



CWCF Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Centre Wellington Community Foundation?

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 achieve their giving goals and assisting local Registered Charities and non-profit organizations partnering with registered Charities to find resources to support their important work. CWCF provides community leadership and partnership building.

2. What are Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund Grants?

CWCF Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund Grants are aimed at providing grants up to a maximum of \$8,000 in 2023 to registered charitable organizations to support projects that will have a positive impact within the former Village of Elora boundaries.

3. Who can apply for Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund Grants?

Organizations with a project impacting the former Village of Elora area can apply for a grant. All grant applicants must either be a registered charity or partner with a registered charity organization. If you are unsure who to partner with, please contact us to discuss.

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

Grants should support projects that better the former Village of Elora. CWCF produced its [Centre Wellington Vital Signs](#) report in October 2019 to identify potential areas that will guide our funding decisions.

Projects should support any of the following:

- Belonging & Leadership
- Housing
- Health, Wellbeing and Food Security
- Arts & Culture
- The gap between Rich & Poor
- Environment

Applications will NOT be considered:

- To support ongoing operating costs, including wages and salaries
- In response to fundraising campaigns
- To cover deficits
- To retire debts
- To increase endowment funds
- To fund activities that serve primarily the membership or purposes of religious or political organizations
- To individuals

- To organizations that have not completed the terms of any previous grant(s) or have not submitted reports due for those previous grants. (Contact us if this is the case.)

5. Important Dates:

- The grant application program opens on **November 1, 2023**.
- [Virtual Public Information session](#), **November 6, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**.
- The deadline for submitting applications is **November 30, 2023, 5:00 PM**.
- All projects must be completed by **December 1, 2024**.
- Reports are due eight weeks after project completion.

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

Decisions about the grants will be announced approximately three weeks after closing. All applicants will be contacted at that time.

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

Yes, as part of being accountable to our donors and to help promote what you and we do, we will require a short (1-2 page) report on how your organization used the grant and how the grant supported your organization's goals. If you have them, include images, links to social media stories, and quotes from your organization or participants. Please make sure you have approval for images and quotes, as we may use them in our communications and marketing.

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

You can download an electronic version of our logo to use on your project and related materials. The guidelines and logo are covered under our website's [Grant Recognition & Reports page](#).

9. Our organization has received a CWCF Grant from a different program in the past year. Can we apply for another one in 2023?

Yes, absolutely.

10. Can we apply for more than one grant?

Yes, you can. Each application must be for a different project.

11. If I have a need outside of the granting period, do I have to wait until the next deadline to apply?

This is dependent on the time frame needed, so please email grants@cwcfoundation.ca or call us at 1-888-713-4083 to discuss your situation.

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

Absolutely! If you are unsure or have questions, we encourage you to contact us about your idea before starting to work on the grant application. You can either send an email to grants@cwcfoundation.ca or call our number at 1-888-713-4083 (please leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible).

You are invited to attend a public information session. The virtual session will occur on **November 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM**. Sign up [HERE](#). Sign up to follow our [e-newsletter](#) for more details.

**Thank you for your interest in CWCF granting program
We look forward to hearing from you!**