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Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund Grants

Frequently Asked Questions | Applications close October 9, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

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 community by helping donors achieve their giving goals, connecting registered charities and eligible not-for-profit organizations with resources, and providing community leadership and partnership building.

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

Jack R. MacDonald, a successful Seattle businessman with family connections to Elora, donated to the community over many years. Through his estate, he established a fund to benefit the former Village of Elora. Today, the Fund supports projects by registered charities and eligible not-for-profit organizations that will have a positive impact within the former Village of Elora boundaries.

3. Who can apply?

Registered charities may apply. Not-for-profit organizations may also apply when partnered with a registered charity. In all cases, the proposed project must benefit the former Village of Elora. If you are unsure about eligibility or need help identifying a charitable partner, please contact us before applying.

4. What kinds of projects are eligible for funding?

The Fund supports projects that benefit the former Village of Elora in the following areas, informed by CWCF's Centre Wellington Vital Signs work:

- Belonging and Leadership
- Housing
- Health, Wellbeing and Food Security
- Arts and Culture
- Narrowing the Gap Between Rich and Poor
- Environment

Applications will not be considered for:

- Ongoing operating costs, including wages and salaries
- Fundraising campaigns
- Covering deficits
- Retiring debts
- Increasing endowment funds
- Activities that primarily serve the membership or purposes of religious or political organizations
- Grants to individuals

5. What are the important dates?

- Applications open: September 21, 2026
- Application deadline: October 9, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
- Project completion deadline: December 31, 2027

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

Decisions will be announced within four weeks after the application deadline. All applicants will be contacted.

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

Yes. Please email a brief summary of no more than 250 words to the Executive Director within eight weeks of completing your project. If available, include photographs, links to social media stories, and quotes from your organization or participants. Please ensure that you have permission to share any photographs or quotes, as CWCF may use them in its communications and marketing.

8. How should we acknowledge the funding?

Successful applicants can download an electronic version of the CWCF logo for use on project-related materials. Recognition guidelines and the logo are available on our website's Grant Recognition and Reports page.

9. Our organization received a CWCF grant through another program in the past year. Can we apply in 2026?

Yes.

10. Can we submit more than one application?

Yes. Each application must be for a different project.

11. What if our project timing does not fit the current granting period?

Please contact us at grants@cwcfoundation.ca or 1-888-713-4083 to discuss your circumstances and learn about future granting opportunities.

12. Can we talk to someone about our idea or application?

Absolutely. If you are unsure about eligibility, your project idea, or the application process, please contact us before applying at grants@cwcfoundation.ca or 1-888-713-4083.

Thank you for your interest in the Jack R. MacDonald Community Fund. We look forward to hearing from you!