



2026 Grant Program: Application Package



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Re: The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada 2026 Grant Program

The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada is pleased to announce grant funding for our 2026 Grant Program. This represents the sixth successful grant program since the establishment of a permanent, Survivor-led Board of Directors. The Foundation aims to serve all Survivors of the Sixties Scoop in every region of Canada and beyond.

A legacy established through the National Sixties Scoop Settlement, the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada is an independent charity incorporated in Canada under the federal Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

Since its inception in November 2020, the permanent Board of Directors has successfully managed to grant over 12.1 million dollars to 71 grants across Canada from, sea to sea to sea, in each region of Canada for Inuit, First Nation, and Métis Scoop Survivors to begin the work of healing through reclamation, reunion, and cultural practices reconnecting them to what has been lost.

Detailed information about the 2026 Grant Funding is available in the attached application package. It contains valuable information on the application process, application requirements, and activities that are eligible for funding.

This is a grant process for organizations that meet our criteria and are eligible to apply.

Step 1- Letter of Intent

Upon review of the package, please submit your "Letter of Intent" to us on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at grants@60sscoopfoundation.com or by completing the webform that is available on the foundation's website.

Step 2 – Completed Grant Application

The deadline for submitting the detailed grant application is on or before Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

Thank you, and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with your organization to invest in the health, healing, and wellness of Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and their descendants.

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The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada: 2026 Grant Program Guidelines

Background

The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada (NSSHFC) is an independent organization, established through the National Sixties Scoop Settlement. Our mission is to accompany Survivors and their descendants along their healing journey by supporting cultural reclamation and reunification, holistic wellness services, advocacy, commemoration, and educational initiatives. Independent of government, the Foundation aims to serve all Survivors of the Sixties Scoop in every region of Canada and beyond.

We are excited to introduce the Foundation's sixth annual grant program. The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada's 2026-2027 Grant Program seeks to fund programs and projects that make direct investments in the health, healing, and wellness of Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and descendants.

Who is eligible to apply for funding from the 2026 Grant Program?

Only those organizations who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for funding. Eligible applicants must:

- Be a qualified donee, meaning a registered charity or another qualified donee listed by the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Alternatively, non-qualified donees may indirectly apply to the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada by securing a "fiscal sponsorship" from a qualified donee.
 - A "fiscal sponsorship" is a qualified donee that agrees to take on the non-qualified donee's project as its own activity and engages the non-qualified donee as an intermediary to carry out the project.
 - This arrangement should be made between the non-qualified donee and the fiscal sponsor organization utilizing an Intermediary Agreement.
 - The Intermediary Agreement between the non-qualified donee and the fiscal sponsor will be provided to the NSSHFC at the time of application.
- Serve or seek to serve Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and/or descendants through existing or new programs and projects.
- Be Indigenous-led, meaning decisions and direction about the organization's activities are provided by Indigenous peoples. At this time, Indigenous-led is limited to non-profit Indigenous-led societies that are in good standing. (Ineligible organizations for this grant include First Nations led by Chief and Councils, Tribal Councils, Indigenous Representative Organizations, Provincial Territorial Organizations, and Métis/First Nations/Inuit Settlement organizations and For-Profit Organizations).
- If any existing grantee fails to complete the project on time without justified reasons, they will be ineligible to apply for next year's grant program.

The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada (NSSHFC) is in continuous organizational development and iterative learning. The results of each annual grant program allow the Foundation to be better informed and better equipped with lessons learned, and allow the Foundation to annually improve on the design and deliver exceptionally successful grant funding programs to a variety of organizations across the country.

What types of programs and projects are eligible for funding?

Eligible projects and programs will support a wide range of activities that serve the needs of Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and their descendants. This may include (but is not limited to) projects and programs that:

- respond to the mental health, wellness, and healing needs of Survivors and their families;
- respond to urgent basic needs of Survivors, their families, and descendants;
- build the capacity of the organization to deliver programs to Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and descendants.
- promote reunification, cultural connection, and transmission of knowledge;
- provide training; and
- promote truth-telling and storytelling.

Ineligible Projects

The following projects will be ineligible:

- Capital infrastructure projects (i.e., building or renovating a building, buying a vehicle); where capital infrastructure projects are defined as new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement projects for an existing asset or facility;
- Projects that have already received funding for the same activities or take place outside of Canada; and
- Other matters not previously considered by the Board of Directors of the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada and within the spirit and intent of the exclusion.

