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Funding Opportunities Update for Not-for-Profits

Key objectives of the Local Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council (LDIPC) are to create a culture of inclusion and support the two-way integration of diverse populations. One way to achieve these is to support the work of the not-for-profit sector in Durham Region.

We know that funding is very important to not-for-profit organizations. As we find out about grants and funding opportunities we are committed to sharing that information with our community partners. We know that a strong, well-funded not-for-profit sector can better meet the needs of Durham's diverse communities.

Please share this information with your own networks and contacts. If you would like to have additional email addresses added to this list or you would like to be removed from the list, please contact us by [email](mailto:ldipc@durham.ca) (ldipc@durham.ca).

Important Tip! Register your organization online at the [Grants Ontario website](http://www.grants.gov.on.ca) (www.grants.gov.on.ca). Grants Ontario provides information about available grants, how to apply for grants and how to check the status of your application.

Ongoing/Open Calls for Applications

Note: Details are always subject to change so check the websites regularly

[The Allstate Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Allstate Foundation of Canada was established in 1977 to provide grants to charities and not-for-profit organizations that are involved in a variety of activities or educational initiatives focused around crime prevention, road safety or home safety.

Grants will not be given for conferences, seminars, endowment funds, or to individuals for awards, fellowships, scholarships or bursaries.

<https://www.allstate.ca/webpages/about/foundation.aspx>

[Canada Council for the Arts](#)

Deadline: All program area grants are accessible through their portal and registration must be complete at least 30 days before you wish to apply.

Canada Council grants are now organized into six programs:

1. Explore and Create;
2. Engage and Sustain;
3. Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples
4. Supporting Artistic Practice;
5. Arts Across Canada;
6. Arts Abroad.

<http://canadacouncil.ca/council/grants/new-chapter?platform=hootsuite>

[Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Building Communities through Arts and Heritage – Legacy Fund](#)

Legacy Fund Deadline: No fixed deadline for applications to the Legacy fund, but the application must be submitted at the latest by the date of the anniversary you want to commemorate (one year in advance).

The Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program delivers its funding through three separate components: Local Festivals, Community Anniversaries and the Legacy Fund.

Legacy Fund: Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage - Legacy Fund component provides funding for community-initiated capital projects, intended for community use. Recipients may receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000.

Funding supports community-initiated capital projects that:

- commemorate a significant local historical event or pay tribute to a significant local historical personality;
- mark a 100th anniversary or greater, in increments of 25 years (e.g., 125th, 150th);
- involve the restoration, renovation, or transformation of existing buildings or exterior spaces with local community significance that are intended for community use;
- encourage arts and heritage activities in the local community that are intended for and accessible to the general public.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455310870059/1455310944929>

Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage, culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces.

Interested applicants should contact a CCSF program officer at their nearest regional office of the Department of Canadian Heritage (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/contact-us.html>) prior to submitting an application.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund.html>

Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Museums Assistance Program – Exhibition Circulation Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Museums Assistance Program (MAP) supports heritage institutions and workers in the preservation and presentation of heritage collections. MAP provides financial assistance to Canadian museums and related institutions for activities that:

- facilitate Canadians' access to our heritage;
- foster the preservation of Canada's cultural heritage, including the preservation of representative collections of Aboriginal cultural heritage; and
- foster professional knowledge, skills and practices related to key museum functions.

Exhibition Circulation Fund:

The Exhibition Circulation Fund component assists museums with the costs of hosting travelling exhibitions originating from another museum or from a federal heritage institution and borrowing artefacts for exhibition from the Canadian Museum of History or the Canadian War Museum.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/museums-assistance/exhibition-circulation.html>

Government of Canada: Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program supports the mandate of the Department of Canadian Heritage by building on Canada's strength as a diverse and inclusive society.

The Program's objective is to build an integrated, socially cohesive society by:

- building bridges to promote intercultural understanding;
- promoting equal opportunity for individuals of all origins; and
- promoting citizenship, civic engagement and a healthy democracy.

