



Grant Application

The Perth and District Community Foundation invites applicants for projects which meet the following guidelines.

Projects must directly benefit the residents of the Town of Perth, the townships of Drummond/North Elmsley, Tay Valley and Lanark Highlands.

Grants are made only to charities registered by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or other qualified donees (a municipality, a school board etc.).

Applications must be received between September 15 and October 31 to be considered. Applicants will be informed of the results by January 31st of the following year.

Grant recipients will be required to submit a final report showing accountability for the use of the grant on or before November 30th in the year the grant is received.

Preference is given to projects which:

- promote volunteer participation
- support one or more PDCF areas of interest – Youth, Seniors, Health and Support Services, Education, Environment, Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation or Social Development
- involve collaboration with other community partners
- are new initiatives or innovative in nature.

Grants are not made:

- to individuals
- in response to annual fund drives for sustaining support
- for religious or political activities
- to support ongoing operating expenses of established organizations or programs
- for projects or programs that will be completed before the grant decision takes place.

The above details are to assist you with the grant application process. If at any time you have any questions or need assistance, we are happy to help pdcf@bellnet.ca phone 613.326.0295. Thank you for taking the time to apply. Only emailed applications will be accepted.

**Perth and District Community Foundation,
33 Lewis Street, Perth, ON K7H 2R4**

Grant Application

(Please scroll through fillable form and enter information where indicated.)

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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| Name of Organization: | Lanark County Community Justice Program Inc |
| Registered Charitable Number: | 868442310RR0001 |
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| Telephone: | 613-264-1558 |
| Email: | admin@commjustice.org |
| Website: | www.commjustice.org |
| Year Established: | 2000 |
| Contact Person: | Sarah Bingham |
| Title: | Executive Director |
| Contact email: | sarah@commjustice.org |
| Number of Employees: | |
| Full-Time | 2 |
| Part-Time | 3 |

What is the purpose of your organization? (maximum 200 words)

Our vision is that we all live, work and play in a community that embraces restorative practices to repair harm, build community connections and strengthen relationships. Our core values are; inclusiveness (creating safe, respectful spaces where all people can speak their truth in an open and honest way); responsibility (people are responsible for their actions and are accountable to others; and trust (by building, maintaining and restoring relationships, our community becomes stronger).

Research conclusively proves many strong links between using restorative practices and prevention of crime, reduced recidivism rates for criminal offenders, cost savings on policing and court costs, more positive outcomes for children and youth, higher victim satisfaction rates, increased resiliency, empathy and emotional literacy as well as more effective communication and conflict resolution skills. Community justice is only one type of restorative practice, in order to fully reap the enormous socio-economic and health benefits of restorative practices, our community must build its capacity to employ restorative practices in schools, youth centres, workplaces, service agencies, families, parenting relationships, faith groups, sports teams and civic clubs/organizations. Restorative practices are an innovative, effective way of building a community of caring, where people are connected to each other and to their community.

How are the operations of your organization funded? (i.e. Private/Government)

Our Community Justice Court Diversion Program is funded in part by the Ministry of the Attorney General. Specifically they fund youth justice clients aged 12-17. The rest of that program is funded by donations from the community (approximately 1/3 of the total expense for the Court Diversion Program).

Our BE STRONG School and Youth Centre Program is funded primarily by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. A smaller project under this umbrella that builds the leadership capacity of high school students to mentor elementary school children in the critical after school hours is funded by United Way Lanark County.

Our third program, Building Restorative Communities, has received partial funding in the past from Perth and District Community Foundation, the Department of Justice and The Commonwell Foundation.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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| Amount Requested: | 15,000 |
| Project Start Date: | 01/01/2019 |
| Project Completion Date: | 31/03/2020 |

Project Description:

1. State the purpose of the project.

Youth homelessness is a critical issue in Lanark County and recent local research has shown that 100% of local homeless youth will return home at least once. Unfortunately the strained relationship between the parents, the youth and other siblings most often causes a second period of homelessness that rarely involves the youth returning home again and greatly increases their risk of addictions, assault, mental health struggles and more. Our project specifically targets such families in order to achieve 2 main purposes: the first is to support the reconciliation of the family members during this difficult and complex time, and the second is to build their capacity in a sustainable way so the family is stronger, healthier and able to use Restorative Practices to keep their family intact.

2. What are the project goals? What do you hope to achieve? (the goals should be specific and measurable)

Our project will work with a minimum of 25 local families to build their capacity to use Restorative Practices to peacefully solve problems, repair strained relationships, build emotional resiliency and foster stronger connections. We will focus this work on families that are experiencing complex issues including, but not limited to: youth experiencing homelessness, youth in conflict with the law, youth in trouble at school and experiencing mental health and/or addictions. Extensive research proves that restorative processes are extremely effective within the family context to prevent extended youth homelessness, violence and abuse and a plethora of other sociological issues.

Family remains the most critical element in our social fabric and when we support families to increase their skills in sustainable ways, we not only strengthen the individuals within that family unit, we also strengthen our community as a whole. Each family we support through this project will increase their knowledge and understanding of:

- Emotional literacy, communication and regulation strategies
- Restorative processes and peaceful conflict resolution to address wrongdoings/harms in the family
- How to accept personal accountability for actions and behaviours, including how to make amends

3. How will the project benefit the residents in this community?

We will see stronger, healthier families with increased resiliency, conflict resolution skills, emotional connection within their family unit and within the greater community. Children and youth who possess restorative practice skills experience less behavioural problems, increased success in school, higher rates of satisfaction with their mental health, less drug and alcohol use, less homelessness and less risk of criminal activity. Parents who know how to use restorative practices report feeling more confident in their ability to parent, more confident in their problem solving skills and a closer, healthier relationship with their children.

4. Which PDCF areas of interest does the project address? (Please check box)

- Youth X
- Seniors X
- Health and Support Services
- Education
- Environment
- Arts and Culture
- Sports and Recreation
- Social Development X

Have you approached other sources of support for this project? (Y/N)

Choose an item.
No

If yes, for each source state the name of the source, the kind and amount of the support (e.g. money or in kind (goods or services) and whether or not the source has already committed to provide the support).

| Name of Source | Amount in Cash | In-Kind Support | Confirmed (Y/N) |
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Please also provide any other information you think might be relevant to this grant application.

The Building Restorative Families Project will fall under the umbrella of our Building Restorative Communities Program as a specialized component we have recognized as a critical need within our community.

How will your organization acknowledge the support of The Perth and District Community Foundation? Please check all those that apply.

- Website X
- Printed material X
- Radio X
- Events X

On behalf of the organization I acknowledge and agree that:

1. Funds received from PDCF will be spent on the project by the reporting deadline.
2. Funds not used for this project will be returned to PDCF.
3. Failure to file a final report will lead to disqualification from future grants.

4. If PDCF gives a grant to the organization for this project, PDCF may publish the identity of the organization, a description of the project and the amount granted in any media and from time to time.
5. I have the authority to bind the organization.

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| Name: | Sarah Bingham |
| Title: | Executive Director |
| Date: | 26/10/2018 |

Attachments to be included:

1. Detailed project budget, 10% administrative fee is allowed

| Item | Expense |
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| Admin and management | 1,500 |
| Staffing | 11,550 |
| Supplies and Resources | 1,200 |
| Travel Expenses | 750 |
| Total | 15,000 |