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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 of paramount importance to not-for-profit organizations. As opportunities come to our attention we are committed to sharing that information with our community partners. Through the identification of opportunities that develop and grow the sector we can better meet the needs of Durham's diverse communities.

Please circulate this information to 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 let LDIPC staff know by [email](mailto:ldipc@durham.ca) (ldipc@durham.ca). The LDIPC staff will continuously seek out new funding opportunities and grow the list of funders.

Remember! Take the opportunity to register your organization online at the [Grants Ontario website](http://www.grants.gov.on.ca) (www.grants.gov.on.ca). Grants Ontario provides you with one-window access to information about grants that are available to you, how to apply for grants and how to check the status of your application.

Granting Opportunities by Deadline

[Canadian Women's Foundation: Violence Prevention Grants](#)

Economic Development Grants Deadline: March 20, 2017

Each grant areas has different eligibility and criteria. Specific guidelines for each granting area are posted when the application process opens. Organizations are encouraged to read this document carefully before completing the application. Grant proposals are accepted only during scheduled application periods: we do not accept unsolicited proposals outside of this time.

The Canadian Women's Foundation is accepting proposals as of January 30, 2017, for multi-year Economic Development grants (2017-2022).

Organizations can apply for one of the following types of grants:

- Self-Employment Training and Business Accelerator Programs
- Women's Social Enterprises
- Women in Trades & Technology Programs

We will select up to 10 grant recipients at a maximum of \$65,000 annually for 5 years. The Foundation's selection committee will attempt to ensure that the range of funded programs is geographically representative of the total group of applicants and serves diverse populations of women. Please note that we will only accept one application from an organization for a multi-year economic development grant.

The submission deadline is Monday, March 20, 2017 at 11:59pm PST. Proposals submitted after this date will not be considered.

<http://www.canadianwomen.org/grant-guidelines>

[Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Museums Assistance Program](#)

Canada-France Agreement Deadline: March 31, 2017

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.

For the Museums Assistance Program, priority is now given to history-related projects, and the requirement that travelling history exhibits must circulate beyond their province or territory of origin is eliminated. Also, the program supports museums, including small museums, in borrowing artefacts from the national collection of the Canadian Museum of History and the Canadian War Museum. A total amount of up to \$1 million per year is available for history-related projects.

The Canada-France Agreement component aims to develop special, lasting ties between museums in Canada and France, as well as enhancing the skills and competencies of museum professionals. It also assists Canadian organizations in developing new international partnerships and in reaching new potential audiences for Canadian heritage collections.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1456325095980>

Government of Ontario: Ministry of Agriculture and Food/Ministry of Rural Affairs - Regional Economic Development Branch (RED)

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Ontario's Rural Economic Development (RED) program helps rural communities remove barriers to community economic development. With the support of the program, rural communities are better positioned to attract investment, create jobs, enhance economic growth and make everyday life easier for rural Ontarians.

The RED program supports the government's plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives by:

- Helping remove barriers to economic development for rural communities, Indigenous communities and organizations, and not-for-profit organizations.
- Helping rural communities identify their economic strengths and develop strategies to attract business and investment which will help retain and create jobs.
- Helping rural communities and partners to be in a more competitive economic position so that they can diversify and grow their local economies - making economic growth more inclusive so that Ontario's growing economy delivers real benefits to rural Ontario.

The renewed RED program focuses solely on community economic development by providing funding to rural communities, Indigenous communities and organizations, and not-for-profit organizations to help remove barriers to economic development.

To help improve the coordination of regional business support programs the former business stream of the RED program will be integrated with the Jobs and Prosperity Fund as announced in the 2016 Ontario Budget.

The program is now open. Applications will be accepted during the following timeframes:

- From January 30, 2017 (12:00 p.m.) to March 31, 2017 (5:00 p.m. Eastern)
- From July 31, 2017 (9:00 a.m.) to September 29, 2017 (5:00 p.m. Eastern)

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/>

Rick Hansen Foundation - Access4All Canada 150 Signature Initiative

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

Access4All Canada 150 Signature Initiative is providing grants of up to \$30,000 toward accessibility infrastructure projects and associated awareness events in schools and communities across Canada. Projects can include adding ramps to building entrances, installing elevators or accessible washrooms, creating accessible way finding, or updating playgrounds to be accessible.

Any school, municipality or community group that is a registered Canadian charitable organization and who shares a vision of a more accessible and inclusive Canada can apply.

