

Change the World (CTW) Information Session: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can you fill in an application for the CTW grant program if you have not yet registered under the Transfer Payment Common Registry?

No. You need to register with the Transfer Payment Common Registry in order to fill out the application. More information regarding registration guidelines can be found in the Application Guide on the Grants Ontario website.

2. What are the obligations for applicants under the French Language Services Act?

If there is an opportunity to provide services in French, you are encouraged to do so.

3. What is the possibility of receiving funding for those organizations who work in areas where organizations have already received CTW grant funding?

Organizations are not currently receiving funding for the CTW program. All funding for the 2016/17 program has ended. If an organization received CTW funding previously in your area, this will not influence the eligibility of neighbouring organizations. All applications will be assessed on an impartial and equitable basis.

4. Is the CTW grant only for newcomer youth?

No. This grant is open to projects that support programming for all youth. However, projects aimed at supporting newcomer and at-risk youth are encouraged to apply.

5. If an organization is already receiving funding from MCI, would this increase the chances of them receiving funding a second time

No. All applications will be assessed on an impartial and equitable basis.

6. What is meant by evidence-based research when providing a case for financial support of youth projects?

Strong applications will provide detailed research (i.e. factual data and examples) to support their applications, which will include why the project is needed by the community.

7. What are the expectations of the Board of Directors?

Strong applications will demonstrate that they have a Board of Directors and that it is compliant with best practices for governance.

8. How much funding is being allocated to this two-year CTW grant program?

The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) has allocated \$615,000.00 per year to the current CTW program.

9. Of the \$615,000.00 being allocated to the current CTW grant program, is there an allocation by location?

No. As this is a provincial grant program, we are looking to support the most innovative and broadest projects.

10. Would projects whose target age group goes beyond the 12-18 youth age range be eligible for the CTW grant program?

Yes. Age-specific information can be included under, "Additional Information." A detailed explanation can be provided in that section on why the project should be considered for funding given that the target age group is broader than the youth age range.

11. If an organization is located in a priority neighbourhood, does this factor increase the chances of receiving funding?

No. Evaluations will be impartial and based on the strength of each proposal. Strong applications will demonstrate how the project impacts and inspires youth.

12. Can organizations who have received funding in the past apply again?

Yes. However, strong applications will meet the criteria indicated in the application guide.

13. Is a project eligible to receive funding if it is merely building on a previously-existing campaign as opposed to a new and innovative project?

Yes. However, strong applications will meet the criteria indicated in the application guide.

14. Is there a targeted number of youth that must be engaged in the project for it to be eligible for the CTW grant program?

The reach of the project will be evaluated. However, if you are from a smaller community, the impact your organization has on a smaller reach will also be evaluated. Strong applications will demonstrate meaningful work that has meaningful impact on targeted communities.

15. Are short-term fundraising projects eligible for receiving the CTW grant?

No. Unless the short-term fundraising project is part of a larger, on-going project, it does not qualify for the CTW grant program.

16. Are those youth, between the ages of 18-24, who have not graduated on time due to incompleteness of the mandatory community involvement hours, considered part of the youth bracket?

While it is mandatory that youth fit the targeted age range of 12-18, cases in which students have not graduated on time will be assessed individually.

17. If grant funding is distributed in two installments, are candidates expected to organize two projects per year?

No. While the grant funding is distributed in two installments, the funding is meant for one ongoing project that continues into the next year.

18. If grant funding is distributed in two installments, are candidates required to complete two separate budget templates?

No. Candidates are only required to complete one budget template, which includes revenues and expenses for one year and a separate column for the following year.

19. Are projects that are only expected to take place during the summer months eligible for the CTW grant program?

Yes. Strong applications will demonstrate how youth are being provided meaningful opportunities irrespective of project duration.

20. Are projects that are ongoing for the cumulative 17 months, but only recruit youth volunteers for a portion of the 17 months, eligible for the CTW grant program?

Yes. Strong applications will demonstrate how their projects are providing meaningful experiences for youth volunteers irrespective of the number of volunteer hours worked.

21. Will organizations have the ability to review an assessment grid before submitting their proposal?

While an assessment grid cannot be shared with applicants, the "Project Plan" should provide candidates with an idea of what will be measured. Each application question should be answered thoroughly.

22. Are collaborative partners expected to meet the same criteria as the lead applicants?

No. While lead applicants are expected to meet the application criteria, collaborative partners do not have to meet the same criteria. Risk assessment should be conducted by the lead organization when selecting collaborative partners.

23. Does the project have to extend over the two-year funding duration?

No. However, strong applications will demonstrate the impact of the project beyond the funding duration.

24. Are past examples of successful projects available?

No. As this year's program is a revision of the CTW grant program, criteria is unique from past years.

25. Can partnerships jointly apply?

No. Lead applicants must apply individually.