



WRCF Youth in Recreation Fund - Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund – 2023 Grant Guidelines

About the Fund:

The Youth in Recreation Fund is a fund at Waterloo Region Community Foundation (WRCF) that fosters recreational activities which enhances the health and wellbeing of young people in our community. Annually, WRCF distributes Youth in Recreation grants with dollars available through this fund.

Proposals are invited from organizations encouraging broad participation in healthy and safe community recreation activities for children and youth (maximum 18 years old) in Waterloo Region. Community recreation includes sport, recreation, fitness, youth leadership, camping/outdoor education, play groups, arts and cultural activities.

Grant Overview:

- Applications open Tuesday, August 8, 2023 and the application deadline is Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST
- \$10,000 maximum request per organization (You will be asked for minimum request. Please confirm if you are still willing and able to receive funding if below your stated minimum)
- 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 with the funding on your behalf. If you plan to partner this way, they would be your organization's "fiscal partner" for this funding. If you want more information about how this works you can find information about qualified donees fiscal partners and/or download the fiscal partner form [here](#)
- Approximately \$90,000.00 in total funding is available in 2023
- *Note: \$63,000 of the funds available are from the WRCF Community Fund and are eligible to be distributed to organizations located anywhere in Waterloo Region. \$27,000 of the funds have been made available through Fundholders and are to be directed specifically to eligible organizations located in Cambridge or North Dumfries.*

Funding must be used between December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024 for expenses incurred over the same period.

What we Fund:

Youth recreational activities that...

- are inclusive, accessible and promote participation from a diverse community
- develop social and physical skills, improve social, mental and physical health and foster creativity
- intentionally create opportunities for young people to build assets
- support young people to develop healthy relationships with peers and adults



- nurture a sense of empowerment in young people through volunteerism and leadership development
- encourage adults to give young people useful roles and to view young people as valued resources
- help young people to find ways to structure their leisure time
- nurture a commitment to learning by increasing engagement and motivation to achieve
- provide recreational opportunities for those who would not otherwise have a chance to participate
- increase choice and access to existing healthy recreation programs

What we do not Fund:

- On-going operating expenses
- Direct religious activities of religious groups or organizations
- Capital projects

Reviews:

As part of the review process, committee members will review your website, social presence and other public communication activities to learn more about your organization and your approach to equity serving work. Please include updated media links.

Evaluation:

- An evaluation report is not required for this grant, however WRCF may approach your organization to collect stories, images, or other updates on your project to be able to share the impact of the grant
- We are interested in hearing your stories, seeing videos/pictures and having learnings reported of the grant. Please include these whenever possible. No more than one page is necessary. Email stories of impact to grants@wrcf.ca