Events component - Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives

The Events component provides funding to community-based events that foster one or more of the following:

- intercultural and interfaith understanding;
- civic memory and pride;
- respect for a healthy democracy; and
- celebrations of a community's history and culture, such as heritage months recognized by Parliament.

Projects component – Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program

The Projects component provides funding for community development, anti-racism initiatives, and engagement projects that promote diversity and inclusion by encouraging interaction among community groups through projects that:

- encourage positive interaction between cultural, religious, and ethnic communities in Canada; and
- promote the expression of Canadians' multiple identities.

Community Capacity Building component – Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program

The Community Capacity Building component provides funding for capacity building projects that will contribute to the recipient's ability to promote diversity and inclusion, and help achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- strengthening governance and building partnerships – building the capacity of organizations, and promoting collaboration between service providers;
- e-capacity – building and/or strengthening the online and social media presence of eligible organizations;
- establishing an overall external communication strategy; and
- recruitment and training of volunteers.

Community Support for Black Canadian Youth

The Community Support for Black Canadian Youth initiative provides funding for projects that address the unique challenges faced by Black Canadian youth through:

- combating discrimination through awareness raising and/or digital literacy;

- providing opportunities for Black Canadian youth, and empowering them through the promotion of Black history, culture and identity; and
- developing leadership skills and promoting civic engagement.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/community-multiculturalism-anti-racism.html>

CIBC

Deadline: Ongoing

CIBC is committed to supporting causes that matter to our clients, our team members and our communities. We aim to make a difference through corporate donations, sponsorships and the volunteer spirit of our employees.

Before you apply, please ensure you have reviewed CIBC's funding guidelines and that your request meets at least one of our strategic areas of focus — cancer and persons with disabilities.

For all regional donation and National/Capital campaign requests, the deadlines are March 1 and August 1 of each calendar year. For all donations related to the CIBC Children's Foundation, applications are accepted between February 1 and August 1.

<https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility/community-and-sponsorship/funding-guidelines.html>

Donner Canadian Foundation

Deadline: Ongoing

In 2017, the Donner Canadian Foundation supported more than 70 charitable organizations. The Foundation devoted 17 percent of its granting to public policy research and education, and 30 percent to environment and wildlife preservation. The Foundation also directed 12 percent of its granting toward international development and human rights, and over 22 percent to organizations delivering social services. The Foundation's remaining grants sustained a variety of worthy projects.

The Donner Canadian Foundation does not regularly respond to letters of inquiry or unsolicited requests for funding. However, it does maintain files about charitable organizations and their work. The Foundation uses this information – along with proactive research and input from advisors – in its search for high-potential projects. To inform this search, charitable organizations may send the Foundation's Executive Director a two- to three-page description of their goals and programs. If there is a potential match between this work and the interests of the Foundation, Staff will contact the charity for more information.

<http://www.donnerfoundation.org/granting.htm>

[Futurpreneur Canada Newcomer Program](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

If you're new to Canada and don't have a credit history, Futurpreneur Canada wants to help you launch your business. We provide tailored support and eligibility criteria to reflect your new status in Canada. [Spark Centre](http://www.sparkcentre.org/) (http://www.sparkcentre.org/) in Oshawa and the [Business Advisory Centre Durham \(BACD\)](http://bacd.ca) (http://bacd.ca) are community partners of the Futurpreneur Canada Newcomer Program.

NOTE: this is repayable financing, not a grant. For more information, please contact [BACD](#).

<http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/get-started/financing-and-mentoring/newcomer/>

[The Greygates Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Greygates Foundation was created in 2001 by J. Ronald Gibbs to provide grants to organizations that serve the needs of children, the elderly, the disabled, or the disadvantaged, and to organizations that promote animal welfare or wildlife preservation. Though funding may be provided for projects in any country, recipient organizations must be Canadian Registered Charities. The grant award limit is \$3,000, and grants are paid in Canadian dollars. The application process is described on the For Grant Seekers page.

