

Brant Community Foundation - Grant Application Overview 2023

The Brant Community Foundation invites applications for funding from charities in Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The Foundation is a 360-degree grantor and makes grants to benefit a wide variety of causes. These include community development, education, health and social services, arts, culture, heritage, environment, food and housing security, recreation, and more. We provide grants that support local initiatives and develop special opportunities.

CONDITIONS

- **Applicants must be registered charities or non-qualified donees sponsored by a registered charity in good standing with the CRA.**
- In the case of a non-qualified donee partnership with a registered charity, a Partnership Agreement signed by both parties must be submitted as part of the electronic application.
- Only one application will be accepted per registered charitable number. A registered charity sponsoring a non-qualified donee waives the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Brant Community Foundation in this round.
- Projects must have a well-defined purpose and cover a specific time period.
- The applicant organization's Board of Directors must be based in the City of Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations of the Grand River, or the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation.
- This application and all information received will form part of the Foundation's official records of the BCF which may be subject to review by the public. No information supplied can be considered confidential and the applicant expressly consents to release of information by the BCF regarding applications received, decisions made and other matters relating to the granting process. The BCF has a privacy policy in place and is available to applicants upon request.

GUIDELINES

- The Foundation's application consists of an electronic application.
- **Maximum Grant Request: \$12,500**
- **The application consists of the completed application form, the organization's most recent financial statements, annual budget, and project budget.**
- **The applicant must also submit a copy of the organizations by-laws the first time they apply to the Foundation.** These will be kept on file and there is no need to file with each subsequent application unless the by-laws have changed.
- Grants are open to organizations serving any of the following geographic areas: Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
- Priority will be given to grants that strengthen and enhance the communities served by the Brant Community Foundation.
- **Generally, grants will not be given:**
 - capital campaigns
 - to cover operating deficits or retire debts
 - to provide or add to endowment funds
 - for sectarian, religious, or political purposes
 - sponsorship of events
 - exchange programs
 - purchase of land and/or buildings
 - travel and conferences
 - for research purposes
 - to individuals
 - any expenses incurred prior to the Brant Community Foundation's decision date
 - to more than one organization per charitable registration number
- Approval of a grant in one year does not commit the Foundation to future funding.

- Some grants may be given for the start-up phase of long-term projects which will fill a recognized need in a unique way. Proposals should include a realistic plan for viability beyond the plot stage, and provision for an evaluation.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Please complete the grant application form and ensure that copies of all required documents are submitted. Incomplete and un-submitted applications will not be accepted.
- **Applications must be received by October 20th at 4:00 p.m. The portal will not accept applications after this time.**
- Grant decisions will be made by December 31, 2023.
- Upon awarding of a grant, applicants are required to sign a grant agreement, and supply electronic funds transfer information prior to grant payments being made.
- Grant recipients will be required to file a grant report with the Brant Community Foundation at the conclusion of the grant period. Information contained in these reports may be used by the BCF for publicity purposes.
- Grant reports must be filed within the specified time, and organizations are not able to request a grant in a future granting period unless this has been completed.
- All decisions by the Board of Directors are final and not subject to review.