



GRANT INFORMATION SESSION 2026

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Agenda

- About - The Foundation
- New Mississauga Vital Signs Report and its role in Granting
- Grant Catalogue of Community Needs - February 2026
- What's New for 2026?
- Grant Writing Tips
- FAQ's
- Q&A

*Please note : All microphones will be on mute and videos turned off. Please raise any questions in the Q&A section.

About Mississauga Foundation

Harnessing Generosity to Drive Transformational Change

National Scope

The Mississauga Foundation is part of a national network of 200+ Community Foundations across Canada.

Local Knowledge

We work with municipal and regional governments, local leaders, as well as grassroots charitable organizations to develop a keen understanding of the city we serve.

Local Impact

Since our inception in 2001 we have granted over \$27,000,000 to charities in Mississauga.



Types of Funds

- **Donor Advised:** Each year, the donor consults with the Foundation to determine the charities to grant to.
- **Donor Designated:** Donors identify a specific charity to be the perpetual recipient of granting from their fund.
- **Charity Endowed Fund:** Registered Charities create a fund that generates a perpetual grant of unrestricted funds.

We're matching
Donations up to
\$5,000, when you
establish a **Charity
Endowed Fund** with
us.

When you establish a Charity Endowed Fund at the Mississauga Foundation, your charity can leverage our investment and financial expertise.

For more information on how it works, read our [Charity Endowed Funds Explained](#) document.



Team Scholarship Program

How it Works



- A scholarship fund can be started with a small donation and a pledge to raise \$25,000 within five year.
- Donations are **NEVER SPENT**, they are **invested** and only a portion of the investment income is used to generate Scholarships each year.
- Your club picks students to receive a scholarship each year and informs the Foundation.
- The Foundation forwards scholarship funds directly to the Post-secondary institution to offset tuition fees for the selected student.

Scholarships



- Your Scholarship fund grants about 4.5% of its value each year to support a student athlete of your choice.
 - A \$25,000 fund generates a \$1,000 annual scholarship
 - A \$75,000 fund generates a \$3,000 annual scholarship
- Excess investment returns are retained and reinvested to grow your fund organically over time.
- Retained earnings can be used to pay for Scholarships in years when the market underperforms.



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\$5,000 for new
Team Scholarship
Program

Vital Signs and its role in our Granting

These are the categories you are going to identify within the application:

- Arts and Culture
- Belonging
- Community Engagement
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Economy
- Environment
- Health and Wellness
- Housing
- Learning
- Safety
- Sports and Recreation
- Standard of Living
- Transportation

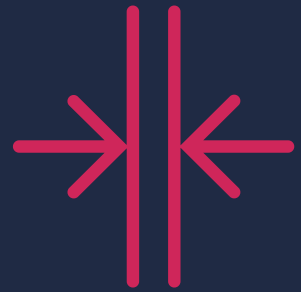
Read our full Vital Signs Report [here](#).



Grant Catalogue

- The **Mississauga Foundation Catalogue of Community Needs** allows charities to tell us what their needs are. We will then present these requests to our donor advised funders for consideration in their yearly charitable giving.
- These grants are **unrestricted**.
- A maximum of \$2,000 per application
- 1 application per charitable organization
- **Applications** will be accepted also in the month of **February 2026** and decisions made by **August 2026**

What are we looking for?



Alignment

Does the mission of the charitable organization align with the focus areas of the grant?



Efficiency

Is the project cost-efficient and can it be completed within 1 year?



Capacity

Does the organization have the time, resources and scope to develop the idea, collaborate and deliver the proposed outcomes?



Impact

Will the proposed project benefit the community?



Sustainable

Will your proposed project sustain beyond the granting period?



New and Important 2026 Updates

Eligibility



- Registered charity with a charitable registration number or Not for Profit with a Partnership Agreement with a Registered charity
 - **NEW**: Registered Not-for-Profits (Children's only)
 - Mississauga based and/or having an impact in Mississauga
 - Good standing with the CRA
 - Previous grant reporting obligations met
 - **NEW**: On-going operating expenses up to 5% of the requested grant amount
- Example: Costs for finance staff, payroll, cheques, bank fees, rent, reporting and ED's time, etc.

Ineligible Projects



- Those delivered outside Mississauga
- Fundraising or campaigning events
- Political or religious activities, Sponsorships, scholarships and/or bursaries
- On-going operating expenses in excess of 5% of requested grant amount
- Retroactive funding for any project expenses incurred prior to the Foundation's decision date
- **NEW:** Re-Granting
 - Example: Grants to the charity that will pay for parking tickets, pay overdue rent to families etc.
- Advocacy/Lobbying

Smart & Caring Children and Youth Fund

Grants will be awarded to both Registered Charities and Not-for-Profits delivering projects/activities in the following focus areas :

- Children and Youth (Ages 1-24)

NEW: Grants offered up to a maximum of \$5,000

*Priority will be given to those grant applicants with total revenues below \$1.5 million and less than \$500K in unrestricted reserves.



