Community Grants funding stream provides dollars to registered charities (or organizations partnered with a registered charity) operating community based programs in Guelph or Wellington County. To best provide for those serving our community, **applications may be for operational funds, capital projects or programming funds at a maximum of \$5,000.**

Charitable organizations seeking funding will create and submit an application that meets both of the following:

1) Fits within the framework of one or more of the **Toward Common Ground wellbeing concepts:**

- Belonging and Participation
- Economic and Household Resources
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Leisure and Culture
- Safety
- Transportation

2) Connects to one or more of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The SDGs are ranked in order of importance, according to this international framework for local responsibility. Some SDGs we would highlight are:

- SDG 1 – No poverty
- SDG 2 – Zero hunger
- SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being
- SDG 5 – Gender Equality
- SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

If you have questions about your application, please contact us at grantsassistant@guelphcf.ca and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We are happy to help grant writers fully understand the questions and write better grants.

Note: Because all grant and fund disbursement communication will come from this system, please ensure administrator@grantinterface.com is added to your address book to avoid messages going into your spam folder. Thank you.

Does your organization reside in and/or serve the community of Guelph and/or Wellington County?*

Choices

Yes

No

Is your organization a CRA registered charity?*

Choices

Yes

No, but our organization has partnered with a registered charity for this grant

No, and we are not partnering with a registered charity for this grant

Does your application's objective fall into one of the Toward Common Ground well-being categories?*

There may be multiple categories that fit within your application's objective.

Choices

Yes

No

Toward Common Ground wellbeing concepts:*

Please select the concept which your proposal would **most** address. We will use this information to produce our Vital Signs, Vital Focus and annual impact reports.

Choices

Leisure and Culture

Education

Environment

Health
Economic and Household Resources
Belonging and Participation
Safety
Transportation

Does your proposal connect to one of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals?*

The SDGs are ranked in order of importance, according to the international framework for local responsibility. There may be multiple SDGs that fit within your application's objective.

Choices

Yes
No

UN's Sustainable Development Goals*

Please select the goal which your proposal would most address. We will use this information to produce our Vital Signs, Vital Focus and annual impact reports.

Choices

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals.

Sorry, your organization is ineligible, please contact us

Based on our Foundation's grant criteria your organization is not eligible to receive funding from us through this grant stream.

Please email grantsassistant@guelphcf.ca to discuss your options, thank you.

Charitable Registration Number

Please confirm the charitable registration number you are submitting this application under.*

For example: 867278350RR0001

Character Limit: 15

Application Information

Application Name*

Please provide a short formal title for your application so we can easily identify it

Character Limit: 125

Write a short pitch highlighting what this grant would support*

Describe your application in a sentence. We will often use these answers when sharing and describing your grants on social media, with donors, or in publishing materials.

Character Limit: 150

Funding Request*

What will the funding be used for?

Choices

Operational Funds

Capital Project

Programming

Organization Objectives*

Briefly describe your organization's purpose, your organization's goals for the current year, and briefly note how this grant would support these goals.

Character Limit: 2500

Application Overview*

Express what excites you about this opportunity to receive funding and what the funding will be used to support.

Applications must fit within the framework of the Towards Common Ground well-being concepts, and connect to one of the SDGs. Please identify and explain how the objectives of your application supports one of the well-being concepts or supports one of the SDG's.

Character Limit: 4000

Community Impact*

How will this grant impact, support, or benefit the greater community? Who will it make a difference to in Guelph and/or Wellington County?

Character Limit: 2500

Nothing about us, without us*

We prioritize applications that value and embody the concept "nothing about us, without us" within their organizational structure and program planning.

How will individuals representative of the population(s) you're seeking to serve be involved in the decision making and delivery of your initiatives? How are these individuals selected and what roles do they play?

For example, if your program(s) will serve seniors, how will seniors be involved in your organization's development, delivery and evaluation of the program(s)?

Character Limit: 2500

Organizational Efficiency and Community Partners*

We encourage partnerships and collaboration between community groups/ non-profit organizations when possible. This can help in reducing duplication of efforts and in the sharing of resources, as well as increasing community connectiveness. Describe how your application plans to work with others to share resources or increase its capacity and efficiency.

Does your organization have any frequent community partners? What other nonprofit groups are involved in your programming? Do you outsource some of your work or use the expertise of other groups where appropriate?

For example, if you are launching a new program that is offered to youth, are you using the expertise of and cross-promoting it with a local youth-focused organization?

Character Limit: 1500

How will your application's proposal be evaluated?*

What measures will you use to understand and track your level of success?

Character Limit: 800

Similar Goals in the Community (Optional)

Is anyone else in the community doing something similar to your organization/program? Has your organization connected with them to learn and share resources/knowledge?

Character Limit: 1000

Are you the primary contact for your organization?*

The primary contact is who GCF will be reaching out to regarding this application.

Yes - my contact info has already been provided

No - I am an additional contact for my organization

Choices

Yes

No

Partner CRA Organization Information

Name of partner?*

Character Limit: 200

Partner's CRA charitable registration number*

For example: 867278350 RR 0001

Character Limit: 20

Partnership Agreement Form*

Please download our partnership agreement form [here](#) - complete it, save it, and then upload it as a pdf below. Only PDF files will be accepted.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Primary Contact Information

Primary Contact:*

This will be the main point of contact for this grant application.

Character Limit: 110

Title/role:*

Please provide the primary contact's title as it relates to the organization.

Character Limit: 70

Email Address:*

Character Limit: 254

Phone Number (555-555-5555 with ext if required):*

Character Limit: 25

Funding Request Information

Funding Expected Timeline*

Will the funds be used in this calendar year or next?

This information will not be included in the Grants Committee's evaluation, but will inform GCF's internal grant payment schedule. Funds from this grant must be fully used before applying to the following year's Community Grants.

Choices

This Year
Next Year

Amount Requested*

Please provide an exact dollar amount requested. Funding is available to a maximum of \$5,000.

Character Limit: 20

Projected Budget*

Upload a budget that is most applicable to your application, you may download the provided **budget worksheet template**. Ensure your budget clearly shows what impact this funding will have on the over all budget. Upload a PDF or Excel format only.

File Size Limit: 8 MB

What would happen with your submission if you receive partial funding?*

Please briefly summarize your funding plan if your full grant request is not funded.

Character Limit: 500

List additional supporters as it relates to this submission*

Please list the name of any related funders, the amount, and status of each request. Please also include any significant in-kind support. If applying for operational funds then please summarize if the supporters list is extensive.

Character Limit: 1500

Submission Confirmation*

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the provided information is true and accurate.

Choices

Yes

How did you learn about this grant opportunity?

Returning applicants can respond with 'returning applicant'.

Character Limit: 250

If you have questions about your application, please contact us at grantsassistant@guelphcf.ca. Once the application is submitted an automated email confirming your submission will come from administrator@grantinterface.com. All applicants will be notified of their application status by December at the latest. Thank you for your submission and for all the work you and your organization does!