

ONTARIO150 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW

ONTARIO150 Partnership Program (PP)

Mission & Goal

- ▶ Recognizing that youth are tomorrow's leaders, their engagement and empowerment is critical to support the economic and social future of Ontario's communities. With a focus on forging new partnerships and exploring new models to build stronger communities, the *Ontario150 PP* will leave a lasting legacy of engaged youth who will set the pace for generations to come.
- ▶ The core goal of this program is to provide funding to communities and organizations across Ontario to collaborate and offer young people new ways to participate in opportunities within six key Priority Areas

Priority Areas

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- ▶ **Supporting Young Artists** – Encourages partnerships with and among arts-based organizations to give youth more opportunities for learning and development in the arts and creative sector
- ▶ **Promoting Diversity and Inclusion** – Encourages collaborations with and among organizations serving diverse populations in order to better engage youth from all backgrounds, including rural, ethno-cultural, Francophone, Indigenous, and LGBTQ groups in their programming
- ▶ **Environmental Stewardship** – Encourages partnerships with and among environmental-based organizations to support projects centering around environmental preservation

Priority Areas

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- ▶ **Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship** – Encourages organizations to partner with businesses to support youth entrepreneurship opportunities
- ▶ **Promoting Active and Healthy Living** – Encourages organizations to collaborate on projects that support youth in making healthy lifestyle choices
- ▶ **Youth Civic Engagement** – Encourage organizations to collaborate and offer young people the skills and networks to take active roles in the community-building process, including through inter-generational mentoring

Partnerships

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- ▶ Preference will be given to applicants whose projects demonstrate a high level of collaboration with a new partnering organization.
- ▶ These partnerships within and across sectors should aim to promote knowledge sharing within one Priority Area and encourage innovative ways to engage youth. Cash contributions in themselves would not be an indication of a significant partnership.
- ▶ Businesses are encouraged to forge partnerships with other eligible applicants including not-for-profits, municipalities or Indigenous communities

Youth

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Projects **must** be for youth, by youth or offer youth benefits. Projects should seek to engage youth as learners and leaders within one Priority Area.

Recognizing that 'youth' can be a loose demographic description, applicants will be asked to specify the age range their project is targeting.

Examples of Eligible Projects

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Supporting Young Artists

- ▶ Workshops in which community centres work with a theatre company to give youth opportunities to learn how to create and produce an original play
- ▶ Independent artists come together for business skills training sessions, facilitated by another organization

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

- ▶ Organizations with provincial scope establish and consult rural youth advisory groups to identify gaps and offer a local lens on programming
- ▶ Newcomer settlement agency hosts not-for-profit organizations, teaching them how to better recruit young volunteers of diverse backgrounds

Examples of Eligible Projects

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Environmental Stewardship

- ▶ Coordinate a campaign of volunteer clean-ups in community parks and beaches
- ▶ Student environmental teams are engaged in a tree-planting initiative to reduce the effects of greenhouse gases

Youth Entrepreneurship

- ▶ Successful entrepreneurs are matched with young innovators through the creation of a supportive network, offering mentorship and guidance
- ▶ A multi-day conference where students speak with leaders from different sectors highlighting how gaps were innovatively resolved in their respective industries

Examples of Eligible Projects

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Promoting Active and Healthy Living

- ▶ A sports-based organization partners with a rural community centre to provide youth opportunities to learn new sports
- ▶ A municipality partners with youth-based organizations to host an all-day event that seeks to raise awareness and remove the stigma surrounding mental health

Youth Civic Engagement

- ▶ A senior's centre collaborates with youth advisory groups to explore and participate in municipal offices or neighbourhood action committees
- ▶ A youth-based organization conducts a mock municipal election and winners are matched with and mentored by their respective city councillors

Applicant Eligibility

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- ▶ Funding will be provided only to legal entities. Examples include those that are established by or under legislation; are federally or provincially incorporated; are band councils established under the *Indian Act*, Canada; or are other Indigenous organizations that are incorporated.
- ▶ Applicant organizations need to have been in existence for least one fiscal year (or less for some Indigenous communities) in Ontario as of January 1, 2017.
- ▶ Eligible applicants include:
 - ▶ Not-for-profit organizations
 - ▶ Municipalities
 - ▶ Indigenous communities
- ▶ Businesses* and business associations (*Businesses are eligible for projects of a non-commercial nature. Preference will be given to businesses who partner with other eligible applicants).

Eligible Projects

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MUST:

- ▶ Take place in the Province of Ontario
- ▶ Occur between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
- ▶ Have an applicant or leading organization that meets all stated eligibility criteria

Funding Criteria

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- ▶ The *Ontario 150 Partnership Program* is able to support up to 75% of eligible project costs up to a maximum funding amount of \$100,000.
- ▶ Applicants are encouraged to combine funding sources in support of their project.
- ▶ Funds from government sources however cannot exceed 90% of total project costs. Municipalities and Indigenous communities are exempt from this requirement.
- ▶ Cash and in-kind contributions of at least 25% of the total eligible project costs must be confirmed before funding is released.

Funding Criteria – In-Kind

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- ▶ An in-kind contribution is a donation in lieu of cash to obtain required goods and services. Examples of in-kind contributions could include:
 - ▶ A consultant donates time to your program; they normally charge for these services; a school bus company donates the use of its vehicles at no cost
 - ▶ Volunteer hours are calculated at the General Minimum Wage for Ontario unless acting in their professional capacity which is calculated at a fair market value. Applicants can use the Ministry of Labour's minimum wage rates, to calculate this contribution.
- ▶ The Ministry retains the right to determine, at its sole discretion, which in-kind contributions are eligible and ineligible.

Eligible Expenses

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- ▶ In general, eligible costs are directly associated with activities, programs or services that aid in the delivery of the proposed project. Examples of eligible expenses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - ▶ Expenses directly associated with Priority Area activities
 - ▶ Extending staff hours specifically for the delivery of the project
- ▶ Hiring additional staff specifically for the delivery of the project, such as a Project Manager
- ▶ Travel, accommodation, and/or meal expenses (these cannot exceed the current provincial rates of the [Broader Public Service Accountability Act \(BPSAA\) directives](#)).
 - ▶ Other costs deemed reasonable

Ineligible Expenses

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- ▶ Contributions to funding drives or campaigns,
- ▶ Activities completed or costs incurred prior to application approval.
- ▶ Core administrative and overhead costs, such as rent, telephone and communication lines/services, computers, utilities, maintenance costs and any operational expenses related to an organization's ongoing activities.
- ▶ Budget deficits.
- ▶ Permanent staff salaries.
- ▶ Capital costs related to permanent structures (e.g., materials, labour, vehicles, land acquisition, purchase of equipment for project construction, computers, etc.)
- ▶ Refundable Harmonized Sales Tax or other refundable expenses (e.g., security deposits, etc.).

Evaluation Criteria

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Organizational Capacity	20%
Relevance to <i>Ontario 150th Partnership Program</i>	40%
Project Beneficiaries and Impact	20%
Risk Management and Evaluation Plan	10%
Current Financial Position and Budget	10%
Total	100%

Additional Program Details

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- ▶ Only **one** application per initiative will be considered for the *Ontario 150 Partnership Program*.
- ▶ Only **one** application per organization will be considered for the *Ontario 150 Partnership Program*.
- ▶ All *Ontario 150 Partnership Program* applications must be completed and submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on September 30, 2016.