



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 email us at ldipc@durham.ca.

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

Granting Opportunities by Deadline

Status of Women: Capacity Building Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: December 11, 2018

Status of Women Canada works to advance equality for women and girls in Canada. One of the ways it does this is through the Women's Program, which provides funding for organizations to advance equality between women and men in the economic, social and democratic life of Canada. The objective of this Call for Proposals (CFP) is to fund proposals that will increase the capacity of eligible women's and Indigenous organizations whose initiatives contribute to a viable women's movement in Canada to advance gender equality. Funding will increase organizational capacity and help organizations work collectively to address gender equality issues.

Status of Women Canada is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit applications for funding through the Capacity-building Fund of the Women's Program.

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Government of Ontario – Celebrate Ontario

Application Deadline: January 9, 2019

Celebrate Ontario supports programming improvements at new and existing festivals and events that attract tourists for longer stays, create great experiences for visitors and support communities across Ontario.

Existing events that feature programming improvements, and new events requiring programming support may be eligible for funding. Applications must demonstrate how the Celebrate Ontario project or new event programming will:

- Increase community economic development and business partnerships
- Increase tourist attendance and expenditures
- Meet visitor demand and interests by creating engaging experiences
- Attract overnight stays and out-of-province tourists to a community
- Improve the event's appeal to tourists.

Information Sessions Are Back! To help with the applications process we are once again offering online information sessions that will be delivered via webinar and teleconference.

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TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

Deadline for Local Festivals: January 15, 2019

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation supports a wide range of environmental

initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs. Eligible projects include:

- Schoolyard greening and outdoor classrooms
- Park revitalization & restoration work
- Butterfly gardens & pollinator programs
- Community gardens
- Natural playgrounds (natural play elements only)
- Citizen science projects in public green spaces
- Bioblitzes
- Trail building and restoration
- Neighbourhood park programming
- Recycling/composting programs
- In-class/indoor and outdoor environmental education programming

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Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Building Communities through Arts and Heritage – Local Festivals and Community Anniversaries

Local Festivals Deadline: January 31, 2019

The Local Festivals component provides funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, or historical performers.

Community Anniversaries Deadline: January 31, 2019

The Community Anniversaries component provides funding to local groups for non-recurring local events and capital projects that commemorate an anniversary of 100 years or greater in increments of 25 years.

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Toronto Enterprise Fund - Mixed Capital Opportunities Fund

Mandatory Webinar: January 17, 2019

Application Deadline: February 5 2019

The Mixed Capital Opportunities Fund (Mixed Cap) aims to support non-profit social enterprises that are using innovative approaches to address social, environmental, economic or cultural changes and supports the expansion of early stage, high growth social enterprises by providing a hybrid form of capital, comprised of a combined loan (50%) and grant (50%).

This innovative collaboration between the Toronto Enterprise Fund (TEF) and Alterna Savings will make debt financing more accessible to social enterprises. Mixed Cap is funded by the Province of Ontario and United Way Toronto & York Region (through a gift from the Polar Foundation), with all loan financing coming from Alterna Savings.

Features:

- Apply for between \$10,000 and \$30,000 in total investment (split equally between a loan and a grant)
- In exceptional cases, up to \$50,000 may be approved; security/collateral may be required in these instances
- The loan component will be in the form of Term Loans and or Lines of Credit (LOC must be

- secured) and competitive interest rates will be set according to Alterna's lending policies
- Learn about how non-profit social enterprises can access and confidently manage debt financing

Interested organizations must:

- Be an incorporated non-profit social enterprise that demonstrates job creation potential, particularly for minorities & disadvantaged groups
- Have identified a solid business opportunity
- Be located and operating in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton area
- Attend a mandatory information session
- Submit a business plan as part of the application process

Upcoming Information Session (Webinar):

January 17, 2019, 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

Register at Eventbrite online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mixed-capital-opportunities-fund-mixed-cap-info-webinar-january-17-2019-tickets-52871048730>

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Ontario Trillium Foundation: Seed Grants

Organization Registration Deadline: January 16, 2019

Application Deadline: February 6, 2019

The Ontario Trillium Foundation distributes its funding to charities and not-for-profits based upon six different action areas:

- Encouraging more active lifestyles
- Building inclusive and engaged communities together
- Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment
- Enriching people's lives through arts, culture and heritage
- Supporting the positive development of children and youth
- Enhancing people's economic wellbeing.

Seed grants are grants that support projects at the idea or conceptual stage to achieve a Priority Outcome. Amounts vary between \$5,000 to \$75,000. Term is up to one year.

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Laidlaw Foundation: Indigenous Youth and Community Futures Fund

Application Deadline: February 11, 2019

Through the Indigenous Youth & Community Futures Fund (IYCF), we invest in opportunities for Indigenous youth to connect with their land, languages and cultures, and strengthen and deepen their relationships within and across Indigenous communities. We also support the transmission of cultural practices and knowledge to future generations.

We believe that these processes support the cornerstones of reconciliation efforts: decolonization, nation building and cultural resurgence. More specifically, the IYCF grants are for Indigenous youth to develop and lead projects where they:

- learn about and are immersed in their lands, languages, rights, laws and cultures
- participate in everyday acts of resurgence, reclamation and wellbeing
- build relationships within and across Indigenous communities

- learn about and define for themselves what reconciliation means

Applications are due by 11:59 PM, February 11, 2019. If you're interested in applying, we encourage you to contact the Program Manager, Betul Keles.

