



UNITED, WE – TRUST-BASED GRANTING EXPANSION

History

Recognizing that traditional granting programs have been rooted in a colonial approach that works for many but not all, the United Church of Canada Foundation embarked on a pilot in Trust-Based Granting. This new and non-traditional model was undertaken with the hopes to advance equity, shift power, and build mutually accountable relationships, while also demonstrating humility and collaboration. The first trust-based grant was made in 2022.

The Foundation is a pillar of support for various initiatives within the United Church community and its partners. While existing granting programs serve an essential purpose in funding innovative and new projects, there exists a crucial gap that must be addressed. Many deserving groups engaged in valuable ongoing programs that contribute significantly to the mission and values of the United Church may not meet the criteria of these existing programs, thereby missing out on vital financial assistance.

About

The Foundation is expanding the pilot of Trust-based granting with the creation of “*United, we*”, a new granting stream providing financial support to United Church organizations and partners who otherwise would not qualify for funding through existing granting programs. Funding will support an organization's impactful existing work without requiring new or innovative work to be undertaken, or tying the funds to a specific project.

These organizations have already demonstrated their effectiveness and impact within their respective communities, making them worthy recipients of financial assistance. By providing funding to sustain and enhance these initiatives, the Foundation can maximize its impact and empower organizations and partners to continue their valuable work without disruption.

Eligibility

Funding will be available for, but not limited to, projects and organizations that:

- Espouse shared values with the Foundation and United Church of Canada;
- Have a relationship with the Foundation and/or the United Church of Canada;
- Have a project that aligns with at least one of the four Foundation priorities;
- Have been identified as a priority group/project of the church;
- Have been identified to benefit from a non-traditional way of granting.

Examples of these groups are outreach/community ministries, United Church camps, United Church partner organizations, and congregations with a strong community presence and vibrant ministry.



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Program Criteria

“United, we” will grant up to \$100,000 annually in Fall 2024 and Fall 2025 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund. The maximum grant amount will be \$25,000 per group per year, to ensure support for no less than 4 individual groups nationwide each year.

The annual deadline for applications is October 15th and will require the submission of an application/proposal.

Grantees will enter into an agreement supporting the mutuality of the relationship. Success will be largely grantee-defined, ever-evolving and rooted in learning. Reporting will focus on big picture learning to inform a broader understanding of social impact, and may include non-traditional reporting methods. There will be consistent opportunity for open communication and feedback from grantees.

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PART 1: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:

Organization Mailing Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Website:

Primary Contact Name (Title, First, Last):

PART 2: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Please describe your organizations purpose and how do you achieve your mission?:

Please describe who benefits from your organization's activities and programs keeping in mind the full diversity of your community:



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Please outline the goals (current and future) that your organization has set and its plan to achieve them:

The United Church of Canada Foundation has established four priority areas: Anti-Racism, Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, Climate Justice, and Communities of Faith. Please describe if or how your organization engages with these priorities:

Please describe your organization's financial need:



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Amount of Grant Request (maximum request of \$25,000): \$

PART 3: OTHER INFORMATION

Have you received granting monies from The United Church of Canada Foundation before?:

Yes

No

Did you contact Foundation Staff to discuss your proposal, grant opportunities, or for application support before or during submitting your request?:

Yes

No

If 'yes' how did you contact them?:

How did you hear about this grant opportunity? (choose all that apply):

- Foundation Facebook
- Foundation Instagram
- Foundation X
- Foundation Newsletter
- Foundation Website
- United Church of Canada Newsletter
- United Church of Canada Website
- United Church of Canada Social Media
- Other (please specify):

PART 4: DECLARATION OF INTENT

On behalf of the applicant(s), I declare that if awarded a grant by The United Church of Canada Foundation, the organization named on the Grant Application Form shall use the funds awarded in support of their work. We recognize that the applicant is best suited to discern how to use these funds.

Any portion of the grant funds not used will be returned to The United Church of Canada Foundation, unless prior written permission is obtained from The Foundation.

The conditions stated above have been reviewed and agreed upon by signing authorities for the organization named on the Grant Application Form.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____



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Please attach the following documentation:

Required:

If your organization receives \$100,000 or more annually in donations, a copy of your last audited financial statements.

If your organization receives less than \$100,000 in donations annually, a copy of the financial documentation you would provide your board and/or members.

Optional:

Reference letter(s) (maximum of 2) speaking to the work and impact of your organization

Any other materials (maximum of 2) that provide additional helpful information on your organization

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