<http://www.rickhansen.com/Access4All/Apply-For-a-Grant>

S’Cool Life Fund

S’Cool Life Fund Deadline: March 31, 2017

We fund D.R.E.A.M.S.

Since launching in 2005, the S’Cool Life Fund has provided grants for 910 D.R.E.A.M.S. (Drama, Recreation, Extra-Curricular, Arts, Music, or Sports) projects across the country worth almost \$2.5 MILLION helping to make school life more enjoyable for thousands of public elementary school kids (K-8).

We will be accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year starting February 1, 2017 until March 31, 2017.

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

Canada Post Community Foundation

Deadline: April 5, 2017

Applications from registered charities, school programs or community organizations are invited for funding of projects consistent with the Foundation’s objective to provide support for initiatives that benefit children.

The maximum amount of funding available for any project is \$50,000, though most grants will be \$25,000 (or less) to allow more projects to be supported. The Grant Advisory Committee will ensure fair and equitable regional and provincial distribution of funds raised. The Canada Post Community Foundation funds projects in any given year from donations received in the prior year.

An annual granting process will be used to distribute funds for projects that best meet the Foundation’s vision.

It is suggested that organizations that apply for the project be based in the community or significantly rely on community resources to undertake the activities proposed/to achieve the stated objectives.

<https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/communityfoundation/criteria.page>

[Community One Foundation: Rainbow Grants](#)

Rainbow Grants Deadline: April 7, 2017

Community One Foundation provides funding to foster new and innovative services and programs for the LBTTIQQ2S community in the GTA, specifically in the areas of education, health, human rights, arts and culture, and research and advocacy (non-governmental).

The Foundation Rainbow Grants are open to registered charities or groups trusteeed by a registered charity, available for up to \$5,000.00

The General Rainbow Grants are open to groups or individuals without charitable status, available for up to \$1,000.00.

Rainbow Grants are intended to help people mobilize others to support and embrace the diversity of our communities. Grants are made to projects that will have a demonstrable impact on the broader community.

Community One has partnered with RBC Royal Bank to create the RBC Community Rainbow Grant (available to a registered charity, valued for up to \$10,000.00) focusing on at least one of the following key areas: seed new 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.

The 2017 Rainbow Grant application period runs from February 10, 12 p.m. EST to April 7, 5 p.m. EDT.

<http://communityone.ca/index.php?id=20>

[Evergreen](#)

School Ground Greening Grants Deadline: April 13, 2017

Evergreen is one of Canada's leading funders of community and school greening projects. Since 1991 we have provided over \$9 million worth of funds to more than 4,000 projects across Canada, ranging from wetland restoration to school ground food gardens. If your school or community is planning a greening project, check out our grant programs to learn how Evergreen can help.

In addition to funding, we also provide training, design and maintenance advice, and a range of resources to ensure the success of your project.

Funding streams:

School Ground Greening Grants - The application deadlines for the 2016–2017 school year are:

February 10, 2017

April 13, 2017

<http://www.evergreen.ca>

GoodLife Kids Foundation

Deadline: April 14, 2017

GoodLife Kids Foundation is only accepting requests for funding for inclusive physical activity programs for children with special needs.

In considering any request for funding we will use the following definition of disability to determine a suitable fit for the children participating in the program: .

Disability refers to activity-limiting conditions that prevent full participation in intellectual, social, emotional, or physical functions or any combination thereof, observed in work, leisure, or daily tasks. (WHO, 2001)

This foundation has a vision for every Canadian kid to have the opportunity to live a fit and healthy good life. Grant requests of up to \$10,000 will be considered; grants above this amount may be considered from time to time. Grants are accepted from registered charities and qualified donees across Canada. Initiatives should primarily focus on children between the ages 4-14 and will ideally be designed with a measurement component to determine the impact.

We have recently redefined our Grant Criteria and the kinds of programs our Grant Program will support. Please Review the Grant Criteria document prior to submitting your proposal.

<http://goodlifekids.com/grant-program/overview/>

Farm Credit Canada: Agri-Spirit Fund

Agri-Spirit Fund Deadline: April 17, 2017

FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about enhancing rural communities. If your organization is raising money for a capital project and your city or town has less than 150,000 people, it may qualify for a donation between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Online applications will be open from March 13 to April 17, 2017.

Applications will re-open March 13 to April 17, 2017.

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/in-your-community/giving-back/fcc-agrispirit-fund.html>

[Inspirit Foundation – ChangeUp Grants](#)

Deadline: April 18, 2017

ChangeUp grants create opportunities for people aged 18-34 to initiate creative solutions-focused projects that address issues of discrimination and prejudice in their local communities.

