



Community Grants Policies and Guidelines

The Winkler Community Foundation grant making provides financial support to qualified community groups whose activities advance the objectives of the foundation. These objectives are:

- To support social services to advance the welfare of the needy and the alleviation of human suffering and poverty;
- To support and develop recreation and physical fitness activities;
- To assist and promote the arts, culture and heritage activities;
- To advance education;
- To support and advance the provision of medical services;
- To support the enhancement of the environment;
- To support and advance other community activities or facilities of a charitable nature.

Grant Guidelines

1. Project must primarily benefit the people of Winkler and District.
2. Grants are made only to non-profit organizations with CRA Registration Numbers and other qualified recipients under the Income Tax Act.
3. The Winkler Community Foundation is a project funder and does not provide on-going operating support. Grants are awarded for specific purposes and for projects covering a definite period of time. The Foundation does not guarantee annual support for any organization.
4. Pilot or demonstration projects must include provision for an evaluation and a realistic plan for financial viability beyond the pilot stage.
5. Organizations must submit a satisfactory report on their previous Community Grant before submitting a new Community Grant application.

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Preference is given to projects which:

- Align with The Winkler Community Foundation's strategic granting priorities;
- Demonstrate innovative approaches and techniques to solve community issues, and build individual, neighbourhood and/or community capacity;
- Encourage more efficient use of community resources;
- Promote cooperation and sharing among organizations to minimize the potential for duplication of services;
- Promote volunteer participation;
- Strengthen an organization's capacity to be sustainable.
- Demonstrate accessibility and inclusiveness;
- Demonstrate sensitivity to diversity;
- Address the root causes of issues in our society;
- Demonstrate that consideration has been given to the project's effect on the environment;

Grants are not made to:

- support operating expenses of established agencies;
- individuals;
- project costs related to activities undertaken before the date of the Grants Committee or Board decision;
- annual fundraising campaigns or annual fundraising events;
- pay down mortgages or reduce deficits;
- political activities;
- exclusively religious activities, defined as proselytizing related to a specific set of organized beliefs and practices;
- establish or add to endowment funds;

***How to apply:***

- Applications are due April 15th Annually
- Applications accepted online only through The Winkler Community Foundation website, www.winklercommunityfoundation.com.

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