

GIVEOakville

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 2020, over \$760,000 was distributed to local charities through GIVEOakville with \$250,000 in Foundation matched funding.

WHAT'S NEW FOR GIVEOakville 2021

The Foundation has prioritized SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities and made it a Business Plan priority to reduce inequities in our operations and our community. As a community foundation, we believe that it is important to be representative of our community and at the same time meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to ensure that "no one is left behind". The goal of creating a community where everyone belongs and "no one is left behind" is broad and ambitious and The Foundation believes the charitable sector is just the sector to make it happen.

To that end, The Foundation's granting guidelines state that projects with Indigenous and equity-deserving communities must be done "with them and not for them". Equity-deserving communities is a term used by The Foundation to describe groups which are marginalized by societal structures. These communities often experience social and financial disadvantages as a result of systems of oppression, including but not limited to racism, sexism, and ableism. Examples of equity-deserving communities include: Indigenous people; ethnic or linguistic minorities; sexual and gender minorities; and people with mental illness or physical or intellectual disabilities. This list is not exhaustive and is always evolving.

In early Fall, The Foundation will be releasing an online educational program to support charities working with equity-deserving groups and diversity, equity and inclusion training.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Only applications from Halton based registered charities who directly support and serve Oakville or its residents will be accepted.
- Charities have a choice to make a project-specific application or apply for operational support toward their mission.
- You will be asked to adhere to any diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives identified by The Foundation

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).
- Applications must adhere to any diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives identified by The Foundation.
- Applications with Indigenous or Equity-Deserving Community content, focus or impact must adhere to the 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 OR EQUITY- DESERVING COMMUNITY CONTENT, FOCUS OR IMPACT

Projects with Indigenous and equity-deserving communities must be done “with them and not for them”. In recognition of self-determination for Indigenous and Equity-deserving communities and in the spirit of Reconciliation, applications must be Indigenous or Equity-Deserving Community guided if they have one or more of the following:

- Indigenous or equity-deserving community focus
- Indigenous or equity-deserving community content (including education of the broader community)
- Impacts or benefits Indigenous or equity-deserving communities
- Addresses Indigenous or equity-deserving community causes

Applications without direct Indigenous or equity-deserving community guidance and support will not meet The Foundation’s commitment to SDG #10 - Reduced Inequalities. Indigenous and equity-deserving community guidance must be demonstrated in the development of the application. An applicant cannot suggest that they will seek Indigenous guidance or equity-deserving community guidance after the project approval.

A project or program must be guided by the Indigenous or equity-deserving community and should include one or more of the following:

- Developed in conjunction with an Indigenous or equity-deserving community with formal protocols;
- For Indigenous community programming - led by knowledge keepers, to ensure culturally relevant programming informed by those with lived experience/or;
- Formally approved and sanctioned by the Indigenous or equity-deserving community it is to benefit.

One of these three conditions must be met to ensure that the project/program benefits are culturally appropriate, acceptable, support self-determination and achieve long term success.

Grant applications which have Indigenous or equity-deserving community content, focus or impact will be reviewed by members of that community with lived-experience for guidance, cultural relevance and acceptability.



GRANT REQUEST AND BUDGET

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 2022 and be completed by December 2022.

Timing of Process

Applications Open: August 17, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
Deadline for Applications: September 10, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.
Crowd Funding Period: November - December 2021
Grant Distribution to Successful Applicants: By year-end 2021



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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. 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 other Oakville Community Foundation initiatives, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes.

My organization received funding through other granting programs (e.g. Federal Government programs), 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 17th, 5:00 pm. 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.

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.

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@theoconf.org.

I am having trouble uploading photos, my organization’s logo and/or video through the portal, who can I contact?

Any questions related to photos, logos and or video can be directed to communications@theoconf.org.

What happens once my application is submitted?

Once an application is submitted, The Foundation will undertake its due diligence to ensure that it meets the necessary eligibility requirements.

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 included in the GIVEOakville Guide for viewing and funding.

What is the GIVEOakville Guide?

The GIVEOakville Guide is a resource The Foundation creates where the successful applicants and their work in the community are showcased in both hard and electronic copy. The electronic version will be accessible via The Foundation’s website.



Who can support the organizations listed in the **GIVEOakville** Guide?

GIVEOakville is open to Foundation Fundholders and the general public as an online crowdfunding platform.

How will the matched Foundation funding work?

Match dollars are only applied to organizations/projects that have received support through the campaign. No grant will exceed the funding amount requested by your organization.

How will I know if my organization will receive funding?

Throughout the **GIVEOakville** campaign, the funds raised will be visible in live time on The Foundation's [website](#).

How will my organization receive the **GIVEOakville** grant if successful?

The Foundation has moved to distributing grants via electronic funds transfer (EFT) as long as all the necessary financial information has been provided.

What does **Projects with Indigenous and equity-deserving communities must be done “with them and not for them”** mean.

As a Foundation we want to make sure that when a charity grant is made that the recipients can maximize the benefit because it meets their needs. Our objective is to ensure that programs and services are not developed or imposed without the support of the people they are intended for.

How will The Foundation adjudicate projects with Indigenous and equity-deserving communities?

The Foundation has prioritized SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities and made it a Business Plan priority to reduce inequities in our operations and our community. We have committed that in any adjudicated award, the reviewers will include members of that same community. “Nothing about us without us” is central to our view to ensure that there is representation in our funding decisions.

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

If you have questions about the granting process, [contact grants@theocf.org](mailto:grants@theocf.org).

