Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations

User Application Guide
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Program overview

The Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations is a $25 million, attestation-based grant that will provide funds to faith-based and cultural organizations to increase safety and security measures.

Eligible organizations can receive a one-time grant of $5,000, $7,500 or $10,000. To be eligible for the grant, the organization must be a registered charity or a not-for-profit corporation that owns, leases or rents an indoor facility in Ontario that is used for regular gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance.

In addition, organizations are required to attest that they will use the entirety of the grant on one or more of the eligible expenses to protect their communities and facilities against hate incidents.

Applications for the grant must be submitted on or before March 3, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The Government of Ontario reserves the right to impose any terms and conditions it deems reasonable in connection with disbursing funding under this program.

The Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations is a discretionary and non-entitlement program. As such, notwithstanding that an applicant has submitted a complete application and met all program criteria, there is no guarantee that the applicant will be approved for funding.

Application requirements

Organizations must provide the following information:

- name of the organization
- the organization’s charity registration number, business number or trust account number issued by the Canada Revenue Agency
- the organization’s articles of incorporation or letters patent, if applicable
- certificate of land title, valid current lease or rental agreement confirming the organization may operate and use the facility
- a description of, and material (for example, mandate, bylaws) that indicates the organization’s primary activities, including the nature and frequency of gatherings
• revenue the organization reported to the Canada Revenue Agency for 2019, if applicable
• the organization’s bank account statement or void cheque with the following information:
  o account holder – matching the organization’s legal or operating business name
  o account number
  o account type (must be a business account; personal bank accounts will not be accepted)
  o name of financial institution
  o address of financial institution
  o financial institution number
  o branch/transit number

Applicants must agree to binding terms and conditions in connection with the grant, including an obligation to repay up to the full amount received if any terms are not complied with.

Note: Applications may be selected for audit. Additional information and supporting documentation may be required to prove eligibility.

Application deadline

Applications close on March 3, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Funding available

Eligible organizations can receive a one-time grant of $5,000, $7,500 or $10,000 to protect their communities and facilities against hate incidents.

Only organizations that were established by December 31, 2021 are eligible for the grant.

For organizations with a fiscal period that ends in 2019, the grant amount will depend on their revenue for that fiscal period. Eligible organizations that were established in 2019, 2020 or 2021 and whose first fiscal period ends in 2020, 2021 or 2022 will receive a grant of $5,000.
Organizations that have not filed tax or information returns with the Canada Revenue Agency as required are not eligible. All applicants must be in compliance with filing, reporting and other requirements under the federal Income Tax Act or as established by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Applicants are required to keep all documents required to prove their eligibility for this grant for seven years. Applicants must also keep receipts for eligible expenses that are incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 for seven years.

**Eligibility overview**

To be eligible for the grant, the organization must:

- be a registered charity or a not-for-profit corporation without share capital;
  - Registered charities must be registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a charity by December 31, 2021
  - Not-for-profit corporations that are not registered charities must be incorporated by December 31, 2021.
- be operational in Ontario on February 3, 2022
- have, as a primary activity, hosting regular gatherings (i.e., at least once a month) of religious, spiritual or cultural significance
- own, lease or rent an indoor facility in Ontario that is used at least once a month for hosting regular gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance
- comply with filing, reporting and other requirements under the federal Income Tax Act or as established by the Canada Revenue Agency
- attest that it is in compliance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and hate-related laws under the Criminal Code
- attest that all funds received will be used for eligible expenses related to security and safety measures against hate-related incidents, and that all eligible expenses will be incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

**Eligible organizations**

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must host regular gatherings (i.e., at least once a month) that have “religious, spiritual or cultural significance”. Hosting these gatherings must be a primary activity of the applicant.
A regular gathering (i.e., at least once a month) has “religious, spiritual or cultural significance” if its central purpose is either:

- related to a specific and comprehensive system of belief that governs one’s conduct and practices and addresses ultimate questions of human existence, such as ideas about life, purpose, death, and the existence or non-existence of a creator and/or a higher or different order of existence, including the spiritual beliefs and practices of Indigenous cultures

- related to the affirmation or celebration of cultural elements that are meaningful to the identity of a community or group of individuals (e.g., language, country of origin, race, ethnic or national customs and traditions, Indigenous beliefs and practices, gender or sexual identity)

**Ineligible organizations**

Organizations that are not eligible for the grant include:

- sports organizations, teams and recreational, athletic, hobbies or games-oriented clubs

- organizations with a primary mandate related to education and training (e.g., faith-based schools, cultural schools, seminaries and other institutions that provide theological instruction)

- organizations with a primary mandate of providing health care, housing or social services (e.g., hospices, convents and similar group homes, nursing homes or assisted living facilities, food banks, shelters)

- organizations with a primary mandate of providing children’s and youth programming

- organizations whose primary activity is performing arts (e.g., theatre, ballet, opera)

- organizations whose primary activity is organizational or administrative meetings (e.g., regular planning meetings for an annual festival, parade or similar event; or regular meetings to award cultural grants; meetings of business organizations like a Board of Trade)

- organizations whose primary purpose is to advance a political cause or that engage in practices and observances that are hateful, incite hatred or violence against other individuals or groups, or contravene criminal law
Eligible expenses

Organizations are required to attest that they will use the entirety of the grant on one or more of the eligible expenses listed below. Expenses must be incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

Eligible expenses include:

- upgrades directly related to enhancing the security of the building, such as:
  - security equipment and hardware costs including doors, windows, security film for windows, intercoms, public address systems, alarm systems, fences, gates, lighting, cameras, relocation of existing cameras, anti-graffiti sealant and graffiti removal, motion detectors, signage and landscaping
  - construction directly related to the security project (contractor fees, labour, equipment rental, installation fees)
  - renovation directly related to the security project (e.g., renovations to the main entrance or lobby area of a building to enhance the security)
  - closed circuit television systems (CCTV) which may include exterior cameras, digital video recorder, monitor, and installation costs associated with the system including wiring, brackets and accessories
- completion of security assessments
- report and consultation fees
- training for organizations to respond to a hate-motivated incident
- Note that hospitality and transportation costs must be related exclusively to costs for participants (e.g., non-alcoholic refreshments, transportation, Elder honorarium for a community session, etc.) and specifically related to anti-hate training

Ineligible expenses

Ineligible expenses include:

- capital costs that include land, vehicles and construction/major repairing of buildings
- salaries and wages for full-time personnel
• hospitality and travel outside of eligible costs listed above (i.e., for training or programming), including:
  ○ alcoholic refreshments for participants in training and programming
  ○ business class for travelling purposes
• core or ongoing operating expenses of the organization, including maintenance
• equipment and/or hardware not related to deterring hate-motivated crime, which includes any of the following:
  ○ benches
  ○ concrete barrier wall
  ○ fingerprint reader system
  ○ night vision goggles
  ○ body armour
  ○ projectors
  ○ security desk
  ○ radios
  ○ hidden cameras or dummy cameras
  ○ tire shredders
  ○ any other equipment or hardware not related to deterring hate motivated crime

Amount of the grant

If the organization has a fiscal period ending in 2019, the grant is based on the organization’s revenue for that year. If the organization was established in 2019, 2020 or 2021 and its first fiscal period ends after 2019, the organization is eligible for a grant of $5,000.

Only one grant is available per organization. For example, an organization that operates out of two locations under the same charity registration number would receive only one grant.
The revenue ranges and grant amounts for organizations with a fiscal period ending in 2019 are as follows:

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In some cases, an organization's fiscal period ending in 2019 may be less than 365 days. For example, an organization that was established on September 1, 2019 might have its first fiscal period end on December 31, 2019. In those situations, the revenue reported for the short fiscal period will be grossed-up to an annual amount. The applicant will enter on the application form the revenue for that short fiscal period and the application portal will calculate the annualized revenue. See example 2 below.

**Reporting revenue**

For organizations that had a fiscal period ending in 2019, they must report revenue on the application form:

- Registered charities will report on the application form the total revenue from their Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for the fiscal period ending in 2019.
- Not-for-profit corporations that are not registered charities will report on the application form whichever of the following applies:
  - Total revenue from the financial statement information submitted with their T2 Corporation Income Tax Return for the taxation year ending in 2019; or
  - Total income reported on the T3 Trust Income Tax and Information Return for 2019.

If the organization had more than one fiscal period ending in 2019, enter the revenue for the last fiscal period ending in 2019. The application portal will gross-up the revenue to an annual amount. See example 3 below.
Examples

Examples of the grant calculation

1. A place of worship reports revenues of $400,000 on its Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for its 12-month fiscal period ending on October 31, 2019. The place of worship would receive a grant of $7,500.

2. A place of worship begins operating on September 1, 2019 and its first fiscal period ends on December 31, 2019. The revenue reported on its Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for that 4-month period is $60,000. When applying for the grant, the place of worship will enter its revenue of $60,000. The application portal will gross-up the revenue to a full-year amount of $180,000 (i.e., $60,000 x 12/4 = $180,000). The place of worship would receive a grant of $7,500.

3. A not-for-profit cultural organization has two fiscal periods ending in 2019. The first fiscal period ends on March 31, 2019 and the second fiscal period ends on December 31, 2019. Revenue reported on its T2 Corporation Income Tax Return for the 9-month period from April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 is $90,000. The organization will enter the $90,000 in revenue for its second fiscal period in 2019 on the application form. The application portal will gross-up the $90,000 to a full-year amount of $120,000 (i.e., 12/9 x $90,000). The organization will receive a grant of $7,500.

4. A cultural organization begins operating in 2019 and its first fiscal period of operation ends in June 2020. Because the organization’s first fiscal period ends after 2019, it is eligible only for the minimum grant of $5,000.

Application processing

After the organization has submitted a complete application, it takes approximately 15 business days for a response regarding the application.

If the application is missing information, we may contact you by email for more details. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive an email about the payment details. It takes about 10 business days to receive payment once approved.
Payment

Approved applicants will receive funds via Electronic Fund Transfer directly into their organization’s bank account. Please note that it must be a business account as designated by the bank and not a personal account used for business purposes.

To avoid payment delays make sure that the correct business bank account information is entered and attach the relevant documents. The bank account must be registered under the organization’s legal or operating business name.

No personal bank accounts will be accepted.

Audit and compliance

All applications and the corresponding grant are subject to audit or verification by the Government of Ontario, or their authorized representatives. Applicants are required to keep all documents required to prove their eligibility for this grant for seven years. Applicants must also keep receipts for eligible expenses that are incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 for seven years.

Any audit or review process may encompass taking or requiring copies and extracts of the records and books of account maintained by the organization in accordance with the eligibility criteria outlined in this guide. Income tax and registered charity return information submitted by an organization to the Canada Revenue Agency may also be used in an audit or review.

A funding recipient will be required to repay to the Government of Ontario any funding provided under this program if the recipient breaches any term or condition of the program, or if such recipient’s records or accounts are deemed inadequate to permit a determination and/or verification by the Government of Ontario of the recipient’s eligibility for funding under this program.

Please note that the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (the “Ministry”) is bound by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31 (the “Act”), as amended from time to time, and any information provided to the Ministry may be subject to disclosure under the Act.

Contact us

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