The Greygates Foundation grants are generally awarded to smaller non-profit organizations, but are not limited to such organizations.

<http://www.adminitrustllc.com/the-greygates-foundation/>

[Infrastructure Ontario \(loans, not grants\)](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

Our Loan Program provides affordable, long-term financing to public sector clients enabling them to modernize and renew their infrastructure. We tailor our loans to meet the unique needs and complex development challenges of municipalities, housing providers, universities and other eligible public sector clients. All borrowers within each sector share the same affordable rates and same benefits of the Loan Program.

Since 2003, we have helped hundreds of public sector clients deliver thousands of community projects in all parts of the province. Our loans have been used to revitalize roads and bridges, build new recreation centres and affordable housing, and purchase equipment like fire trucks and energy-efficient streetlights. Each loan is different but the impact is the same—efficient, healthier and more prosperous communities across Ontario.

<https://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Infrastructure-Lending/>

[Innoweave - Practical Tools for Social Innovation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

Innoweave offers grants to support groups of organizations as they develop Collective Impact initiatives. Organizations that have participated in an Innoweave Collective Impact Workshop 2 will be eligible to apply for up to \$40,000 of funding to help them launch their initiative. Groups which are clear on both the goals that they hope to achieve with Collective Impact and how they can use the resources to advance their plan are invited to apply for Launch Funding. Before application for Launch Funding, groups should explore Planning coaching. Planning coaching is designed to help get groups reach for launch funding. Groups which have completed Workshop 2 will also automatically be considered for Planning Coaching based on the work they submit following Workshop 2.

Organizations that have completed workshop 2 are invited to apply for Launch funding following the workshop. Organizations that have not completed a workshop are welcome to submit an expression of interest.

<http://innoweave.ca/en/modules/collective-impact/grants>

[Indigenous Culture Fund](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Indigenous Culture Fund (ICF) was created to support First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, culture and way of life. It was created through a process of extensive outreach and collaboration with Indigenous communities across Ontario. The fund is administered by Indigenous staff members at the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), on behalf of the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS).

The priorities of all Indigenous Culture Fund (ICF) programs are to support:

- First Nations, Inuit and Métis community-based cultural projects
- opportunities for Indigenous people and communities to build traditional culture and knowledge capacity
- projects that improve the applicant's ability to learn, access, practice, and engage in traditional Indigenous land-based activities, languages, teachings, protocols and ceremonies
- Indigenous cultural knowledge exchange between generations and communities
- youth-led and/or youth-engaged cultural projects
- Elder-led and/or Elder-engaged cultural projects

ICF Small Grants

This program supports short-term community, culture and way-of-life projects in Ontario with grants of up to \$5,000. Ontario-based Indigenous organizations, groups and individuals are eligible to apply. First-time applicants, youth and Elders are all encouraged to apply.

<http://www.arts.on.ca/grants/activity/indigenous-culture-fund>

Open and varied dates funding opportunities

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[Laidlaw Foundation – Youth CI Conversation Starter Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Conversation Starter Grant supports youth-led and youth-serving groups across Ontario to get conversations started that can help identify a common issue affecting young people that needs to be addressed, and/or identify who needs to be involved in a collective effort to improve the conditions of young people in their community.

Eligibility

- You are a youth-led or youth-serving group looking to build a collaborative to work in a community in Ontario
- You are a new or informal group
- You are convening to identify specific youth priorities for your community that needs to be addressed
- You are looking for funding/resources to help you get your youth collective impact conversation going in your community

Funding: Grants are up to \$1,000

Application Requirements: Applications are to be submitted to the Foundation's grant management portal only. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Program Manager, Tamer Ibrahim (tbrahim@laidlawfdn.org or 647-968-5713), to discuss their initiative in advance of applying:

<https://laidlawfdn.org/funding-opportunities/youth-ci/youth-ci-conversation-starter-grant/>

[The McLean Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The McLean Foundation will only accept applications from organizations that have first submitted a letter of inquiry and then been asked to submit a full proposal. Applicants should note that their letters of inquiry are viewed by the Board of Directors along with the full proposal.