The \$10,000 one-time grants are for projects that implement creative strategies to open minds and shift attitudes that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnicity, race or religion. Through the grants, Inspirit Foundation is particularly interested in supporting the development of effective, connected and influential young change leaders.

ChangeUp Grants fund projects that:

- Are developed and led by young people between the ages of 18-34 who have personal experience with issues and communities being addressed in the project;
- Engage local issues and stakeholders;
- Open minds and shift attitudes that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnic, cultural or religious difference;
- Occur within a 12-month period;
- Take place in Canada.

We accept applications from January to October. The Granting Committee will make decisions in April, July and October.

<https://www.inspiritfoundation.org/en/grants/changeup-grants-guidelines>

[Government of Ontario: Ministry of Agriculture and Food/Ministry of Rural Affairs - Growing Forward 2](#)

Producers Deadline: April 18 and June 1, 2017

Organizations and Collaborations Deadline: April 20, 2017

Growing Forward 2 is a federal-provincial initiative that encourages innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agri-food and agri products sector. Whether you are starting out, or have been in business a long time, GF2 can help you reach your goals.

In Ontario, Growing Forward 2 offers resources, tools and cost-share funding assistance to eligible producers, processors, organizations and collaborations to grow their profits, expand markets and manage shared risks.

Producers: submit an application for cost-share funding assistance from April 4 - 18, 2017 and May 12 - June 1, 2017.

Organizations and Collaborations: submit an application for cost-share funding assistance from February 17 - April 20, 2017.

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/growingforward/gf2-index.htm>

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

Local Festival Deadline: April 30, 2017 (for festivals starting between Jan. 1 and June 30)

The Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program delivers its funding through three separate components:

- Local Festivals
- Community Anniversaries
- Legacy Fund

Local Festivals: 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: 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.

Legacy Fund: The Legacy Fund component provides funding for community capital projects that commemorate a 100th anniversary or greater in increments of 25 years, of a significant local historical event or local historical personality.

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

[Government of Ontario Youth Jobs Strategy: Summer Company](#)

Deadline: May 6, 2017

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.

Ontario is now accepting applications for the Summer Company program, which helps youth start their own business and gain the skills they need to succeed. Summer Company offers mentorship, training and awards of up to \$3,000 to students aged 15 to 29.

Students can apply online until May 6.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students>

[Government of Ontario: Ministry of Education - Parents Reaching Out Grants](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2017

Ontario's PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.

There are two types of grants:

- School councils of publicly funded schools in Ontario can apply for Parents Reaching Out Grants for School Councils.
- Parent organizations, Parent Involvement Committees (PICs), publicly funded district school boards, non-profit organizations and postsecondary institutions operating in Ontario can apply for Parents Reaching Out Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects.

Applications are now open for Parents Reaching Out Grants for the 2017-18 school year, and will be accepted until May 25, 2017. Grants are available to school councils, Parent Involvement Committees, and not-for-profit organizations working with parents.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html>

[Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)

Grow Grant Registration Deadline: June 7, 2016, **Application Deadline:** June 28, 2017

The Ontario Trillium Foundation distributes its funding to charities and not-for-profits based on 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.

Grow Grants

Organization registration deadline: June 7, 2017, 5 p.m. EST.

Application deadline: June 28, 2017, 5 p.m. EST

Capital Grants

Organization registration deadline: October 4, 2017, 5 p.m. EST.

Application deadline: October 25, 2017, 5 p.m. EST.

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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.

To be eligible for a grant from The Allstate Foundation, your organization must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit or charitable organization with a Canadian Charitable Registration Number/Business Number (BN);
- Require funding for the following activities and/or educational initiatives:
 - crime prevention
 - road safety or home safety;
- Require funding for one of the following:
 - research projects
 - special projects
 - operating funds
 - building funds
 - emergency funds
 - deficit financing
 - equipment funds
 - matching funds
 - seed money.

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>

150 Alliance: Community Fund for Canada's 150th

Deadline: Ongoing

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is a small grants program that will support local projects that build vibrant, healthy, and engaged communities; inspire a deeper understanding about our communities and our country; and encourage participation in community initiatives connected to the sesquicentennial. The Fund will be led by local

community foundations, and in the spirit of grassroots leadership, will take on a local flavour in each community.

The Fund is a collaborative effort by Community Foundations of Canada and the network of community foundations, with support from the Government of Canada and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast.

