



The Waterloo Region Record - Lyle S. Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp Fund – 2024 Funding Guidelines

About the Fund:

The Waterloo Region Record - Lyle S. Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp Fund provides grants to camps enabling children and youth who reside in Waterloo Region (Cambridge, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot, or Woolwich) and need financial assistance to attend camp.

Camps provide children and youth with an opportunity to learn, play and socialize with other kids – including in person or virtual camps, day or overnight camps. The focus could include areas like sport, fitness, youth leadership, camping/outdoor education, playgroups, arts, cultural activities and more!

Since 2014, over \$1.5 million has been distributed to support kids in having a camp experience. Approximately \$150,000 will be distributed through the fund in 2024, focused mainly on subsidies for children 18 and under.

Grant Overview:

- The application opens on January 8, 2024 and closes on February 12, 2024 at 9:00 am.
- The maximum request per application is \$10,000
- The types of organizations that can apply for funding include:
 - Registered charitable organizations
 - Qualified donees recognized by Canada Revenue Agency ([CRA](#))
 - Not-for-profit organizations through a partnership with a fiscal partner. This partnership allows WRCF to provide the fiscal partner (a registered charitable organization) with the funding on behalf of the not-for profit organization. Contact us if you want more information about how this works. Or you can find information about qualified donees, fiscal partners and/or download the fiscal partner form here: www.wrcf.ca/fiscal-partnership
- Funding for successful applications will be disbursed at the end of April 2024
- Funding must be used between May 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024 for expenses incurred over the same period

What we Fund:

- Camps that provide day or overnight camping opportunities to children and youth (6-18 years) who reside in Waterloo Region, (Cambridge, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot, or Woolwich) and need financial assistance.
- Camps that serve children from the community-at-large including children with disabilities or special requirements (e.g. physical or mental challenges, major illness, survivors or witnesses of violence). These children and youth must reside in Waterloo Region and require support to attend camp.
- Funding must be used exclusively to cover the cost to attend camp for children and youth who would not otherwise be able to afford the programs. If the camp is provided at no cost, funding can be used to cover the cost of running the camp (i.e. materials, food, accessibility, transportation etc.)
- Priority will be given to organizations that approach their work with an equity and anti-racism



mindset, and can demonstrate an equitable approach to selecting children/youth who will receive funds to attend camp.

What we do not Fund:

- On-going operating expenses (e.g. rent, utilities, and other organizational expenses)
- Direct religious activities of religious groups or organizations

How we will be assessing your application:

- Applications must align with WRCF's mission, vision and values.
- The camp should serve community members with diverse lived experiences, including ethnicity, language, gender, sexual diversity and orientation, socio-economic status, age, and physical abilities.
- The organization can achieve the articulated objectives of the camp.
- You have clearly articulated the impact of the camp. This could include the short-term or longer-term impact for campers, their families, or the community overall.
- Evidence that feedback from camp participants is included in the designing, evaluating and delivery of the camp.
- Evidence that the organization has made efforts to attract diverse populations and/or is supporting marginalized communities.

Evaluation:

All organizations that receive funding will be required to complete an evaluation. Our goal is to keep these as straightforward as possible to complete, while helping us see the impact of the grant. We believe it will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

- The Waterloo Region Record - Lyle S. Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp Fund evaluation must be submitted **no later than October 31, 2024**.
- We are interested in hearing your stories, seeing videos/pictures, and having learnings reported. Please include these whenever possible. No more than one page is necessary.
- WRCF may also approach your organization to collect stories to include in our materials that show impact of funding in community (e.g. WRCF's Annual Impact Report or e-newsletter).

Disclaimer:

WRCF is dedicated to upholding professional, ethical and regulatory standards as we work to deliver on [our vision and mission, while staying true to our values](#). We expect partners and organizations we fund to share our commitment to these standards. By applying for funding through WRCF, you are indicating that your organization complies with the regulatory requirements to work with your population(s), and within the legal and ethical framework appropriate for your organization.