<http://mcleanfoundation.ca/index.html>

[Government of Ontario: Celebrate Ontario Blockbuster](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This annual grant program supports local tourism by assisting festival and event organizers in developing new and improved experiences, attracting more tourists and increasing visitor spending.

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005140>

[Government of Ontario: Starter Company Plus](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

Get guidance and a grant for your small business. If you're starting, expanding or buying a small business, apply for training, mentoring and a grant through Starter Company Plus.

Through Starter Company Plus, you can:

- get one-on-one guidance from a Small Business Enterprise Centre advisor
- participate in business workshops, seminars or networking events °topics range from writing a business plan to budgeting to marketing campaigns
- talk to a mentor with experience in starting, expanding or buying a small business

You can also apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. These supports are available if you want to start a new company, expand an existing company or buy a business in Ontario.

Who can apply?

- 18 years of age or older
- an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen (or permanent resident)
- not attending school full-time or returning to school

To qualify for a grant, you must be able to make a contribution in cash or in kind. It has to be for least 25% of the grant amount.

You apply through a Small Business Enterprise Centre. There's no application period or deadline. You can apply any time.

You can apply at any time; you need to apply through a Small Business Enterprise Centre. Connect with Patrice Esper, Youth Program Coordinator Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) (905) 668-4949 x227 pesper@bacd.ca or <http://bacd.ca/starter-company/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-company-young-adults>

[Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund enables social entrepreneurs and innovators to grow their world-changing enterprises with access to capital and CSI's existing programming and services. The fund has made \$320,000 in loans so far!

Catapult Terms

- Offers loans to social enterprises with existing revenues that require growth capital.
- Provides loans (5% – 8%) of \$5,000 – \$25,000 to revenue-generating social enterprises.
- Up to a 5 year term.

- For members of CSI (you can still apply if you are not a member but you will need to become a member once you are approved), offering a range of supports.
- Undertakes a full impact assessment of the investments over a two-year period.

http://socialinnovation.ca/catapult?utm_source=Innovators&utm_campaign=57c6370e95-Community_Innovation_Challenge&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_690d89cb87-57c6370e95-

RBC Future Launch

Deadline: Ongoing

RBC Future Launch is empowering Canadian youth for the jobs of tomorrow. We are moving beyond financial investment by engaging the public and private sectors to further understand the issue and make a significant impact on the lives of young Canadians. RBC Future Launch is a catalyst for change-bringing people together to co-create solutions so young people are better prepared for the future of work.

- Young people today have three critical barriers they need to overcome to be successful:
- Lack of relevant experience: Too many young Canadians miss critical early opportunities because they're stuck in a "no-experience, no job cycle."
- Lack of relevant skills: Increasingly, young people entering the workforce require a complex set of technical, entrepreneurial and social skills that cannot be attained solely from formal education.
- Lack of professional networks and mentoring: Young people are at a disadvantage in the job market if they don't have an opportunity to learn from others and discover the realities of the jobs they're considering.

<http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/commitment-to-youth/index.html>

RBC Youth Mental Health Project

Deadline: Ongoing

We fund programs that address youth and family's immediate need to access mental health services, a critical area identified by parents, youth and experts in the field. We have chosen to focus our funding on two areas where we believe our support can make the biggest difference:

- Navigation programs
- Technology based solutions

We will also consider supporting other programs that increase access to care if they are collaborative, have proven results and can demonstrate successful outcomes.

We will prioritize granting for programs that increase collaboration across service providers to reduce fragmentation. Our hope is that our funding will help achieve integration not just within the mental health system, but between the mental health and general health systems. We also prefer to fund programs that do not duplicate services provided by other organizations.

<http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/community/after-school-grants/index.html>

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Youth Opportunities Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) provides grants and capacity building supports to grassroots groups, community-based organizations and collaboratives focused on improving the wellbeing of children, youth, and families facing systemic barriers.