Pendle Fund

Grants will be awarded to Registered Charities (**and/or Not-for-Profits via partnerships only**) delivering projects/activities in the following focus areas :

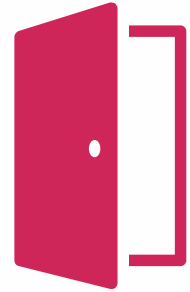
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Children and Youth
- Education
- Environment
- Indigenous
- Physical and Mental Health
- Social Services
- Sports and Recreation

Grants offered up to a maximum of \$30,000



2026 Grant Round Timeline (Pendle Grant + Smart and Caring Children & Youth Grant **ONLY**)

September 1 **2025**
@ 9:00am



Grant round
Opens

September 30
2025 @ 5:00pm



Grant round
Closes

April **2026**



Notice of approval
or decline

May **2026**

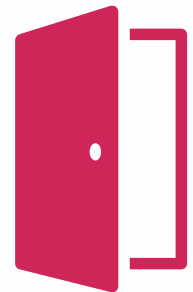


Payouts

Awarded Projects must be complete by June 1st 2027

2026 Grant Round Timeline (Hazel McCallion & Novo Nordisk Grants **ONLY**)

February 1 2026
@ 9:00am



Grant round +
Grant Catalogue
Opens

February 28 2026
@ 5:00pm



Grant round +
Grant Catalogue
closes

April 2026



Notice of approval
or decline

May 2026



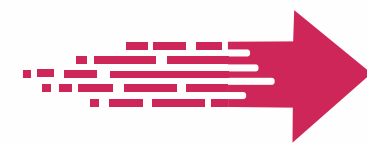
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FALL GRANT APPLICATION INTAKE						
2026 GRANTS	Annual Grant Application Intake		Start	End	Year	Projects must be completed by
	Children's and Pendle Grants	2026 Grant Information Session	25th August	25th August	2025	June 1st, 2027
		Application Intake	1st September	30th September		
		Decisions Announced/Agreements Sent	10th April	10th April	2026	
		Agreements Due	24th April	24th April		
		Payouts	1st May	-		
SPRING GRANT APPLICATION INTAKE						
2026 GRANTS	Annual Grant Application Intake		Start	End	Year	Projects must be completed by
	Novo Nordisk and Hazel McCallion Grants	Application Intake + Grant Catalogue	1st February	28th February	2026	June 1st, 2027
		Decisions Announced/Agreements Sent	10th April	10th April		
		Agreements Due	24th April	24th April		
		Payouts	1st May	-		
		Grant Catalogue Decisions	1st May	31st August		



Grant Writing Tips



Profile Page Reminders

When setting up accounts in the online system for the first time, charities should include their full CRA registration number including “RR” and reference number

E.g. 123456789RR0001

CRA# / BN#*

If you are a registered charity, please ensure your CRA# is entered in full, including the “RR” portion

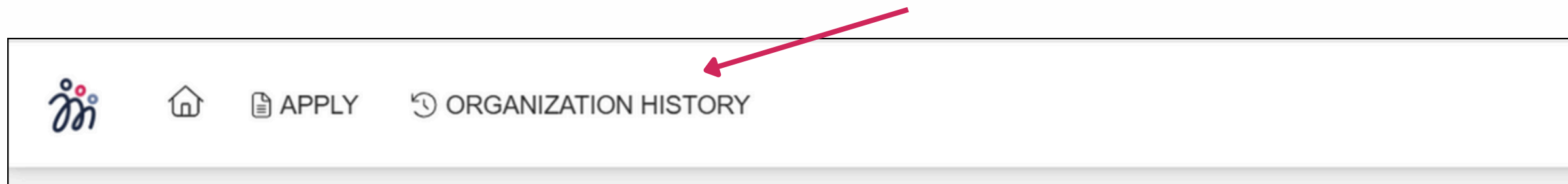
Not for Profit organizations can enter their business number (usually 9 digits)

Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/operating-a-registered-charity/registration-number.html>

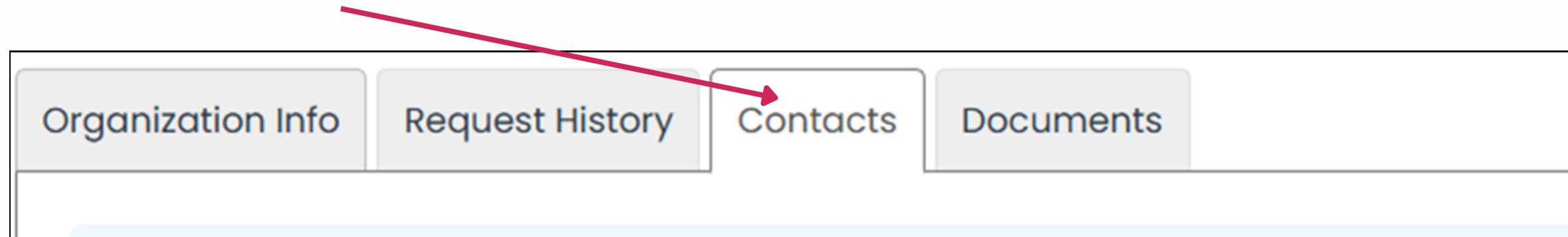
Profile Page Reminders

Remember to periodically ensure your profile information (contact info, Executive Director etc.) is up to date in the portal!

