



Call For Community Action Grant Selection Committee Members

MLSE Foundation invites you to apply to take part in our annual Community Action Grant review, by serving as a member of our Grant Selection Committee. In this role, successful participants will contribute to the equitable distribution of sport-for-development funding across Ontario, reviewing & scoring applications and providing thoughtful recommendations on funding proposals aligned the Community Action Grant. If selected, your input will be critical in empowering youth facing barriers with vital access to sport programming & development opportunities!

Selection Circle applications will be reviewed internally by MLSE Foundation, with selected members notified by Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Note: Given MLSE Foundation's geographical funding boundaries, Selection Committee applicants must be Ontario-based.

About the Grant:

MLSE Foundation Community Action Grants 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 about MLSE Foundation's funding priorities 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 to 25 members for the 2026–2027 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 November).
- **25–40 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 *October 2026* 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:** January 7th, 2027, to January 21st, 2027

- **Full Application Review**

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the committee.

- **Estimated Review Period:** March 5th, 2027, to March 23rd, 2027

- **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.



Applicant 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.

4. Lived Experience or Sector Expertise

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

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