Interested applicants would apply to the Fund via their local community foundation.

Grant size: Small grants (under \$15,000), contact your local community foundation to learn more.

Project scope: community

Applications: Contact your local community foundation to learn more.

https://150alliance.ca/150alliancecentral/funding?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Learn+more+and+apply&utm_campaign=Newsletter_EN_March2016

[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;
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 Legacy Fund component provides funding for community capital projects that commemorate a 100th anniversary or greater in increments of 25 years, of a significant local historical event or local historical personality.

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

[Government of Canada: Canadian Heritage: Canada Cultural Spaces Fund](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The CCSF seeks to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity and innovation. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections and heritage displays. The Fund supports the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment as well as conducting feasibility studies. Non-profit arts and heritage organizations incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act or under corresponding provincial or territorial legislation. Provincial/territorial governments, municipal or regional governments, and their agencies, as well as First Nations and Inuit equivalent governments, are also eligible. Federal organizations and federal Crown corporations are not eligible for funding.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455203896312/1455204007503>

[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.

For the Museums Assistance Program, priority is now given to history-related projects, and the requirement that travelling history exhibits must circulate beyond their province or territory of origin is eliminated. Also, the program supports museums, including small museums, in borrowing artefacts from the national collection of the Canadian Museum of History and the Canadian War Museum.

A total amount of up to \$1 million per year is available for history-related projects.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1456325095980>

[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.

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

[CIBC Children's Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

CIBC's foundation focuses on programs and projects that enhance the health, education and well-being of children in Canada.

CIBC Children's Foundation has three areas of focus: health, education and well-being of children. Programs that are funded by the Foundation provide vital support services and enrichment opportunities to young people in their formative years that may not otherwise be accessible.

Donation requests are reviewed by a donations committee between the months of February and September each year. Requests submitted outside our granting period will be held over until the next granting year begins.

<http://www.cibc.com/ca/inside-cibc/community-matters/miracle-day/donations-guide.html>

[Citizenship & Immigration Canada: Inter-Action Events](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Events component of the Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program provides funding to community-based events that promote intercultural understanding, or foster civic memory and pride or respect for core democratic values grounded in our history.

The primary intention is to create concrete opportunities for interaction among cultural, faith or ethnic communities.

Eligible events may receive up to \$25,000.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/events.asp>

[Donner Canadian Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This foundation supports environmental, international development, and social service projects. While this foundation does not respond to letters of inquiry or unsolicited requests for funding regularly, it does maintain files about charitable organizations and their work. Charitable organizations can send a 2-3 page description of their goals and programs to the Executive Director; should there be a potential match between the organization work and foundation interests, organizations will be contacted.

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

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Green Municipal Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

Through the Green Municipal Fund, we offer funding and knowledge to municipal governments and their partners for municipal environmental projects. We fund the very best examples of leadership and innovation in municipal sustainable development. These initiatives must result in significant environmental impact and have the potential to be replicated in other communities.

<http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/about-gmf.htm>

Government of Canada Opportunities Fund (OF) for Persons with Disabilities

Deadline: Ongoing

The Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities provides organizations with funding to support people with disabilities in preparing for, finding, obtaining and keeping employment or becoming self-employed, thereby increasing their economic participation and independence. OF projects may also assist persons with disabilities to acquire the skills necessary to maintain their new employment.

Local and regional submissions to the Opportunities Fund are accepted on an ongoing basis.

http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/of/index.shtml?utm_source=Opportunities+Fund+for+Persons+with+Disabilities&utm_medium=Link&utm_campaign=Action_Plan_Skills_Fall_2013

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.

The Celebrate Ontario 2016 Blockbuster program launched in January 2016 with applications accepted on an ongoing basis. Celebrate Ontario Blockbuster 2016 Event Hosting applications must be submitted at least four months before an event and Celebrate Ontario Blockbuster 2016 Event Bid applications must be submitted at least two months before a bid deadline.

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005>
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[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 Grantseekers page.

