

COMMUNITY FUND FOR CANADA'S 150TH

Led by Community Foundations of Canada and participating community foundations, with the support of the Government of Canada and leaders from coast to coast to coast, the Community Fund for Canada's 150th is intended to bring Canadians together to build community and activate a groundswell of local initiatives, activities, and events leading up to and during Canada's sesquicentennial.

The Fund will distribute small grants through community foundations to locally-led projects that build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada, and encourage participation in a wide range of initiatives that mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Fund will be responsive to local priorities and will be accessible to all Canadians, including indigenous peoples, youth, groups that reflect our cultural diversity, and official language minority groups.

The Department of Canadian Heritage has seeded the Fund with a contribution of \$10 million, and has invited private philanthropists to increase the Fund's impact. Community foundations will match public and private contributions and lead local grantmaking from the Fund, with the goal of growing the Fund to up to \$40 million. As further leverage, grant applicants are required to match the dollars received from the Fund through direct contribution or in-kind support, doubling the impact in communities across the country. The Fund will ultimately provide thousands of small grants to community initiatives in every province and territory in 2016 and 2017.

Eligible projects must be based in Canada, must be connected to Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, and must work towards the Fund's objectives, to:

- **ENCOURAGE** participation in community activities and events to mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation;
- **INSPIRE** a deeper understanding about the people, places and events that shape our country and our communities; or
- **BUILD** vibrant and healthy communities with the broadest possible engagement of all Canadians, including indigenous peoples; groups that reflect our cultural diversity; youth; and official language minorities.

Registered Canadian charities, municipalities and other qualified donees are eligible to apply to the Fund through the community foundation that serves their area. Grants will be determined at the local level.

Grants from the Fund may range from \$100 to \$15,000, but exact amounts will be determined at the local level by participating community foundations.

At a maximum, grants from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th will not exceed \$15,000.

Please note that regardless of the size of the grant requested, eligible projects are required to match the grant requested, through in-kind or cash contributions equal to the value of the grant.

For more details including a list of community foundations currently accepting applications <http://communityfoundations.ca/cfc150/> (Please note that more community foundations will be participating in the coming months. Contact your local community foundation for details.)