



Call For Selection Committee Members

MLSE Foundation invites you to take part in our 2025–2026 granting season by serving as a member of our Selection Committee. In this role, you will review and score applications using an established rubric and provide thoughtful recommendations on how to allocate grant funding to proposals that best align with the goals of the Community Action Grant.

About the Grant:

The Community Action Grant provides up to \$50,000 per project to Ontario-based organizations that use sport and recreation to create positive opportunities for youth facing barriers. MLSE Foundation is proud to invest in community-driven efforts that advance equity and champion the power of sport to transform lives. To learn more MLSE Foundation and the Community Action Grant, click [here](#).

What to Expect:

How many members are on the Selection Committee?

The Selection Committee will consist of approximately 20 members for the 2025–2026 grant cycle.

What are the expected time commitments?

Committee members will be asked to contribute the following:

- **2–3 hours** to review MLSE Foundation’s Grant Guidelines, Expression of Interest (EOI), and Full Application forms in advance of the grant launch (anticipated in September).
- **20–30 hours** to evaluate EOI and Full Application submissions during the review period.
- **Participation in 1–2 deliberation meetings** (if needed) to discuss evaluations and finalize recommendations for shortlisted applicants.

Will there be an honorarium?

Yes, committee members will receive an honorarium of \$300 in recognition of their time and contributions.

What does the proposed Selection Committee schedule look like?

- **Orientation Session**
An orientation will be held in *September 2025* to introduce committee members to MLSE Foundation’s grant review process. This session will equip participants with the tools and context needed to assess applications consistently and confidently
- **Expression of Interest (EOI) Review**
MLSE Foundation staff will review submissions, consolidate feedback, and invite selected organizations to submit Full Applications in the new year.



- **Estimated Review Period:** End of November 2025 into first two weeks of December 2025.
- **Full Application Review**
Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the committee.
 - **Estimated Review Period:** February 2026
- **Deliberation Meeting (if required)**
If consensus is not reached during the review process, a deliberation meeting will be held to further evaluate applications and finalize a list of recommended organizations.

Roles & Responsibilities

1. Guideline Review

Review MLSE Foundation's grant guidelines to ensure they are clear, aligned with the scoring rubric, and effectively prompt meaningful responses. Recommend adjustments to improve clarity, alignment with assessment criteria, and overall process effectiveness.

2. Application Review

Conduct thorough and thoughtful reviews of grant applications. Assess all sections carefully, identifying both strengths and areas for improvement to support informed decision-making. Selection Committee members may be asked to meet with the MLSE Foundation team to review their feedback as needed.

3. Impact & Strategic Fit

Evaluate whether proposals effectively respond to community needs and align with MLSE Foundation's mission, vision, and strategic priorities.

4. Feedback & Communication

Clearly articulate insights and provide constructive feedback during the review process. MLSE Foundation staff are available to assist if verbal feedback or scribing support is needed.

5. Timeliness

Meet all selection committee deadlines to ensure a smooth and efficient grant process.



Criteria

1. Grant Experience

Demonstrates prior experience with grantmaking or grant evaluation processes, including assessing proposals and understanding funding frameworks.

2. Equity & Inclusion Lens

Applies a strong understanding of equity, anti-oppression, and inclusive practices throughout the review process.

3. Community Knowledge

Understands the needs, assets, and barriers of the communities MLSE Foundation serves, particularly Black youth, Indigenous youth, and Women & Girls.

6. Lived Experience or Sector Expertise

Brings relevant lived experience or professional expertise in youth programming, sport for development, or community-based initiatives.

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Please reach out to FoundationGrants@MLSE.com with any questions!