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

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

[Infrastructure Ontario LOANS \(not grants\)](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

To date, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) has committed to the financing of over \$6 billion in infrastructure, helping clients improve the quality of life in communities across Ontario. Together with our clients, IO has helped finance more than a thousand infrastructure projects – from the construction of roads, bridges and facilities to the acquisition of assets, such as vehicles and equipment – most capital expenditures are eligible. The following public sector organizations are eligible to apply for loans:

- Aboriginal Health Access Centres
- Community Health & Social Service Hubs
- Hospices
- Housing Providers
- Local Services Boards
- Long-term Care Homes
- Municipal Corporations
- Municipalities
- Professional Arts Training
- Sports & Recreation Organizations
- Universities & Affiliated Colleges

<http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Templates/LoanWithCarousel.aspx?id=50&langtype=1033>

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

Deadline: Ongoing

Youth CI is a new program that helps organizations in local communities across Ontario learn about Collective Impact and enable them to develop, launch and implement collaborations that address major challenges and directly improve outcomes for youth in their community.

Youth CI offers information and engagement sessions, workshops, coaching and grants to current and potential collaboratives in Ontario.

Innoweave offers two types of grants to support groups of organizations at different points as they develop Collective Impact initiatives:

- Launch Funding
- Youth CI Execution Grants

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

[Inspirit Foundation – Media and Arts Impact Grants](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Media and Arts Impact Grants support media and arts initiatives that promote inclusion and pluralism or challenge discrimination and exclusion. The aim of this fund is to open minds and shift attitudes that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnicity, race and religion, and to build good relations between diverse groups or communities.

We fund a limited number of Media and Arts Impact Grants that range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per grant per year. The amount granted will depend on the scope and potential impact of the initiative. Multi-year funding is available.

We accept applications from January to October. The Granting Committee will make decisions in April, July and October.

<https://www.inspiritfoundation.org/en/grants/media-and-arts-impact-grants-guidelines>

[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.

The Directors receive submissions from a large number of organizations, and the available income permits them to assist only a portion of these. They endeavor to maintain a flexible

policy, with particular emphasis on projects showing promise of general social benefit but which may initially lack broad public appeal.

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

Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund—created in partnership with the Province of Ontario, TD Bank, Microsoft Canada, Alterna Savings, KPMG and Social Capital Partners—is all about enabling social entrepreneurs and innovators to turn their ideas into world-changing impact by supporting promising early stage social enterprises with access to capital and CSI’s existing programming and services.

The Ontario Catapult Microloan Fund will:

- Make between 15 and 25 investments in early stage social enterprises (nonprofit and for-profit) that are tenants or Community Members of CSI (see socialinnovation.ca/become-a-member)
- Provide low interest loans of \$5,000 - \$25,000 to eligible social enterprises
- Provide a range of support to enable the social enterprises to succeed
- Undertake a full impact assessment of the investments over a 2-year process

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

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Collective Impact Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

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.

Collective Impact grants require the co-creation or co-design of solutions, the development of evaluation strategies and shared measurement, in possible addition to professional facilitation, convening and research.

Amount: Up to \$500,000 per year

Term: Up to 5 years

Read a summary of the [OTF Collective Impact Stream](http://otf.ca/sites/default/files/collective_impact_summary.pdf)
(http://otf.ca/sites/default/files/collective_impact_summary.pdf)

There are several stages for submitting a request for a Collective Impact Grant and no deadlines.

<http://otf.ca/apply-grant/registration-application-deadlines>

Ontario Youth Jobs Strategy – Starter Company

Deadline: Ongoing

How it works - Through a program called Starter Company, you can get:

- one-on-one guidance from a Small Business Enterprise Centre advisor
- mentoring with a local successful entrepreneur
- access to business workshops on topics from writing a business plan and budgeting, to executing a marketing campaign
- funding of up to \$5,000
- experience running a business that will better position you to obtain more traditional financing, such as a bank loan

Who is eligible - You can apply if you're an Ontario resident aged 18 to 29, not attending school full time.

To qualify for funding of up to \$5,000, you need to be able to contribute at least 25% (in cash or in kind) of the grant amount.

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>

RBC Grant Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

We believe in the power of communities and the individuals who live in them. In 2014, we committed more than \$104 million in donations and sponsorships worldwide to support community activities and organizations.

The four granting streams are:

- RBC Kids Pledge

- RBC After School Project
- RBC Children's Mental Health Project
- RBC Learn to Play Project

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

[TD Bank Financial Group](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The TD Bank Financial Group provides to registered Canadian non-profits in projects that focus on education and financial literacy, creating opportunities for young people, and the environment. Only Canadian organizations can receive funding, and funding must be used within Canada.

<http://www.td.com/corporate-responsibility/funding.jsp>

[TechSoup Canada](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

TechSoup Canada is the Canadian partner of TechSoup Global. Many nonprofits 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/>

[The Zukerman Family Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This foundation funds various registered charitable organizations in Canada.

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 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>