

Women's Collective Philanthropy Program (WCPP) Grant Guidelines – Application for Funding

Thank you for your interest in the WCPP Program

The grant supports:

- Initiatives that strive to expand and improve opportunities and choices in the lives of women and children in Ottawa's Jewish community; and
- Funding of innovative initiatives and/or training and education by individuals and/or organizations to help women and children in our community.

FAQ:

Who can apply?

These grants are available to non-profit agencies or groups and registered charities.

Individuals may apply but must either:

- collaborate with a registered non-profit so that the funds can be disbursed to a non-profit or charitable entity; or
- have project costs disbursed on a reimbursement basis

What projects are eligible?

- Social Action initiatives that improve the lives of Jewish women and children in Ottawa (winter coat drives, free tutoring initiatives, low barrier programs for new mothers)
- Initiatives that offer women training/development (training to enhance employment or re-entry into the workforce, creation of home business, etc.)
- Social initiatives that offer women and children the opportunity to meet like-minded peers in a supportive environment (book clubs; basketball buddies, etc.)

What projects are ineligible?

- Fund-raising appeals such as memberships
- Ongoing operations of an organization

What is the Committee looking for?

- Does the initiative actively improve the lives of Jewish women and children in Ottawa?
- Does the initiative offer meaningful (social, educational, professional) opportunities for participants?
- Does the initiative have a clear action plan and budget?

Where does the grant money come from?

Funds for the grants come from WCPP's "Women's Collective Endowment Fund", a designated fund of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF). The WCPP Grant is made possible via donor contributions, and revenue generated from invested capital. The grant will be given on an annual basis, with the grant amount being determined annually.

When is the grant period?

The WCPP Grants program takes place once per year and applicants have the option/ability to reapply annually. The application period begins in March and closes in April.

How much funding can I receive?

For this year's grant cycle, the WCPP Grants Allocations Committee anticipates that it will be able to distribute grants totaling approximately \$6,000. The WCPP reserves the right to make one or more awards, and to award only a portion of the amount being requested.

WCPP Grant Application Process

Step 1:

Complete the application form before the deadline.

Step 2:

All applications will undergo an initial review by the WCPP to ensure all eligibility criteria are met and applications are complete. Initiatives that fit the guidelines will come before the WCPP Executive for deliberation.

Step 3:

Shortlisted applicants will then be contacted by the Executive and invited to provide a short presentation of their initiative, and explain how their initiative supports the community, and meets the WCPP mandate. If the applicant is unable to present on that date, they have the option of having a representative of the WCPP Executive present on their behalf.

Step 4:

Following the presentation of grant submissions, WCPP members in attendance will provide their feedback through anonymous adjudication to the WCPP Executive who will review this feedback, and based on the information provided, will finalize the awarding of the grants.

Step 5:

Awarded grants will be announced by mid-May. All shortlisted applicants will have access to membership feedback after that date.

Step 6:

Successful grant recipients must acknowledge the support of the Women's Collective Program and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation in their communications (i.e. "This program is made possible through the support of the Women's Collective Philanthropy Program).

Step 7:

Grantees must complete an impact report within two weeks of completing said project.

Please contact the Foundation Associate at (613) 798-4696 ext. 252, or foundation@jewishottawa.com with any questions or concerns about our WCPP Grant Guidelines.