

Community Foundation of Nova Scotia VISIONS Fund Grant Application

About

The CFNS VISIONS (Visionary Initiatives Strengthening Inclusion & Oppportunity in Nova Scotia) Fund was established by an anonymous donor to support initiatives that make Nova Scotia a better place to live and learn. The endowed fund will grant its earned interest in perpetuity, providing continuous and impactful support for the province.

The CFNS VISIONS Fund has two priorities:

- Providing financial assistance to initiatives, programs, and projects that support individuals who have encountered significant challenges in life. This includes aid for underserved and under-resourced communities, as well as those facing issues such as health problems, food insecurity, housing instability, or other substantial needs as specified by the applicant.
- Providing financial support to universities or colleges for innovative and creative educational programs or teaching methods across various disciplines.

Eligibility Criteria

- Projects must fit within the VISIONS funding priorities.
- Projects are to be delivered in the province of Nova Scotia.
- Applicants are to be a [qualified donee](#) as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), [other eligible group](#) as defined by the CRA, or have partnered with an eligible organization.
- Applications must come from the governing body of the applicant or be accompanied by a letter of permission from the qualified donee.
- Projects can be new or ongoing.
- Grants may be awarded for multi-year projects (three-year maximum) provided there is a plan for ongoing evaluation and sustainability.
- Grants will not be awarded for deficits, mortgages or to retire debt; retroactive funding; capital projects; sectarian, religious or political purposes; annual fund drives; fundraising activities or sponsorships.

Grant Details

- **Grant Range:** \$25,000 - \$75,000
- **Multi-year funding requests accepted:** Yes
- **Applications Open:** October 1, 2024
- **Applications Close:** November 5, 2024
- **Notification of Success:** Early December 2024
- **Fund Disbursement:** December
- **Project Timeline:** Majority of funds must be spent on project/program expenses by December 31, 2025

What is a charitable partner?

There are many groups, individuals, and organizations whose purpose is beneficial to the community but who are not registered as [charities or qualified donees with CRA](#). Charities and non-charities often [partner to increase their community impact](#). For example, a youth-serving charity may partner with a non-charity youth group to offer a summer camp. The partnership enables the charity to reach more youth and allows the non-charity to provide activities that might not otherwise be available.

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is proud to steward the VISIONS Fund and this granting program on behalf of the donor.

General information

Name of organization

Address

Contact person

Role/title

Telephone

Email

Website

Social media channels

Project name

How did you hear about this granting opportunity?

Organization Description

Organization Type

Describe your organization's mission/mandate

Organizational Capacity

Organization background

Organization funding history

Organization staff structure

Program/project description

Select one priority area

1. Providing financial assistance to initiatives, programs, and projects that support individuals who have encountered significant challenges in life. This includes aid for underserved and under-resourced communities, as well as those facing issues such as health problems, food insecurity, housing instability, or other substantial needs as specified by the applicant.
2. Providing support to universities or colleges for the implementation of and/or research into innovative and creative educational programs or teaching methods across various disciplines.

What is the problem or opportunity addressed by this project/program?

Who/what community groups will be impacted by this program?

What region will be impacted by this project/program

All Nova Scotia

How does this project or program fit into the selected VISIONS Fund priority?

Key project/program objectives

In the roll out/implementation of your project/program, what are the potential problems, constraints, and barriers that could be encountered and how would they be addressed?

Is this a new or ongoing project/program?

If this an ingoing project/program? How will it be sustained once started?

Start date

End date

Evaluation

Quantitative: What are your expected outcomes and how you will measure them?

Qualitative: What does success look like for the impacted community members?

Community and target group awareness

What is the estimated number of people who will benefit from this project/program Frequency

Any other partners in this project/program?

How will this project/program be promoted?

How will learning from this project/program be shared with others?

PART C: Budget

Expenses

Description	Amount
	\$0.00

Revenue

List any funds from other sources prospective and/or committed	Amount
	\$0.00

Total amount of funding you are requesting from this grant

Are you able to continue - or modify - this program if the amount requested is not awarded in full? Please explain.

Supplementary Documentation

Financial Statements

Budget (if you have not filled out PART C).

Application Certification

By submitting this application, I, as a representative of my organization, agree to the following:

1. To carry out the program/project as described in the application. *
2. To spend a majority of grant funds received on project/program expenses by December 31, 2025. *
3. To submit a short update on the impacts and outcomes of the project in the form of a 1–2-page summary by September 30, 2025
4. To be contacted by a member of the CFNS team for communications, media, and promotional opportunities related to this grant.

*Unless expressly communicated to CFNS in writing by September 30, 2025

I have read and agree to the terms outlined above.

Yes