## **Guelph & Wellington Funding Opportunities**











	County of Wellington Community Grants Programme	City of Guelph Wellbeing Grant Program	United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin	Guelph Community Foundation
Areas of Focus	Community Grants Programme  Offered to provide financial assistance to not for profit organizations in supporting their operations or events that provide a benefit to residents within the County of Wellington.	Applicant must support two of the following: -Community Vitality -Democratic Engagement -Environment -Healthy Population -Leisure and Culture -Living Standards -Education -Time use	United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin believes that the essential building blocks of a strong community and thriving neighbourhoods are when:  All That Kids Can Be - Children and youth believe in themselves and get involved.  From Poverty to Possibility - Individuals and families have a network of basic needs supports.  Strong Communities – Individuals and families have positive mental health and are better able to handle life's challenges.  Strong Communities - Individuals and families feel a sense of belonging and inclusion in their community.  Strong Communities - Seniors have the social supports they need to be connected to their community.	-Arts & Culture -Animal Welfare -Children, youth and seniors -Education -Environment -Health and Wellness -Social Services
Types of Funding	-Programme funding (operating) -Event funding	-Operating -Project -Capital	-Program (operating costs) (3year) -Bridge/Emergency (one-time)	-Project -Capital
Amount	Max \$2000	Max \$15,000	~\$10,000-\$200,000	~\$500-\$15 000
Term	1 year	1 year	1 year 3 year	1 year
Eligibility	-Not for profit organization with formal organizational structure -Providing service, product, etc that benefits residents of the County of Wellington	-Benefit Guelph residents -Incorporated Not for Profit -Volunteer Board -Audited financial statements -Operate for at least one year -In good standing with City	-Provide services in Guelph, Wellington and/or Dufferin -Incorporated or registered as a charity -Volunteer board -Audited financial statements -Non-partisan -In operation at least one year	-Community orgs, agencies and institutions provide service within City of Guelph and surrounding areas -Registered charities -Make services available without discrimination -Demonstrate fiscal and management responsibility and financial need -Each program has specific criteria

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Will not fund/ Restrictions	-Applications over \$2000 (if pursued need to be considered by County Council) -A number of agricultural societies and groups are exempt from the annual application process and submit a grant letter instead to receive their funding support.  -Applications pertaining to the delivery of Social Services or related issues are typically referred to the Social Services Department for consideration.  Organizations or groups applying for funding are encouraged to work with staff to discuss their proposal prior to making a request via delegation to the Social Services Committee of Council.  -The County will issue RFPs related to Social Services funding/projects.  Typical funding scenarios that involve an RFP include:  -Affordable Housing Capital Projects -Funding allocated through the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (bi-annually)	Will not fund: -Programs that other gov't levels have legislative responsibility to fund -More than \$15,000 per grant -Debt -Retroactive payments -100% of budget activity -Secondary allocations	- Funded agencies are to abide by a fundraising black- out period (annually between Labour day and Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> )  - No activities soliciting funds (communication/promotion with existing donor base and third party events allowed) all details found here.  Other exclusions to program funding:  - arts and culture  - direct sports and recreation  - capital campaigns  - primary health-based issues  - environmental projects/organizations  - educational institutions  - direct religious activities	-Religious -Political
Deadlines and Reporting	Grant application form is due to the Clerk's office by November 30 <sup>th</sup> each year	Open end of August - Applications due early October Funding report due Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Program funding applications available every 3 years, the first week of July, due first week of September - No program funding applications available in 2018  Annual evaluation reports due in May	Two granting streams: -Kids to Camp -Community Grants

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Evaluation	Application requests an outline of project activities, impact (County and Township level), as well as budget. Financial statements or operating budget of the organization also requested.	Grant recipients must report on performance measures -How much work was done? -How well was work done? What difference did it make?	Applicants must include agency and program level budgets; must establish outcome alignment with United Way areas of focus; and demonstrate qualitatively and quantitatively an understanding of community need and program impact.	Community Grants -What results were achieved? -What aspects did not turn out as planned? -Were there any unexpected outcomes? -Did your organization create and enhance partnerships? -Will project continue? -Additional comments
Process	-Apply -Applications reviewed and funding recommendation made by the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee. Grants approved by County Council (typically February).	-Apply -Staff Review -Volunteer Committee appointed by Council reviews and makes final decision	-Apply -Staff Review -Volunteer Committee (Fund Distribution Committee) reviews and makes recommendation to Board of Directors where final approval is made. All applications are vetted through <u>a sound process</u> involving staff and community volunteers.	-Apply -Staff Review -Volunteer Committee reviews and makes recommendations