

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ANNUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANTS

- 1. My organization does not have a charitable number, can I still apply?**
If another group with a charitable number is working in partnership and can take on the responsibility of the grant, they make the application using their number working in partnership with you, but they are responsible for the funds and the outcomes.
- 2. We have applied for a grant in the past and not been successful; can we still apply?**
Yes, try to gain insight as why you were not successful and adjust your approach accordingly by speaking to staff from the foundation or to someone with experience.
- 3. Our financial statements / annual report are not yet ready, what should I do?**
Send in the most recent report or statement and follow up with the most recent ones as soon as they are available.
- 4. Can I send the support letters in later?**
No
- 5. We do not have any letters of support from women's organizations; will that affect how my proposal is assessed?**
It is preferable to have letters of support from groups with experience working mainly with women in a context of empowerment. Not having this could adversely affect your application.
- 6. We currently have a grant that is not finished; can we still apply for a grant?**
As long as the grant application is for new work - not to finish up parts of the project or program that were supposed to be done during the time line of the first grant. Ideally, a second application will show a sense of development. We are interested in how the work has progressed, what changes might have been made after feedback from partners or participants and in what ways you are further along. It is also important to include in the second proposal any data on outcomes from the first project. You can be funded for the same project for three years only.
- 7. The program we are planning is spread over two years; can we apply for two years at once?**
No, however you may apply for funding for the same project again next year. A project can be funded a maximum of 3 years in a row.

8. Do you fund public education?

A certain number of grants have supported a public education project with a rigorous needs assessment and clearly planned outcomes.

9. Do you fund children's programs?

Yes, for children exposed to family violence and for some kinds of abuse directed at children, but women's, teens and girls program are prioritized over child abuse programs.

10. Do you fund operations or provide core funding?

No.

11. Can I apply for funds for our men's program?

No. Canadian Women's Foundation supports work to end violence for women and while we recognize that men's programs are important in doing this, in order to prioritize, we have chosen to focus our efforts in girl's, women's and teen's programs.

12. Do you support work around teen pregnancy?

Only when the main focus of the program is to prevent relationship violence.

13. Do you fund furniture and office equipment?

When it is part of the programmatic expenses.

14. We do not currently have a curriculum we are sure about, can you suggest one?

There are many interesting curricula, but we cannot suggest one over another. You must present an outline of what you expect to cover in the education sessions with your proposal.

15. Can I work in collaboration to adapt a program developed by another group to my organization?

Yes.

16. I am not sure what to say about how we use evaluation for the program we are applying for.

Consider in what ways you gather feedback on the program and what you might do this information. This feedback needs to be analysed and from that, you can make recommendations about the work you are doing.

For example, you might find out that your organization has to improve access for certain women who are experiencing barriers. You might find certain workshops too academic or theoretical and change your approach to allow for more active participation from the participants in these sessions, adding more role play or discussion. You might find that you need to adapt the language you use to be more in line with what your participants say and understand. All of these are examples on how you use evaluation.

17. Are there certain approaches or therapy models that you do not support or fund?

It depends on the group and its general approach. In all work, we prefer a positive approach that focuses on strengthening women's assets not dwelling on the deficits. We would want to see that the approach suggested has a track record and is appropriate for the group you are working with. Ideally, we would also be able to see some examples of this approach.

18. Can I submit two applications for the same granting cycle?

No, you cannot.

19. When will the grants be made?

Decisions are made by the board mid July and the funds are released late July.

20. How will I be informed of the different stages in the process?

You are not informed of where you are in any part of the process until all the grants are selected. If you wish for an update, you can call and discuss your file.

21. Can I call for updates about my grant?

Yes, but please remember that you are one of more than 250 applicants, so getting an answer may take time. Generally email requests are easier to answer.

22. We already receive funds from Canadian Women's Foundation for another program, are we still eligible to apply?

You can apply for another program within another grant area at the Foundation and it will not affect your application.

23. I have read these and I would still like to contact staff from the Foundation

That is fine, please email or call the resource staff listed on the Instructions. Please try to be patient and give lots of lead time, as there are many calls at this time of year, and it is hard to get back to everyone as quickly as we would like. We are working on improving this by including more people in the list of who you can call.