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## Funding Guidelines

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants **MUST** be registered charities and/or qualified donees under the Income Tax Act. If you are not, but you are working together with a registered charity as your intermediary please give us a call to discuss.

### What We Fund

The Community Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to those living and working within the boundaries of the North Okanagan Regional District including all member municipalities. Funded activities must provide a direct service to the “community” or take an innovative approach to community concerns.

The Community Foundation will consider requests for:

- **Projects** – specific, time-limited activities or series of activities designed to meet certain goals
- **Program Costs** – funding for a new or pre-existing program that may be ongoing

### Guiding Principles:

- The Foundation supports innovation where there is demonstrated need and the likelihood of effectiveness and the organization demonstrates a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial support
- Significant and appropriate support from other funding sources should be evident
- Projects that will be ongoing after the grant’s end should provide realistic plans for long term funding
- Organizations are encouraged to have 50% of their funding coming from other sources
- The Foundation disburses its funding to many groups throughout the North Okanagan working in many fields of interest. It is therefore necessary to limit the frequency of grant approvals for any one organization to ensure equitable access for all organizations
- **All grant recipients will now be required to provide the Foundation with a summary report describing their project outcomes within one year of the grant. Report forms will be provided.**

Examples of Ineligible Requests:

- Retroactive funding (for projects that will be completed before this funding is distributed)
- Debt retirement or reserve
- Generalized fund-raising campaigns
- Sabbatical leaves, student exchanges
- School construction
- Activities of religious organizations that serve primarily their own membership

**We encourage you to reach out to us with any questions regarding your project or program’s eligibility prior to completing your grant application.** *Please note, you will be able to save your work and come back to the application at any time before you submit. You are also welcome to call us with any questions about the application process.*