The Organization Mentors Stream has an ongoing intake. An organizational mentor (OM) is an incorporated nonprofit organization, charity, or First Nation that meets Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) [eligibility criteria](#), enabling it to receive funds directly from OTF. OMs provide administrative support, project mentoring, and financial accountability to Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) grassroots groups.

Terms such as trustees, emerging governance platform, platform, or charitable home may be more familiar.

<https://otf.ca/yof/organizational-mentors>

TechSoup Canada

Deadline: Ongoing

TechSoup Canada is the Canadian partner of TechSoup Global. Many non-profits and social benefit organizations worldwide serve the needs of low-income, underserved populations and create positive social change. We believe these organizations could have even greater impact through the appropriate use of technology. This requires assistance with obtaining, using, and sustaining technology.

<http://www.techsoupcanada.ca/>

Town of Whitby – Community Development Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Town of Whitby has two Community Development Funds that provide financial assistance for community groups and individuals within Whitby to help them undertake initiatives that will benefit the community.

The Mayor's Community Development Fund (MCDF) utilizes net revenue from the Mayor's Golf Tournament and the Mayor's Fundraiser to provide financial support to community groups, events and initiatives that will benefit the community. Up to 50% of the proceeds raised by the Mayor's Golf Tournament will be awarded to a lead cause or charity and up to 50% of the proceeds raised by the Mayor's Fundraiser will be awarded to another lead cause or charity. The balance will be awarded in smaller community grants of up to \$5,000.

The Performing Arts Community Development Fund (PACDF) utilizes net revenues from the 2008-2012 Mayor's Galas to provide financial support to Whitby based community groups/organizations with a presence in Whitby for performing arts programs, events, initiatives and projects. Funding is provided for community grants of up to \$5,000. Funding of up to \$25,000 may be available for exceptional performing arts programs, events, projects or initiatives, including capital.

Applications will be evaluated by a Grants Review Committee that meets on a monthly basis. All applications will receive a formal notice of decision within two months of receipt of application.

<http://whitby.ca/en/townhall/Community-Development-Funds.asp>

[The Zuckerman Family Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This foundation funds various registered charitable organizations in Canada. Apply online.

Please note: If the foundation decides to encourage a formal application, a request will be made. The submission of extensive documentation, videos, etc., is NOT encouraged.

<http://zukermanfamily.com>

Varying Dates for Applications

Note: Details are always subject to change so check the websites regularly

[Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

Canadian Heritage funds more than 50 different programs around the vision of supporting the arts, Canada's two official languages and our athletes with a mission of promoting an environment in which all Canadians take full advantage of dynamic cultural experiences, celebrating our history and heritage, and participating in building creative communities.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1427741123839>

[Government of Canada: Culture, History and Sport Funding](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

The Government of Canada offers a wide array of granting opportunities around culture, history and sport. See an alphabetical listing of grants available here.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding.html>

[Government of Canada: Culture, Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

Grant and Contribution Funding Opportunities for programs under the Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/grant-contribution-funding-opportunities.html>

[Government of Canada: Employment and Social Development Canada](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

Grant and Contribution Funding Opportunities for jobs, training and social development projects

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding.html>

[Government of Ontario Grants Portal](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

Grants Ontario is your source for grants provided by the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; and, the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; and, selected grants from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantsHome/>

[Ontario Arts Council](#)

Deadline: Dates vary

The Ontario Arts Council currently offers more than 65 granting programs to individual artists, collectives, ad hoc groups and organizations in twelve sectors. If you're not sure if your project or organization is eligible, download the OAC Grant Survival Guide – an excellent resource to help you navigate the grant application process! See the following link for a list of application deadlines by date: [Ontario Arts Council](http://www.arts.on.ca/Page77.aspx) (<http://www.arts.on.ca/Page77.aspx>)

<http://www.arts.on.ca/page16.aspx>