



2017 Mini-Grant Funding Program: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Centre Wellington Community Foundation?

The Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) is a public, charitable foundation created for and by the people of Centre Wellington. Our mission is to strengthen the Centre Wellington community by helping donors to achieve their giving goals, and by helping local non-profit organizations find resources to support their important work.

2. What is the mini-grant funding program?

The mini-grant funding program is aimed at providing small grants (maximum of \$1,000) to charitable organizations in Centre Wellington to support their programs and to help them achieve their goals. In honour of Canada's 150th anniversary we will have a **second type of mini grant** available in 2017 called Canada 150 Mini Grants which could provide up to a maximum of \$2,000. The difference from a regular mini grant is the applicants must match the amount granted with either cash or in kind. Contact us for more details. You can get more details on [Canada 150 Mini Grant FAQ!](#)

3. Who can apply for a mini-grant?

Organizations within the Township of Centre Wellington who are doing work to support the health, well-being, and sustainability of citizens and/or the environment can apply for a mini-grant. All mini-grant applicants must either be a registered charity or partner with another organization that does have registered charitable status. Another option for organizations that are not registered charities is to apply for a mini-grant in collaboration with the Township of Centre Wellington. If you think your project might be a good fit to apply in collaboration with the Township, **please contact us first** and we will discuss your idea and put you in touch with the contact person at the Township. Click here for the [CWCF 2017 Mini Grant Application Package](#).

4. What kind of projects will you be willing to fund?

Mini-Grants for 2017 should support projects that better our community in the following areas covered in the [2015 Centre Wellington Vital Signs Report](#):

- q ***The gap between Rich and Poor***
- q ***Belonging and Leadership***
- q ***Arts & Culture***

Additional criteria regarding the types of projects that we fund and what we do not fund are included in the mini-grant application form.

5. When is the deadline?

The mini-grants application program opens on **April 15, 2017**
The deadline for submitting applications is **May 15, 2017**.

6. When will we find out if our application was successful?

Decisions about the grants will be made in June 2017. Public announcements about the grants will be made at our Annual General Meeting in early June.

7. Will we have to report on how we used the funds?

Yes, as part of being accountable to our donors, we will require a short report (text and pictures) on how your organization used the grant and how the grant supported your organization's goals. Details on reporting will be discussed with successful applicants.

8. If our application is successful, do we have to acknowledge the funding source on our project and project-related materials?

Yes, we will provide you with an electronic version of our logo to use on your project and related materials. By raising awareness about the Foundation through the creative and meaningful projects supported by the mini-grants, we can build a stronger foundation that can in turn, help to build a stronger community. The guidelines are covered under [Grant Recognition](#).

9. Our organization has received a mini-grant before; can we apply for another one in 2017?

Yes, we would be happy to hear from you again, however, preference may be given to new applicants to the program. Each mini-grant application we receive will be reviewed in terms of how well the project meets the overall objectives of the CWCF granting program.

10. Can I talk to someone about my idea and my application?

Absolutely! In fact, we encourage you to contact us about your idea prior to submitting your final grant application. You can either send an e-mail to minigrants@cwcfoundation.ca or call our number at 1-888-713-4083 (please leave a message and a board member will return your call as soon as possible).

You are invited to attend an open information session co-hosted by the Township of Centre Wellington and CWCF. The session will occur on **Thursday April 6th, 2017 at 7:00-8:00 PM at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex boardroom.**

**Thank you for your interest in the mini-grant program!
We look forward to hearing from you!**