What is the value of grants available from the Grant Program?

There is no prescribed funding limit. Funding decisions will be based on the merit of each application and funding availability.

What are eligible and ineligible projects and expenses?

Eligible project costs and expenses include:

- Honoraria directly tied to the proposed project or program;
- Salaries directly tied to the proposed project or program;
- Professional fees directly tied to the proposed project;
- Gifts, prizes, or awards if directly tied to the proposed project or program (e.g., gifts for Elders);
- Expenditures made after August 1, 2026, or before July 31, 2027;
- Capital expenses (e.g., technology, equipment) which are necessary for delivering the project or program;
- Project administration costs up to 15%; and
- Other matters not previously considered by the Board of Directors of the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada and within the spirit and intent of the inclusion.

Ineligible project costs and expenses include:

- Capital costs associated with capital infrastructure projects (see definition and rationale above);
- Debt retirement, mortgage pay-downs;
- Costs are not necessary for delivering the project or program.
- Project expenses incurred before August 1, 2026, or after July 31, 2027; and
- Other matters not previously considered by the Board of Directors of the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada and within the spirit and intent of the exclusion.

Can my organization submit multiple applications?

Yes, invited organizations may submit up to two applications for individual projects and program support. In the interest of ensuring the broadest possible reach, the Grant Program may only support one project per qualified donee.

Projects that are not funded this year but meet the eligibility criteria will be held for discussion with the applicant in 2027.

When can funded program activities and projects take place?

Eligible projects must take place between August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027.

What is the deadline to apply?

There are three key dates in the application process:

1. Letter of Intent is due by email or webform on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (Note: You put your organization at a disadvantage if you do not submit a Letter of Intent as without the Letter of Intent, your completed Grant Application will only be reviewed after all other organizations that first filed their Letter of Intent)
2. The deadline to submit questions or to request a phone call with our team concerning the letter of intent is Wednesday, April 29, 2026.
3. Completed Grant Applications will be accepted until 9 PM/21:00 *Eastern Time* on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Email: grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

How can I submit an application?

To submit your Grant Application please complete the Microsoft Word form provided. If needed, we have also provided a Microsoft Excel sheet to help you develop your project budget.

When you have completed the Grant Application and accompanying Budget, please submit them to: grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

If you have any issues using the Word document template or budget tool, please contact us at: grants@60sscoopfoundation.com. Once you submit the application, you will receive an email at the address you listed on your Grant Application form confirming receipt.

How will applications be evaluated?

Applications will first be reviewed by the valuation committee to ensure all essential criteria are met and to score the application using a rating scale, and making one of three core determinations:

1. Fund in 2026
2. Hold for discussion with the applicant in 2027
3. Decline

The questions below will guide the Evaluation Committee in applying the matrix:

1. Has the applicant met the minimum eligibility criteria (described above)?
2. Do the proposed initiatives invest directly in the health, healing, and wellness of Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and/or their descendants?
3. Has the organization demonstrated how it will deliver the program or service in a culturally safe and trauma-informed manner?
4. Has the organization demonstrated it can deliver the program or project if funded?
5. Does the program or project align with the mission of the NSSHFC?
6. Does the funding request make sense for the scale, scope, and purpose of the program or project?
7. Has the applicant attached letters of support with their application?
8. Does the applicant include partnerships with other organizations in their application?

Who makes the decision?

Applications will first be reviewed by our Evaluation Committee to ensure all essential criteria are met and to score the application using the rating scale above. Applications that meet eligibility criteria and receive a favourable score will be forwarded to the Board of Directors – Programs Committee Members who will review the applications and make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors make the final decisions on Grant determinations through closed-door deliberations.

How will decisions be communicated?

All applicants will be notified regarding the Board of Directors' decision by email.

When will programs and projects be funded?

We anticipate that funding decisions will be made on or about June 28, 2026. For successful applicants, the full value of each grant will be paid in two equal payments:

Payment 1: August 2026 (75%)

- Organizations approved for grant funding will be required to sign a grant agreement before receiving the grant payment.

