

Give Oakville Granting Catalogue Guidelines

The Foundation provides grants to charitable organizations for projects that maintain, improve or transform the quality of life in our community. The Foundation supports the entire range of charitable activities including, but not limited to: arts and culture, community development, education, environment, fitness, health care, heritage, social services, and youth.

Give Oakville Project Eligibility:

- Applicants must be from charitable organizations who:
 - are qualified donees as defined under the Income Tax Act, and registered and in good-standing with Canada Revenue Agency, and
 - confirm their adherence to the Human Rights Code.
 - Charitable organizations located outside of Oakville only if funding is used for activities which directly support and serve Oakville residents.
- Project must have a specific connection to one or more of the Foundation's Vital Sign's Strategic pillars - Equity Gap, Housing, Inclusion and Mental Health and programs and services.
- Applications with an Indigenous focus must adhere to the Indigenous granting policy directions set out below.
- Project application must demonstrate:
 - a well-planned approach, including clearly defined, credible and measurable objectives and the potential to sustain operations in future;
 - a readiness to enter funding partnerships;
 - the efficient use of community resources, including co-operation and co-ordination of efforts with other charitable organizations;
 - new approaches to solving community problems or implementing projects;
 - coordination, cooperation and sharing among charitable organizations and elimination of duplication
 - volunteer participation and citizen involvement;
 - improved efficiency that leads to delivering increased units of service;
 - a willingness to profile The Foundation's involvement; and
 - meets an existing need and shows evidence of careful budgetary planning and support within the community.

Applicants WILL NOT be supported if the project is:

- in response to annual fund drives;
- to cover deficits;
- to retire debt;
- to endowment funds; or
- for sectarian, religious or political purposes*.

*(*Faith-based organizations seeking to extend the use of their premises to make them available for community-based outreach projects, may apply for funding on their behalf. Funding will not be granted for programs or equipment for purposes deemed to be the responsibility of the congregation.)*



Grants with Indigenous Content, Focus or Impact

In the spirit of reconciliation, third party strategic grant applications or requests to the Foundation must be Indigenous guided if they have one or more of the following:

- An Indigenous focus;
- Indigenous content (including education of the broader community);
- Impacts or benefits to Indigenous peoples or communities; and/or
- Address Indigenous causes.

Indigenous Guided

While well-intentioned, project and program proposals without direct Indigenous guidance and support will not meet the Foundation's commitment to the Declaration of Action and therefore will not be funded. An applicant cannot suggest that they will seek Indigenous guidance after the project approval. Indigenous guidance must be included in the development of the application.

Ideal projects would be through Indigenous-led charities at the Board and executive level, delivering programs to Indigenous peoples by Indigenous people with Indigenous cultures and languages central to daily operations.

A project or program must be Indigenous guided in that it should include one or more of the following:

- Developed in conjunction with an Indigenous community with formal protocols;
- Led by knowledge keepers, to ensure culturally relevant programming; and/or
- Formally approved and sanctioned by the Indigenous community/peoples it is to benefit.

At least one of these three conditions must be met to ensure that the project/program benefits are culturally appropriate, acceptable and achieve long term success.

Review of Grant Applications with Indigenous Focus, Content or Impact

The Foundation's review of grant applications which have Indigenous content, focus or impact will be reviewed by members of the Indigenous community for Indigenous guidance, cultural relevance and acceptability.

The Foundation will invite local Indigenous guides and knowledge keepers to share their expertise and knowledge to assist the Foundation in determining whether a grant application meets the criteria of this policy.

Give Oakville will accept the following applications:

- Applications with a **\$25,000** maximum for single grant request from one or more charities (can be a collaborative with a number of charities)



- **Operational costs** - applications to support employment opportunities for youth; other administration; materials or equipment that will build capacity and lead to making the project / program sustainable.

Granting Procedures

Give Oakville shall follow the General Guidelines for granting approved by the Board and shall determine the procedural specifics. These specifics shall include:

- the dates for receipt of grant applications; and
- assessment and evaluation of grant applications will be in accordance with this Policy, and such further criteria as may be adopted by the Board.

Charitable organizations in the database maintained by The Foundation shall be notified annually of the *Give Oakville* period, including the deadlines for receipt of grant applications.