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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

[Inspirit Foundation – ChangeUp Grants](#)

Deadline: September 25, 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.

Round 2 Online Application opens July 10th, 2017

Application Deadline: September 25th, 2017 5:00 PM EST

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

[Laidlaw Foundation](#)

Expression of Interest Deadline: September 25, 2017

We focus our work on understanding, identifying, addressing, and eliminating the barriers that limit young people's prospects for growing and fully contributing to society. To this end, we invest in youth--led strategies that create opportunities for all young people to fully participate and contribute to society. We pride ourselves on being bold and willing to take informed risks to further equity and inclusion. Our approach:

- is grounded in the experiences and insights of young people and their allies;
- confronts and works to dismantle systemic barriers to access and inclusion;
- supports strategies that are forward thinking, scalable, and results--oriented;
- is focused on systemic change while responding to immediate community priorities; and
- is evidence-based and builds on effective approaches and practices.

Our Granting Tools: Supporting Young People to Organize and Drive Social Change

We recognize that young people take action in immediate ways and address community and systemic issues that seem insurmountable. In revamping our granting strategy, we are investing in three inter--connected programs that will empower young people in their roles as community leaders and have a significant impact on advancing inclusion and wellbeing of young people. These programs are:

Scaling Impact

Scaling Impact supports youth-led groups, youth--driven organizations and their leaders with a proven program or idea, which has made a significant contribution to the inclusion and wellbeing of young people, to enhance and expand their impact and influence. More specifically, it invests in groups that:

- have demonstrated relevant and effective approaches for reaching and meeting the needs of underserved young people;
- are advocates that engage with and work to influence decision-makers;
- have solid and appropriate partnerships in place; and
- are recognized as an important and essential service/space/advocate by the young people they reach and other stakeholders.

Expression of Interest Deadline: September 25, 2017

Knowledge Building

We invest in research, policy, advocacy and communications strategies that ensure our partner's efforts are recognized and contribute to lasting change. Through Knowledge Building grants, we will collaborate with community partners, experts, think tanks, and research institutes to respond to knowledge gaps to further youth inclusion and equity.

More specifically, our work to date has focused on understanding, identifying and eliminating barriers and challenges to equitable access to education for underserved youth; access to services for youth on remand; and the policy and legislative barriers to grassroots, youth-led work. Moving forward, we are seeking:

- projects that have identified a clear need where data/evidence is required to further wellbeing and inclusion of underserved young people and/or,
- partners who have evidence that needs to be shared in accessible and relevant ways to support policy, program and service changes to benefit young people facing exclusion.

Expression of Interest Deadline: September 25, 2017

<http://laidlawfdn.org/funding-opportunities/>

[Ontario Small Communities Fund](#)

Top-Up Funding Application Deadline: September 27, 2017

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) provides steady, long-term funding for small, rural and northern communities to develop their infrastructure.

In the summer of 2015, the government consulted with communities across Ontario to ensure local priorities inform further Moving Ontario Forward investments outside the GTHA.

In response to consultation feedback and the progress municipalities have made on asset management planning, the government is expanding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and updating its design. The total fund is increasing from \$100 million per year to \$300 million per year by 2018-19.

Top-up application funding

The province has launched the fourth intake of the Top-up Application Component. This will provide approximately \$100 million to help communities with relatively small formula-based grants to top up their funding to address larger critical infrastructure projects.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/infrastructure-funding-small-communities>

[Ontario Trillium Foundation – Projects with Provincial Impact](#)

Deadline: September 27, 2017

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.

Projects with Provincial Impact

Organization registration deadline: September 6, 2017, 5 p.m. EST.

Application deadline: September 27, 2017, 5 p.m. EST.

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

[Ministry of Agriculture and Food/Ministry of Rural Affairs - Regional Economic Development Branch \(RED\)](#)

Application Deadline: September 29, 2017 and December 1, 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.

