

2027 Call for Proposals Info-Sheet

Welcome to Chamandy Foundation's Annual Call for Proposals!

This factsheet provides an overview of the funding opportunities available, including detailed information on eligibility criteria, project focus areas, and submission requirements. Additionally, it answers frequently asked questions (FAQs) to help guide applicants through the proposal process.

Whether you are a first-time applicant or have applied in the past, this resource will ensure you have all the necessary information to apply for our 2027 funding cycle.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Benefit children and/or youth ages 0 to 35 years old
- Have a clearly defined organizational mission and grant application purpose
- Have a demonstrated ability to serve children & youth from underserved communities
- Possess financial transparency, with the requirement of sharing financial reports
- Be based in Canada*
- **We are not currently funding organizations based and working within Ontario and British Columbia, except for organizations by and for Indigenous populations whose traditional lands fall within the colonial borders of these two provinces.*
- Must be an established organization for 2 years

Areas That We DO NOT Fund:

- Religious or missionary-based organizations, those affiliated with religious institutions, or those offering religious programming
- Partisan political activities (*of which the purpose is to directly impact government leadership or specific legislative outcomes*)
- Medical equipment for large institutions (*i.e. hospitals, dental offices*)
- One-time events (*such as conferences or galas*)
- Initiatives, projects or programs operating outside of Canada
- Non-Canadian organizations
- Day or overnight camps
- Capital campaigns
- Individuals

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

FUNDING AREAS



Safe Housing

Emergency Shelters & Transitional Housing
Sustainable Housing



Healthy Bodies & Minds

Food Safety & Sustainable Food Systems
Medical Care
Mental Health



Engaged Education

Early Childhood Education
School Perseverance
STEM Promotion
Environmental Education



Nurturing Communities

Fight against sexual violence & exploitation
Community Environmental Engagement
Community Building & Healing

COMMUNITIES WE SUPPORT

Children and youth (antenatal to age 35)
Newcomers (recent immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers)
BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour
Children & youth experiencing disabilities
Unhoused mothers/families & youth
2SLGBTQI+ communities
Low-income families
Youth in care

** Chamandy Foundation also seeks to support organizations working at the intersection of these identities.*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & PRIORITIZATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

A mix of single and multi-year funding
Open to mission funding and funding salaries
Mix of frontline services and advocacy

Grassroots and community-led organizations or initiatives, started and led by local individuals
Organizations “by and for” equity seeking communities

Frequently Asked Questions:

What kinds of organizations does Chamandy Foundation partner with?

- Feel free to consult the '[Granting History](#)' section of our website, for examples of organizations that we have granted to in the past, as well as the purpose and amounts of funding.

Am I allowed to submit an oral application?

- Yes, please get in touch with us at info@chamandyfoundation.org for additional information.

When can I expect to receive an update on my application?

- As a small team, we appreciate your patience while we carefully review all applications. We aim to update applicants on their status during the assessment phase, usually within 4 months after the call for proposals closes.

What should I expect from the call for proposals form?

- The call for proposals asks for simple information about your organization, as well as some specific information about the initiative you are seeking funding for. We need to know this information to evaluate your request effectively.
- For example, we'll need to know the amount you're requesting, when you'd like to receive the donation and the proposed duration of our agreement. It's important to tell us exactly what you need and what the funding will be used for.

How do I best answer the 'Program Timeline' and 'Target Funding Date' questions?

- In terms of a timeline, please include and describe a proposed date range, as well as any relevant information about what conditions shape your planned timeline (eg: connection to a major event, the start of the school year, hiring for a certain position, etc.)
- 'Target Funding Date' refers to your preferred start date for the funding agreement to begin, in relation to your initiative's timeline. You may also indicate that your preferred start date is flexible.

How do we define 'Initiative', in the "About the Initiative" question?

- For this question, "initiative" refers to the specific project, program, or operational area for which your organization is seeking funding. This could mean a new or existing effort aimed at addressing a particular need, achieving a mission, or supporting core functions.

How much can we ask for in funding?

- Chamandy Foundation has a minimum threshold of \$20,000 and a maximum of \$100,000, in annual payments. If you submit a request below or over these thresholds, your request will not be considered.

My organization is part of a network or consortium, such as BCBG or YMCA, can I apply for funding?

- Yes. Your organization is eligible for funding but it is important to note that priority will be given to those located in rural areas across Canada.

What does “primary population served” mean?

- This refers to the main group or demographic that a proposed project or organization aims to benefit or support. This could be defined by factors such as socioeconomic status (e.g., low-income families), specific needs (e.g., individuals experiencing homelessness, youth facing mental health challenges), gender and race (e.g. women & girls or black or racialized youth) and/or geographic location (e.g., urban or rural communities).
- Selecting only one primary population will not impact your evaluation negatively.
- In the case of multiple populations served, please indicate **only the primary five groups** in the drop-down box.

What does ‘primary issues addressed’ mean?

- This refers to the main issue that has been identified and is being addressed by the proposed project. (eg: environmental education)
- Of course, there will often be more than one issue (i.e. mental-health & addiction). Please select a maximum of **three** issues that apply.
- You will not be evaluated negatively if you select only one primary issue.

I am an organization based in BC and/or Ontario. Am I eligible to apply?

- While we recognize the valuable work being done in these provinces, the regions benefit from a larger pool of funding opportunities compared to other provinces. Our foundation aims to prioritize regions where access to funding is more limited.
- However, we do accept applications from organizations based in BC and Ontario, if their work has a national scope or reaches communities across Canada. Additionally, we welcome applications from Indigenous organizations, regardless of their location.

Do we accept applications from non-registered organizations, ie: organizations without charitable status?

- Yes, we do accept applications from these types of organizations, if they still fall within our general eligibility requirements (based in Canada, established for at least two years, etc.)

I have two positions in my organization that I need to fund. Can I apply for both?

- No. We will only accept requests to fund one full salary position.

My organization would like to expand our activities and programming into a new Province or Territory. Can we apply for funding to support this?

- No. We do not fund requests to expand activities or programming into a new province or territory.

How do I answer the question “Does your organization’s leadership (Board and/or staff) reflect the primary communities or populations you serve?” on the CFP form?

- **When the answer might be "n/a":**
 - *Your project is a hospital program, research initiative, or early childhood education program.*
- **When the answer might be "Board and Staff":**
 - *The organization serves Indigenous youth, and the majority of your Board and Staff members are Indigenous.*
- **When the answer might be "None":**
 - *Your organization is a grassroots environmental initiative, and staff/board members reside in the community, but there is no additional relevant population to report.*
- **When the answer might be "Board only":**
 - *The organization supports unhoused youth, and members of your Board have lived experiences of being unhoused.*
- **When the answer might be "Staff only":**
 - *Your organization supports youth facing addiction, and Staff members have lived experiences of addiction and sobriety.*

Once I’ve created an account and begun filling out the form on the online platform, do I need to finish it all at once?

- *No. With our new online granting platform, you can start your application and return to it anytime during the Call for Proposals (CFP) window. Just be sure to select Save before closing your browser to avoid losing your work.*
- *Once you submit your form, it will become locked and you will no longer be able to make changes. Please note that applications not submitted by October 7 at 11:59 p.m. will not be considered.*

Will I receive a confirmation that my application was received?

- *Yes. you will receive an automated email confirming a successful submission of your application. If you do not receive this email, your application was not submitted, and it will not be considered for funding.*