

GIVEOakville 2020 Granting Guidelines

ABOUT GIVEOAKVILLE

The Oakville Community Foundation (The Foundation) provides grants to charitable organizations to support a broad range of charitable activities including, but not limited to: arts and culture, environment, health and well-being, heritage, and social services.

Introduced in 2018, GIVEOakville is The Foundation's online community granting program. Following an open call to charitable organizations, successful grant applications are available online in the Fall for viewing and funding by both Foundation Fundholders and the public-at-large. The Foundation covers all credit card fees so 100% of the donation goes to the charitable organization.

In 2019, over \$315,000 was distributed to local charities with more than \$70,000 in Foundation matched funding. For 2020, the Foundation is allocating a maximum of \$250,000 from the Oakville Resiliency Fund for matching grants from its Fundholders and the public.

THE OAKVILLE RESILIENCY FUND

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the charitable sector has seen many changes to their everyday operations including increased service demand, physical distancing requirements, mandatory closures, event cancellation, and remote and virtual service provision. Recognizing the impact of these changes, i.e. financial losses, layoffs, increased demands for services, The Foundation immediately created the Oakville Resiliency Fund (ORF). At the onset of the pandemic, grants from the ORF went to support our Community Heroes, front-line organizations that continued to operate during the State of Emergency with a focus on food, shelter, health and vulnerable populations. No grant application was necessary to receive this funding.

With the Province reopening and the State of Emergency lifted, the focus of the ORF has now shifted to the recovery of our local charitable sector.



WHAT'S DIFFERENT FOR GIVEOAKVILLE 2020

- Only applications from Halton based registered charities who directly support and serve Oakville or its residents will be accepted.
- Only charities who have previously received grants from The Foundation are eligible to apply.
- Charities have a choice to make a project-specific application or apply for operational support toward their mission.

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be qualified donees as defined under the Income Tax Act and registered and in good standing with Canada Revenue Agency
- Applicants must be Halton based charitable organizations who directly support and serve Oakville or its residents.
- Applicants must confirm adherence to the Human Rights Code (accessible through the application portal).
- Applicants must be previous grant recipients of The Foundation.
- Applications with an Indigenous focus must adhere to the Indigenous granting policy directions set out below.
- Applications may be project-specific or for operational support in achieving the mission of the charitable organization.

What is NOT Eligible:

- Grantmaking organizations and private foundations.
- Charitable organizations outside of Halton even if the activities provided direct support and serve Oakville or its residents.
- Annual fundraising campaigns.
- Research papers or grant applications to other organizations.
- Endowment fund building
- For sectarian, religious* or political purposes
(*faith-based organizations seeking to extend the use of their premises for community-based outreach projects may apply for funds on their behalf – funds will not be granted for programs or equipment for purposes deemed to be the responsibility of the congregation)



PROJECTS WITH INDIGENOUS COMPONENT

Projects with an Indigenous focus or impact that contain Indigenous content will only be considered if developed with an Indigenous community, led by knowledge keepers or formally approved by the Indigenous community. Applications must be Indigenous guided if they have one or more of the following: an Indigenous focus; Indigenous content (including education of the broader community); impacts or benefits to Indigenous peoples or communities; and/or addressing Indigenous causes. The Foundation will invite members of the Indigenous community to review projects to determine their acceptability, cultural relevance and use of Indigenous guidance.

GRANT REQUEST AND BUDGET

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Grant Request

The Foundation will accept eligible grant requests up to a maximum of **\$25,000**. There is no minimum requirement. Requests, where all of the funding will be used for operational costs, will be accepted.

Budget

A budget is required for either a project focused application or if seeking support for operational costs.

Grant Period

Projects must begin no earlier than January 2021 and be completed by December 2021.

Timing of Process

Applications Open: August 4, 2020 @ 12:01 a.m.
Deadline for Applications: August 31, 2020 @ 11:59 p.m.
Funding Period: October - December 2020



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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My organization is located outside of Oakville, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, however, your organization must be within Halton Region and you must demonstrate that funding will only be used for activities that directly support and serve Oakville or its residents.

Does my application need to be project-specific?

No. This year, organizations can choose to either submit a project related application or a request for general support of your organization's operating costs.

My organization previously received funding through the Oakville Resiliency Fund, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes. The Oakville Resiliency Fund was established to support charitable organizations during the State of Emergency as well as to help with the sector's recovery.

My organization is applying to the Charity-Small Business Partnership Program, can I still apply?

Yes. However, applications to the Charity-Small Business Partnership Program must meet the specific eligibility requirements for that granting program.

My organization received funding through other granting programs (e.g. Federal Government's Emergency Community Support Fund), am I still eligible to apply?

Yes. The focus of this granting program is to assist with the recovery of our local charitable sector.

Can my organization submit more than one grant application to GIVEOakville?

No. Only one application per organization will be permitted. If a charity participates in a collaborative grant it will be considered their one and only eligible application.

Do you accept collaborative grant applications?

Yes, collaborative grant applications are welcomed. Non-profit organizations may participate in a collaborative grant, but the lead organization submitting the application must be a CRA approved Halton charity.



How do I submit my application?

All applications must be filled out and any required attachments uploaded through the online portal. The link to this portal will be provided on August 4th. The application will not be submitted if the required fields are not completed.

I am applying for the first time to GIVEOakville, how do I register?

Once in the portal, click on “Create New Account” to complete the registration process and create your login. Be sure to keep this login information for your organization’s records as you will need it for the future.

How will the matched funding work?

The Foundation will conduct specific Match days during the campaign. When a dollar for dollar match is exceeded i.e. more donations are made than funding available, the match will be allocated on a proportional basis.

I applied to GIVEOakville last year, what do I need to do?

Once you have registered your charity, it will remain in the system forever. If you have already registered, but have forgotten your password, you can click “Forgot Your Password” and follow the instructions.

How will I know if my application is eligible for potential funding?

Applicants will receive an “accept” or “reject” letter via email before your grant request is posted online for viewing and funding.

What else should I know about the portal?

The login will always be an email address so it is best to make it a general organization mailbox address. The password is unique to the organization as well, so The Foundation will not be privy to what you choose.

I have more questions about the portal, who can I contact?

If you have a question about logging onto the portal or any other technical questions about the online process, contact Michelle Collins, Fundholder and Community Engagement Administrator at michelle@theo.cf.org.

I have more questions about the granting process, who can I contact?

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