Payment 2: December 2026 (25%)

- Payment 2 occurs in December 2026, once the grant recipient has submitted an interim report to NSSHFC no later than November 1st, 2026, and complied with all contractual obligations to that point in time.

All funds received must be spent by July 31, 2027. Grant recipients will notify the NSSHFC if the funds cannot be spent on this schedule so that we can work together to identify accommodations.

What are the Reporting Requirements?

1. **Quarterly Progress Update:** At the end of each quarter, the grant recipient will submit a progress update with financial status as per the Foundation's template. Please collect the participants' feedback using the prescribed template and submit it to the Foundation along with the quarterly progress update.
2. **Interim Report:** The grant recipient will submit an interim report to NSSHFC no later than November 1st, 2026, as per the Foundation's template.
3. **Final Grant Report:** The grant recipient will submit the final report, due July 31, 2027, as per the Foundation's template.

What will be the reporting responsibilities for grant recipients?

As per the grant agreement, grant recipients will be required to submit quarterly progress updates, an interim report, and a final report for all activities and expenditures. The templates for quarterly progress update, interim and final reporting will be provided to all successful applicants.

The successful grant recipients shall share with the Foundation, on a quarterly basis, updates of any events held relating to the Program and shall include pictures, videos, and stories as much as possible. At least one business week before publication, the recipient will submit the final draft version of all advertising and communication materials of their grant-funded event to the Foundation's Director of Programs (email: programs@60sscoopfoundation.com), who, in consultation with the Director of Communications (email: communications@60sscoopfoundation.com), will review and approve or advise as to improvement, the correct acknowledgement for the Foundation.

We also request that recipients identify their chosen alternative means (if elected) that they would like to report on the outcomes of their program or project. This can include a testimonial from a program participant, photos, video/ audio recordings, or other ways to communicate the project or program outcomes.

Information gathered through these reports will be shared with the NSSHFC Board and may be used for promotional purposes as well as to inform and inspire future initiatives.

Readiness Checklist

So, do you think you're ready? Check all the boxes before beginning to prepare an application for funding from the Grant Program:

- Our organization is a qualified donee, or Our organization is a qualified donee that has signed an intermediary agreement with a non-qualified donee attached to the application.
- We have read this Applicant Guide and have an eligible project.
- We have communicated our "letter of Intent" (due Wednesday, April 29, 2026) to submit an application for the 2026 Grant Program.
- We have asked our questions or requested a phone call (if needed) with the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2026.
- We are prepared to submit a completed Grant Application and Budget on or before Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Once you have checked all those boxes, we'll look forward to receiving first your Letter of Intent and then your subsequent Grant Application and Budget!

Please note that if you do not submit your Letter of Intent by Wednesday, April 29, 2026, you can still

submit an application, but your application will only be reviewed after those organizations who have submitted their letter of intent on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2026. The faster you submit the Letter of Intent, the earlier you can start to work on your main submission: the completed Grant Application and Budget.

NSSHFC reserves the right to allow applicants to appeal based on the process and not on the content of applications. Notice of appeal and complete written appeal decisions must be made within 14 days of the original decision. Appeals must be in writing only and emailed in a PDF format. The review of the appeal will be conducted by the NSSHFC Board of Directors – Appeals Committee. The decision of the NSSHFC Board of Directors – Appeals Committee – is final.

How can I learn more?

Questions about the 2026 Grant Program can be directed to: grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

With these Guidelines, you can find a Frequently Asked Questions document. We will update and recirculate this document with answers to new questions posed through the process and circulate it to all intending applicants.

Acknowledgment of Support

The National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada is an independent not-for-profit corporation and registered charity that aims to serve all Sixties Scoop Survivors in every region of Canada from sea to sea to sea and beyond.

National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada 2026 Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding from the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada (NSSHFC)! We will update and recirculate this document with answers to new questions posed through the application process and circulate them to all intending applicants.

Why is the 2026 Grant Program application process for Indigenous-led Non-Profit Organizations in Good Standing?

As is emphasized in our vision and mission statements, our priority is to support the healing and wellness of Sixties Scoop Survivors. For our grant process, ideally, we are seeking organizations that want positive and productive partnerships with organizations that are delivering services to Survivors, their families, and their descendants. We want to make sure that appropriate time and resources can be provided to support organizations seeking funding support.