Applications will be accepted from July 31, 2017 to September 29, 2017 and from October 16, 2017 to December 1, 2017

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

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

Deadline: September 30, 2017

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

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

[Aviva Community Fund](#)

Idea Submission Deadline: October 2, 2017

We recognize that you know best when it comes to improving your community.

We want you to share your idea to create positive change in your community. The most popular ideas, as chosen by Canadians, will have a chance to share the \$1,000,000 Aviva Community Fund.

The Aviva Community Fund offers three levels of funding:

- Small ideas: \$50,000 and under
- Large ideas: \$50,000 - \$100,000
- Community Legacy ideas: \$150,000 (one prize only)

There are four project categories to choose from:

Category 1: Community Development - Education, skills training, culture, research and basic needs

Category 2: Community Health - Health, sport, active living and play

Category 3: Community Resilience - Environment, climate, disaster relief and prevention

NEW for 2017! - Category 4: Community Legacy - We're celebrating Canada's 150th year by offering a bold new challenge to young social entrepreneurs who have ideas focused on the theme of creating Community Legacy!

If you're between 18 and 25 years old and you have a unique solution to tackling the consequences of climate change or an idea that benefits Canada's environmental legacy, submit your idea under this category for a chance to win \$150,000 in funding. We care so much about creating legacy and paying it forward to future generations, we're allotting an additional \$150,000 above our usual \$1 million prize funding.

The power to make a difference is in your hands.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/user/aboutthecompetition>

IMPACT Ajax

Deadline: October 13, 2017

The Town of Ajax provides a number of resources and support to enhance the quality of life for Ajax Residents.

Project Funding Support Streams

Neighbourhood Activities, Gatherings and Events

The IMPACT Ajax Neighbourhood Activities, Gatherings & Events Guidelines establish the principles by which Ajax residents can request direct funding and fee waivers from the Town of Ajax for new activities, gatherings or events that will create positive connections and relationships amongst neighbours.

Community Organizations – Gathering and Events

The IMPACT Ajax Community Organizations – Gatherings & Events Guidelines establish the principles by which incorporated not-for-profit organizations serving Ajax can request direct funding and fee waivers from the Town of Ajax for a new gathering or event to be delivered within the Ajax community.

Community Organizations – Programs and Services

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<http://www.ajax.ca/en/livinginajax/Impact.asp>

Toronto Enterprise Fund - Mixed Capital Opportunities Fund

Deadline: October 19, 2017

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.

Upcoming Information Session (Mandatory prior to applying)

(In-Person) Monday, September 25, 2017, 4:00-6:00 pm. Go to [Eventbrite](#) to register
(Webinar) Thursday, September 28, 2017, 12-1:30 pm. Go to [Eventbrite](#) to register
For further information, please [contact Alexis Kane Speer](mailto:alexis@kanespeer.com) (alexis@kanespeer.com)

<http://www.torontoenterprisefund.ca/what-we-do/business-development-1/mixedcap>

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grants

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Capital Grants

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

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

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

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

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017

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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.

Access to Heritage: due November 1, 2017

The Access to Heritage component promotes access to heritage across different geographic regions of Canada. Eligible projects are related to travelling exhibitions, to assist heritage organizations in reaching new audiences.

Aboriginal Heritage: due November 1, 2017

The Aboriginal Heritage component supports the preservation, presentation and management of Canada's Aboriginal cultural heritage. It also promotes public awareness and understanding of the diverse cultures of Aboriginal Peoples.

Collections Management: due November 1, 2017

The Collections Management component aims to improve professional knowledge, skills and practices to strengthen professional standards related to key museum functions for collections management in Canada. It also supports the development and delivery of resources or services that will benefit multiple museums

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

Indigenous Culture Fund

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017

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- Create opportunities for Indigenous people to continue community building.
- Support community-based activities that foster well-being and resilience for Indigenous peoples of all ages.
- Support Indigenous peoples to engage in and share cultural practices, knowledge and learning.
- Support Indigenous language revitalization.

