



**Community Foundation of Mississauga
Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund
2018 Information for Grant Seekers**

Funding Streams

Grants will be awarded to organizations providing projects/activities in the following areas:

- Children and Youth

Guiding Principles

Applications will be evaluated in part based on their ability to demonstrate a commitment to the following principles:

- **Impact:**
Charitable impact deals specifically with outcomes as opposed to outputs. An output is the amount of something that is produced, for example: # of meals served, or # of individuals reached. An outcome is the way something turns out – the consequences of an action. It is the change that occurred **because** of a program. Outcomes are about quality of life and substantial change for individuals and tend to be things that are more long-term and permanent. For example, rather than talking about the number of graduates from training program a grantee should discuss how many of those graduates are expected to find work and how many have found work in the past.
- **Effectiveness:**
This criteria is concerned with evidence from the charities that they are implementing programs informed by research and, ideally, have proven to be successful in the past. If this is the first time the program is being implemented, the charity should demonstrate that the method they are proposing is effective and can produce the intended result. Additionally, the Foundation is seeking evidence that program or project is cost-effective in that it is producing results or impact in a way that is no more expensive than its peers. Finally, we are looking for programs that are measurable and attached to the organization's mission.
- **Innovation**
Innovation is simply defined as the introduction of something new: a new idea, method or device. Innovation can refer to something new or to a change made to an existing product, idea or field.

For our purposes innovation should be understood as a grantee's attempt to add something new into the way they are addressing an issue. It could also refer to the ways the program or project has historically innovated in order to achieve better outcomes. Innovation could also refer to undertaking new forms of research, study, or data collection in measuring a program for its outcomes or merits
- **Accountability**
Is concerned with whether or not a charity follows good governance, ethical business practices and communicates with donors, volunteers and stakeholders. Essentially, the Foundation is looking for evidence that the grantee has an independent, volunteer board of directors; audited financials or their equivalent; and is in good standing with the CRA. The Foundation is also looking for evidence of plans or strategies to share success or failure with donors and other stakeholders, the Foundation also places value on strategies and opportunities to share knowledge with peers and the community.



- **Efficiency**

Project or program efficiency is about how much of the funding being requested is used to deliver mission related outcomes versus how much is being used to cover the overhead and administrative costs of the program/project.

The Community Foundation of Mississauga is proud to be a 360 degree funder of programs and projects; this means that we are able and happy to provide funding to advance the administrative costs for projects. However, the Foundation is still responsible for ensuring that funding is utilized in places where it is able to have the most impact.

Ineligible Projects

In general, the Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga will **not** provide funding for the following:

- Deficit reduction
- Fundraising events or campaigns and salaries in support of them
- Political or religious activities
- Individuals
- Sponsorships
- Scholarships or bursaries (excepting those where the scholarship/bursary selection criteria is provided with the grant application, the anticipated learning experience is consistent with the objectives of the Fund and the scholarship/bursary will be awarded in the Fund name as directed by the Foundation)
- On-going operating expenses
- Retroactive funding for any project expenses to be incurred prior to the Foundation's decision date
- Debt retirement or reserves, mortgage pay-downs
- Programs and services delivered outside of Mississauga

Grant Amounts

The Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga will make grants up to \$3,000 in 2018. The amount requested should be proportionate to your organization's capacity as demonstrated by your operating budget and audited financial statements.

Application and Deadlines

Organizations can obtain an application for the Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga web site www.CFofM.org. The deadline for all applications to be received is March 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Applications received after this date will not be considered for this grant cycle.

Submitting an application

Please submit your application via email to grants@CFofM.org. Please send only the requested attachments in an electronic format along with this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions

If you have additional questions regarding grants from the Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund, please contact Amir Majid at the Community Foundation of Mississauga at 905-897-8880.