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Ontario Trillium Foundation: Youth Opportunities Fund - Youth Innovations and Family Innovations Streams

Organization Registration Deadline: December 11, 2018

Application Deadline: February 12, 2019

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.

Youth Innovations Stream: The Youth Innovations Stream invests in the work of grassroots groups that are youth-led or youth-adult partnerships by funding projects that test an idea or grow a successful project. Through this stream, YOF provides young people facing systemic barriers with the resources they need to design and deliver inspiring solutions to issues that matter to them.

Family Innovations Stream: The Family Innovations Stream invests in the work of grassroots groups delivering culturally anchored projects that empower, support, and strengthen families. Family Innovations projects will engage parents, guardians, and caregivers who face systemic barriers and challenges to family wellbeing. Through this stream, the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) provides families with the resources needed to thrive.

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Clarington Community Grant Program

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted from January 16, 2019 to February 22, 2019

The Community Grant Program provides financial assistance to not-for-profit, volunteer community organizations to provide direct programs, events or services that benefit the residents of Clarington.

Eligible organizations can receive funding for one successful grant application per year up to a maximum of \$5,000. Applicants are encouraged to pursue other funding opportunities and are eligible to apply for funding for events through Clarington's Community Event Sponsorship Program. Organizations will not be eligible if they receive municipal funds through the Clarington municipal budget. Organizations must remain in good financial standing with the Municipality of Clarington to be considered.

Applications for the 2018 will be accepted from January 16, 2019 to February 22, 2019. For more information, visit www.clarington.net/grants.

If you have any questions about the Community Grant Program, please contact our Community Development Team at grants@clarington.net or 905-435-1061 ext 2563 / 2564.

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Green Municipal Fund

Energy, Transportation Water, and Waste Capital Projects Deadline: March 1, 2019

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is a unique program that provides funding and knowledge services to support sustainable community development. GMF-supported initiatives aim to improve air, water, and soil, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Capital projects: Energy, transportation, water and waste

FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) finances capital projects that improve air, water, and soil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

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Farm Credit Canada

Application Deadline: March 1 to 29, 2019

The FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about enhancing rural communities. If your organization is raising money for a capital project (construction of or upgrades to a hospital, medical centre, childcare facility, rink, sportsplex, etc., purchase of fire and rescue equipment) and your city or town has less than 150,000 people, your project may qualify for a donation between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

The sustainable use of resources contributes to successful community development. Does your project enhance the lives of residents or contribute to sustainability in your community? Examples include upgrades to heating and cooling systems in a community building, installing new windows in a rec centre or purchasing capital items for a recycling facility. If so, we encourage you to apply.

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Clarington Community Event Sponsorship Program

Application Deadline: April 1, 2019

The Municipality of Clarington would like to assist individuals and organizations to provide opportunities for hosting special events. Such activities and events would serve to bring community members together, connect our neighbours and foster pride in Clarington.

The Community Event Sponsorship Program may provide funding for community special events to a maximum of \$2,000 per successful application. (Limit of one (1) successful application per applicant per calendar year.)

Applicants are further encouraged to pursue other opportunities for financial support.

Organizations that receive funding through the Municipality of Clarington's Community Grant Program are eligible.
Organizations must be and must remain in good financial standing with the Municipality of Clarington.

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Canadian Women's Foundation: Teen Healthy Relationship Grants

Coming Soon: The application process is expected to open in late 2018 or early 2019

These four-year grants support school and community-based programs that work with young people of all genders on learning about dating violence, gender stereotypes, sexual harassment, and how to create safe and healthy relationships.

These grants were last awarded in 2013, running to 2017. The application process is expected to open in late 2018 or early 2019.

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Government of Ontario Youth Jobs Strategy: Summer Company

Coming Soon: Anticipated to open in late January

Learning how to run your own student business is one of the best summer jobs you can have. You get to be your own boss while learning what it takes to manage a business. Sales, marketing, bookkeeping, customer relationship management and networking are just a few of the highly useful skills you'll develop.

The Summer Company program helps youth start their own business and gain the skills they need to succeed. It offers mentorship, training and awards of up to \$3,000 to students aged 15 to 29.

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Community One Foundation (Rainbow Grants)

Coming Soon: Rainbow Grant applications will begin in February 2019

Rainbow Grants provide funding to foster new and innovative services and programs that have a positive impact on the LGBTTIQQ2S community in the GTA, in the areas of:

- health and social sciences
- arts and culture
- research, education and advocacy

Foundation Rainbow Grants are available for up to \$7,500 and are open to registered charities or groups trusted by a registered charity. General Rainbow Grants are available for up to \$1,500 and are open to groups or individuals without charitable status.

The RBC Community Rainbow Grant was created in partnership with RBC Royal Bank. This grant

is available to a registered charity for up to \$10,000. The RBC Community Rainbow Grant focuses on one or more of the following key areas:

- seed new and innovative projects to combat discrimination on the basis of sexual/gender identity and create an atmosphere of respect and acceptance
- support needed but underfunded services to LGBT individuals and families
- provide programming specifically aimed at supporting newcomers to Canada who have identified themselves with the LGBT community

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