Applications are now available for all three funding programs under the Indigenous Culture Fund (ICF). The ICF programs for individuals and organizations have been established to support First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, culture and way of life.

ICF Project Grants for Individuals, Groups and Collectives

This program supports larger community, culture and way-of-life projects in Ontario, with up to \$30,000 for short-term projects and up to \$60,000 for long-term projects. Ontario-based Indigenous organizations, groups and individuals can apply.

Deadline: November 1, 2017 at 1 p.m.

ICF Project Grants for Organizations

This program supports large-scale projects undertaken by Indigenous organizations in Ontario, with up to \$60,000 for short-term projects and up to \$120,000 for long-term projects. Ontario-based Indigenous organizations – including not-for profits, schools, service organizations, community centres, councils and more may apply.

Deadline: November 1, 2017 at 1 p.m.

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

[Government of Ontario: Multicultural Community Capacity Grant Program](#)

Program Opens: November 1, 2017

This program provides funding to not-for-profit organizations that focus on newcomers and ethno-cultural groups for projects that promote diversity and inclusion. This is to make it easier for newcomers and ethno-cultural communities to fully participate in all facets of life in Ontario.

Eligible projects can receive \$1,000 to \$8,000 each. Up to \$3 million is available this year. Organizations can apply for funding for one project.

Projects must address at least one of the following priorities:

- civic engagement – facilitate community engagement, social integration and volunteerism to promote inclusion for immigrant and ethno-cultural communities
- social connections – promote social connections and employment networking, including programs that reduce barriers and increase support for vulnerable groups
- education and empowerment – promote intercultural understanding and break down barriers to participation in community life and decision-making
- women’s empowerment – support empowerment by helping women of diverse cultural backgrounds to achieve their full social and economic potential
- capacity building and partnerships – build the capacity of immigrant and multicultural organizations, and promote collaboration between service providers, to better serve newcomer and ethno-cultural communities

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/multicultural-community-capacity-grant-program>

[Government of Ontario: Celebrate Ontario](#)

Deadline: November 9, 2017

Celebrate Ontario is an annual program that helps festivals and events enhance their programs, activities and services. This support helps grow tourism in the province by making it easier for event organizers to offer new and improved experiences that will attract more tourists and increase visitor spending.

Celebrate Ontario 2018 Single-Year Category

Supports New or Existing Tourism Events with programming enhancements and marketing campaigns that increase tourist visitation and spending, and lead to improved festival sustainability.

Celebrate Ontario 2018 Multi-Year (Two-Year) Category

Supports existing tourism events with programming enhancements and marketing campaigns that increase tourist visitation and spending, and lead to improved festival sustainability. Only existing large tourism events with cash operating expenses of at least \$1 million may apply for Multi-Year funding (for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20).

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/OSAPQA005>
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[TD Friends of the Environment Foundation](#)

Application Deadline: January 15, 2018

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

<https://fef.td.com/funding/>.

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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.

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

[Government of Canada: Events - Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program supports the socio-economic integration of individuals and communities and helps them to contribute to building an integrated, socially-cohesive society.

Inter-Action: Events component

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

- Intercultural/interfaith understanding
- Civic memory and pride
- Respect for core democratic values

To be eligible for funding, an event must:

- demonstrate involvement of more than one single cultural, religious or ethnic community and establish concrete opportunities for positive interaction among them;
- help foster intercultural understanding, civic memory and pride, and/or respect for core democratic values;
- be open to and intended for the general public; and
- have a total cash cost of up to \$100,000.

Approved applicants may receive up to 50 per cent of the total cash expenses of the event (to a maximum of \$25,000).

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

[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 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](#)

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

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.

<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>

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship 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/OSAPQA005140>

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>

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ICF Small Grants

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

[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 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 Youth Mental Health Project](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The RBC Youth Mental Health Project is our commitment to support programs that help youth and families access the right care at the right time. Through the Project, we have provided more than \$34 million to organizations dedicated to helping kids and families get the programs and resources they need.

<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>