

**THE ONTARIO
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OTF Mission

Building **healthy and vibrant communities** throughout Ontario by **strengthening the capacity** of the voluntary sector, through **investments** in community-based initiatives.





Program

- Province – Wide Grants
- Community Grants
- Future Fund
- One-year or multi-year grants of up to \$75,000 per year for up to five years
- One-time grants of up to \$150,000 for renovations/repairs, improvements to land or buildings, and equipment purchases that will take place during one year



Community Grants

- Approximately \$72 million available each year
- Dollars are divided on a per capita basis by 16 catchment areas
- Activities take place in one community or catchment area
- Applications are reviewed and recommended for funding by Grant Review Teams in each Catchment area





Province- Wide Grants

- Approximately \$18 million available per year
- Additional criteria must be met to qualify for PW funding
- Applications are reviewed and recommended for funding by a committee of our Board of Directors





What's Available?

\$1.8 Million for Northwestern
Catchment Area

Divided between 3 sub-catchment
areas:

- Kenora with approximately \$480,000
- Rainy River with approximately \$174,000
- Thunder Bay with approximately \$1.15 million





- **Eligible Sectors**
- Arts and Culture
- Human and Social Services
- Environment
- Sports and Recreation





Priorities

The Foundation will place priority on supporting organizations that work in the following areas to help Ontarians achieve their potential:

- **Enhanced success for students and learners**
- **Healthier and more physically active Ontarians**





Priorities

- **Enhanced employment and economic potential for workers and their families**
- **More effective volunteers and more people engaged in their communities,**





Grant Review Process

Applications must meet certain requirements:

- eligibility of applicant
- eligibility of initiative
- address an OTF granting priority
- meet most assessment criteria





Assessment Criteria

The applicant organization must demonstrate that it has:

- Relevant mandate, proven track record, good operating systems
- Elected volunteer Board representative of diversity of community and accountable to it
- The ability to carry out the activity and achieve the desired results
- The capacity to respond to community needs and activities
- History of partnering with other organizations
- Capacity to manage the funds requested





Assessment Criteria

The proposal must demonstrate:

- Clear benefits to the community
- Community support in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, volunteers
- Involvement of multiple partners
- Significant Need and OTF is appropriate funder
- No duplication with existing activities of others
- Sustainability or lasting impact
- Inclusiveness/accessibility to all people for whom the work is intended





Eligibility Who We Will Fund

- A registered charity
- An incorporated not-for-profit organization
- A branch or chapter of a charitable or not-for-profit organization
- A First Nation
- Métis or other Aboriginal community group
- A collaborative of organizations that has at least one eligible member
- Municipalities (Libraries) with populations under 20,000





Not Eligible Who We Will Not Fund

- Individuals
- Organizations whose purpose is related to political activity
- For-profit organizations
- Municipalities/Libraries with populations over 20,000, universities/colleges, schools, hospitals and their agencies*
- Agencies of provincial or federal governments*
- Private foundations*
- *Unless they are part of a community collaborative that involves at least one eligible organization and has a clear benefit to the community





Not Eligible

What We Will Not Fund

- Budget deficits
- Religious activities
- Political and/or advocacy activities, such as partisan activities or activities that promote a biased viewpoint or a political position on issues of public concern
- Activities that could be deemed discriminatory, as defined by the Ontario Human Rights Code
- Dollar-for-dollar replacement of government funding





Not Eligible (cont'd)

- Medical research or medical equipment
- New construction (including renovations which add to an existing building) unless its primary purpose is to increase access
- The dismantling, moving and reassembly of buildings or the purchase of land or buildings
- Activities completed or costs incurred before the approval of the request to the Foundation
- Programs or services outside Ontario





Grant Review Team

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Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre

\$100,000 over two years to increase volunteerism, community partnerships and financial support for the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter, which provides programs and services for Sioux Lookout and the surrounding northern communities.





Youth Opportunity Centre c/o Moose Cree First Nation

\$366,300 over four years to provide entrepreneurship training and mentoring to First Nations youth in Northern Ontario who will overcome barriers to employment by developing their own businesses.

Future Fund Project





Valley Adult Learning Association

\$31,700 over two years to develop and deliver eight workshops to improve communication skills in the workplace. The workshops will be offered to workers and employers in the northwestern region.





Chapleau Education and Training Coalition Inc.

\$103,000 over three years to assist with the operation of an innovation centre in the Chapleau area. It will provide access to job-related training, career counselling, job-search support and entrepreneurship opportunities for residents.





Simplified Application Process

OTF has a simplified application process for small capital grants of \$15,000 and under

- Eligible organizations can apply for **capital funds only**, up to a maximum of **\$15,000**
- Capital funds are used for repairs, renovations or improvements to land or buildings and to purchase equipment to support program activities
- Deadlines and timelines are the same as the standard application process



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Three Key Points to Remember:





1. Call your Program Manager

Before you do anything – call to ensure your organization is eligible; your project is eligible; whether there is remaining funding in your area; whether there are local priorities

We fund capital - renovation and equipment; projects and operating but are not a core funder – we fund renovation but not new construction

We have a number of programs – Community Grants, Province Wide, Future Fund

So Call, Call, Call!





2. Call your Program Manager

To determine the priority you best fit into. In addition to funding in 4 sectors, we have 4 priorities for funding:

- Enhanced Success for Students and Learners;
- Healthier and More Physically Active Ontarians;
- Enhanced Employment and Economic Potential for Workers and their Families;
- More Effective Volunteers and more People Engaged in their Communities





3. Call your Program Manager

- To ask questions and clarify which forms to use - Questions regarding the forms and required attachments
- Check on Application Assessment Criteria
- 3 deadlines – March 1, July 1, Nov 1 – turnaround time is 4mths
- We now have Electronic Service Delivery – applications are filled out and submitted on-line – no requirement to make 4 copies of everything – just click the “submit” button. Of course you can submit paper copies if you prefer.



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