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How has the 2026 Grant Program been improved since last year?

We annually review our grant programs and explore best practices and lessons learned, along with

challenges including continuous improvement of our grant program strategies. Based on this continuous learning, we revise the grant program guidelines annually to reflect our growth and program delivery improvement. We also continuously engage with Indigenous experts who hold extensive experience in delivering grant programs to Indigenous peoples and note that it is important to continue the work with Indigenous-led non-profit organizations due to the large number of Survivors and their families who receive immediate services outside of their Indigenous Communities.

How much money can my organization apply for?

Grant applications should be made for the amount of funding you will need for your program or project. You may apply for the full amount to cover all eligible project costs or a portion of the overall amount for projects or programs that will already be receiving funding from another source.

Be as specific as possible when outlining project costs in your application. Consider the following when determining the amount you apply for:

- the type of organization you are;
- the financial documentation you have available;
- the amount required for your organization's activity.

What should I do if I experience technical difficulties with the application form?

If you have any technical difficulties with the Microsoft Word document template (and optional Microsoft Excel budget tool), you can also request to speak directly with someone from our team by sending an email to grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

What should I do if our organization's circumstances or funding situation changes – for example, if we secure funding from another source for the same activity as we have applied for?

No modifications to your application(s) are permitted after the deadline. The application you submit initially will be treated as your organization's final application. However, we ask that you let us know if your situation has changed so that we can contact you to talk about other needs your organization has that could be supported by a future grant program.

For the purposes of the grant, how are Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and descendants defined?

The term Sixties Scoop refers to the government practice, between approximately 1951 to 1991, of the removal by the state of Indigenous babies and children without consent of their parents from their Indigenous homes and suffered a loss of their cultural identity, traditions, and language, and resulting trauma. These stolen Indigenous babies and children were either placed for foster care or adoption in non-Indigenous homes or left without family care and forced to grow up in child welfare institutions.

A family member of a Sixties Scoop Survivor is the Spouse, parent, grandparent, child (including children adopted), grandchild, sibling, or any other person living as a member of the same household as the Sixties Scoop Survivor.

A descendant of a Sixties Scoop Survivor is an Indigenous person who descended from a Survivor, meaning the Survivor is the ancestor of that person.

Our organization has many funding needs. What should we apply for?

We know there is a lot of good work going on in organizations currently serving Survivors, their families, and their descendants. The 2026 Grant was therefore designed to be flexible and to serve a wide variety of organizational and Survivors' needs. We welcome applications that take a diversity of approaches to addressing the healing and wellness needs of Survivors.

The application should demonstrate that the need will be met and that there is little or no duplication or competition with existing government or private-sector charitable services; in other words, the project should be either unique or complementary.

We want to fund programs and projects that “invest in the health healing, and wellness of Sixties Scoop Survivors, their families, and descendants through various programs and supports”. Please tell us what types of projects and programs you want to deliver that meet that objective.

Our priority for this grant is to provide funding to organizations that:

- Meet the eligibility criteria;
- Aligns with the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada’s mission;
- Have demonstrated capacity to deliver the program or service they seek funding for, and to do so in a culturally safe and trauma-informed manner.

What information do I need to complete my application?

Within the Grant Applications Guidelines document, we prepared a checklist of all of the information you will need to complete your 2026 Grant Application. Before you begin, [please submit a Letter of Intent by Wednesday, April 29, 2026.](#)

Can I submit a paper application by mail?

No. We require that your application be submitted by emailing us your completed application form using the Microsoft Word template to: grants@60sscoopfoundation.com

Can we submit multiple applications?

Yes, organizations may submit up to two applications. Projects that are not funded this year but meet the eligibility criteria will be held for discussion with the applicant in 2027.

Can my organization secure multi-year funding?

No. multi-year funding is not available for the 2026 Grant Program. However, organizations that have successfully completed projects in the past may reapply in subsequent years with new proposals.

What happens if I make an error in the application form that has already been submitted?

The application you submit will be treated as your organization’s final application and no further applications or additional information will be accepted. It is critical to ensure the application is completed correctly before submission.

Will I still be eligible for funding if I do not provide a record of my organization’s 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statement?

Yes, however, the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada reserves the right to review your organization’s statement before approving your application.