- Log in to the portal and click “Organization History”



- Click “Contacts” to see a list of current contacts



Email grants@mississaugafoundation.ca for change requests. Accurate info helps expedite payments!

Application Tips

1. Project Start / End Dates are accurate
 - 2026 Projects must be completed by **June 1st, 2027**
2. Requested Grant Amount does not exceed the maximum
3. Financials should be signed by your board
 - Audited Financials per CRA: Gross Annual Revenue \$250K +



Application Tips

4. Two areas on application to enter your budget:

A) **Project Budget** (Includes all elements of your project, even those that will be supported outside of the Mississauga Foundation's funding request)

Section 3: Project Budget

Total Cost of Project*
What is the total cost of your project?

\$

B) **Requested Grant Amount** (Funding you are requesting from the Mississauga Foundation **only**)

Requested Grant Amount*
Enter the amount of funds you require for your project **from The Mississauga Foundation only**

\$

Application Tips - Example

ACME Charity plans an environmental project for children & youth. The entire project will cost \$9000. ACME Charity intends to apply for the Smart and Caring Children and Youth Grant, which has a maximum grant request amount of \$5000.

These amounts should match

Section 3: Project Budget

Total Cost of Project*

What is the total cost of your project?

\$

9000

Project Costs Breakdown

Include ALL project costs you'll incur, even those outside of this grant request.

If your requested grant amount covers your entire project costs then you may skip this question.

Item (Provide description where possible)	Amount
<div>A</div> Trees	<div>\$</div> 2400
<div>A</div> Planter Boxes	<div>\$</div> 600
<div>A</div> Flowers	<div>\$</div> 1700
<div>A</div> Soil	<div>\$</div> 200
<div>A</div> Garden Tools	<div>\$</div> 900
<div>A</div> Machine Equipment Rental	<div>\$</div> 3200
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Application Tips - Example

Requested Grant Amount*

Enter the amount of funds you require for your project from The Mississauga Foundation only.

\$

5000

These amounts should match

Requested Grant Amount Breakdown

Based on the grant amount you are requesting from the Mississauga Foundation, please breakdown those costs so we can better understand how the funds intend to be used.

Item (Provide description where possible)	Budget
<div><div>A</div><div>Trees</div></div>	<div><div>\$</div><div>2400</div></div>
<div><div>A</div><div>Flowers</div></div>	<div><div>\$</div><div>1700</div></div>
<div><div>A</div><div>Garden Tools</div></div>	<div><div>\$</div><div>900</div></div>
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Grant Application Submission

- Deadline is firm and everything must be submitted via the portal.
- Be available for questions following submissions! Quick responses will help your case!

Contact us at grants@mississaugafoundation.ca during your application process if you have any application/submission related questions.



We received a grant, what's next?

Congratulations!

- In May of 2026.....
- Return any required agreements and reports via the online system
- Fill out the electronic fund transfer (EFT) form as part of the grant agreement
- Remember to acknowledge the grant in your marketing materials, website, social media, etc. For more information visit the [Reporting and Recognition](#) section on our website.
- Send us your Thank You letters for our Funders!
- Consider inviting us for a site visit of your project – we would love to come!



Frequently Asked Questions

01

Can two charities partner on one application?

Yes, the foundation is happy to support collaborative projects. If two charities are working together on an application one of them must take the lead on the project and be responsible for receiving and stewarding the funds. If you are going into a partnership, you must complete the Partnership Agreement found within the application.

The fund in which the two charities are partnering cannot submit another application by themselves for that same fund.

Example:

An Arts Charity partners with a Seniors Centre for a Hazel grant. Neither organization can apply for Hazel again by themselves. However, both are welcome to submit an application to the other funds for a different project.

02

Can a not-for-profit organization apply for a grant?

NEW: For the Smart and Caring Children and Youth Grant, both registered charities and Not-for-Profits are eligible to receive funding from the Mississauga Foundation

03

If a project has been funded in previous years, does that mean its guaranteed to get a grant this year?

No, funding is always granted for a single year. Even if your project or program has received funding for several years in the past, this does not imply future funding.

04

The program we are applying funding for exists across Peel Region, including Mississauga, can we still apply for funding?

Yes, however your grant application should only cover the work you are doing in Mississauga for benefit of Mississauga residents.

05

Can we apply to more than one grant fund?

Yes. There are still four different rounds of funding in 2026 and applicants are entitled to submit ONE unique application to each fund.

- Children & Pendle (September 2025)
- Hazel & Novo (February 2026)

The Foundation will not fund the same project in multiple funds in 2026.

Example:

ABC Charity applies to Children for a Summer Camp project. They can also apply to Pendle, but it must be for a completely different project. Otherwise, both applications will be declined.

Questions?



Thank You!

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