



My organization supports community. Can Calgary Foundation help?

In order to access funding from the Calgary Foundation, your organization needs to be a registered charity **OR** apply in partnership with a registered charity ([check out this guide to partnering](#)).

If you are **NOT** a registered charity, review our [Stepping Stones](#) program eligibility.

Your initiative must take place in Calgary, surrounding municipalities, or First Nations communities in Treaty 7.

Calgary Foundation does not accept applications for conferences, fundraising, academic research, or religious services.

Grant processing times vary, depending on the grant size. Smaller grants typically require a minimum of one month lead time, while larger grants take longer.



Check if your organization is a 'qualified donee' on the [Canada Revenue Agency website](#).



Check our [Grant Search page](#) for projects similar to yours that we have previously funded.



Talk to staff about your funding needs, and the options if you are not a charity. [Book a conversation here](#).

CALGARY FOUNDATION GRANTING TOOLKIT

Use this toolkit to help guide your organization toward beneficial partnerships and funding opportunities.



Which grant program is right for us?

Calgary Foundation funds a wide breadth of work. Community issues are interconnected, so we attempt to reach all areas of our community.

We have grants for programming, strengthening organizational capacity, engaging grassroots communities, supporting sports/recreation, as well funding for large-scale projects.

Organizations can have only one active application in each granting stream, except for considerations for equity-focused partnership applications.



Take our [Granting Stream quiz](#)



Review the [Grants Overview](#)



[Book a meeting with a Grants Team member to discuss the right grant for your organization.](#)



We're ready to work on our application...

Calgary Foundation accepts written, video or oral applications.

Each grant program has its own focus, and application questions support staff and volunteers in understanding the following:

- Why the work is important to your organization and the communities you serve.
- If your organization's plan is strong, and likely to bring about the outcomes your organization hopes to achieve.
- How your organization fits into the community of programs offered by other local organizations. What else exists? Do you provide an important alternative?
- Whether the budget figures are reasonable.



Read program guidelines carefully. [FAQs](#)



Create a profile on our [Grant Portal](#) . Make sure any outstanding prior reports are completed.



Draft an application, then ask staff to review and provide feedback.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Calgary Foundation provides learning opportunities related to Reconciliation and equity for all staff and volunteers throughout the year. All staff include equity-related goals in their performance plans.
- Calgary Foundation asks for a final report that is focused on what you learned, so we can learn too.
- All Calgary Foundation funds have been donated by generous individuals. We are not connected to any level of government.
- Community volunteers make grant recommendations for all our application-based funding. Apply to become a Calgary Foundation volunteer [here](#).
- Donor Funds make up the majority of grants the Calgary Foundation makes to community. Connect with us to establish a Donor Advised Fund and become a Calgary Foundation Fundholder.
- Calgary Foundation provides support beyond grantmaking: making Impact Investments (loans), hosting charities' endowed funds, and facilitating a learning cohort called [Thriving Non-Profits](#).
- We offer a wide range of scholarships and student awards. Check them out [here](#).

CONTACT US

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How can we build a relationship with Calgary Foundation?



To ensure we always have an opportunity to meet new groups and support emerging work, Calgary Foundation does not fund any organization on an ongoing basis.

We review all applications using the same criteria, regardless of whether a group is known to us or not. We consider equity in all decision making.

Although we aren't an ongoing funder for any organization, we deeply value relationships and work to be responsive to you. We encourage you to connect with staff and access our other resources at any time.



Add your email to our contact lists



Attend a Changemaker Conversation



Read the latest issue of spur magazine



Meet us in person at Vital City - our annual event to connect the community - every October

Join the Community Knowledge Centre



Calgary Foundation's [Community Knowledge Centre \(CKC\)](#) website is a place to learn about registered charities and nonprofits. As a CKC member, you'll have the opportunity to showcase your current needs and upcoming projects, while highlighting how your organization addresses the pressing issues in our community.

In addition to showcasing your organization, you have access to the Members' Corner, which offers a virtual learning channel, library with hundreds of resources, and forums to connect with other members.



Create a Community Knowledge Centre profile (charities and non-profits)



Watch for CKC Members' Only benefits (like subsidized workshops and events)



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