

Township of Woolwich - Grant Application Form: Arts & Culture

For more information on Arts & Culture Grants, please see Section 9.1 of the Township's [Grants Policy](#).

The Township's [Grants and Special Assistance Policy](#) provides for the different types of financial support. All information submitted in a grant application becomes public information and will be shared with the public upon request. The Township may request further information or clarification as needed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email the [Council and Committee Support Specialist](#) or phone at 519-669-6004.

Name of Organization or Individual *

Three Sisters Cultural Centre

Organization Address (Street Number, Street Name, City/Town) *

1370 King St. N

Name and Title of Primary Contact *

Adrienne Carter, CEO

Address for Primary Contact (If Different than Above)

Primary Contact Telephone Number *

519-573-9299

Primary Contact Email Address: *

adrienne@threesisterscentre.ca

Have you or the organization you're representing applied for an Arts & Culture Grant before? *

No

Are you applying as an individual or on behalf of an organization? *

Organization

Type of Organization *

Non-Profit Organization

Are you, the applicant, a resident of the Township of Woolwich? *

Yes

Is the organization you represent based in the Township? *

Yes

Requested Grant Amount: *

3000.00

Please explain why you are submitting a grant application and how your request fits within the Arts & Culture Category. If you require more room, additional documentation can be attached at the end of this form. *

This grant application is asking for the Township to support a new initiative the Three Sisters Cultural Centre is organizing for the month of September 2024. This exhibition, titled Spirit Humanity Earth: exploring healing through art., will showcase Indigenous Artists and art inspired by Indigenous teachings and in collaboration with Indigenous Artists.

The exhibition will focus on the work by community artist, Suellen Evoy-Oozeer, in her collection S.H.E. is Healing. This exhibit was created out of the chaos and uncertainty created by the pandemic. It consists of 13 spirit portraits of the woman's sacred power to heal Spirit, Humanity and Earth. The spirit portraits are colourful, gold accented, acrylic paintings depicting woman who are using their power of healing to heal themselves, communities, and the planet. The exhibit gives a visual representation and celebrates the unseen power we have to heal Spirit, Humanity and Earth.

This show will be complimented by an outdoor art exhibit, Woodland After Dark, which is comprised of a series of metal sculptures in the style of Woodland Art (ie: Norval Morrisseau). Six Nations artist, Adam Monture, worked in collaboration with Jeremy Freiburger from Colbalt Connects to transform the figures in Adam's paintings into these near life-size sculptures that are lit at night. The figures, like the style of Woodland Art, reflect Haudenosaunee connection to nature and the animals with whom we share this land.

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed use of funding and how the initiative, activity or event would provide significant benefits to the Township. *

Township funds will keep this exhibition free for the public to access. It will allow us to fulfill our program plans for the month-long exhibition between September 7th to October 6th, 2024. This programming will allow residents of the Township to meet local Indigenous Artists during a pop-up art market and they will be able to participate in a variety of workshops that will enlighten the participants on the cultural ways of Indigenous tribes located in Ontario.

Suellen Evoy-Oozeer has created and facilitated an Intuitive Energy Art workshop for over 10 years. This workshop includes creating a sacred space for people to explore their own spirit and connect with others. Individuals are encouraged to venture into the unknown and establish a greater familiarity with their spirit and their own unique creative source. This is not a follow the leader paint class, it is an explore your own spirit with courage and abandonment while having a fun workshop.

We will also host a drum circle and an Indigenous culinary demonstration by Chef Destiny.

Will there be a fundraising component to your initiative, activity or event? *

No

Do you or does your organization provide grants to applicants that give grants, donations, scholarships, bursaries, or otherwise transfer funds to other individuals or organizations? *

No

If your organization receives a grant, will all citizens of the Township of Woolwich be eligible to participate in the funded initiative, event, or activity? *

Yes

No

Please provide details about how persons with disabilities would be able to access the program, service, or event, such as accessible parking, accessible facilities, awareness training for staff or volunteers, etc. *

This program will take place at the TriSisters Art House in St. Jacobs, which is a fully accessible building that includes accessible parking, accessible washrooms and barrier-free access to the facility.

Our staff are trained to be welcoming to all patrons as we are Rainbow Registered and understand the importance of providing a safe space for everyone.

What fundraising has your organization completed so far? What have you received? What are you waiting on? *

Three Sisters Cultural Centre secured multi-year funding from Fed Dev Ontario to support exhibitions in 2024 and 2025, this includes \$20,000 in support of this exhibition, which is approximately half the budget required for this project. Three Sisters Cultural Centre also obtained funding from the City of Waterloo for operational needs that will support the exhibition planning.

Did your organization implement user fees and/or request funding from another organization this year? Does your organization intend to request funding assistance from other agencies this year? Please specify. *

An application has also been submitted to the Region of Waterloo's Cultural Tourism Driver grant program and we should hear about that request in August. We are also working on securing corporate sponsors for exhibition. Some of the workshops will have a participation fee attached to them to cover the costs of paying the artists and required supplies.

Please describe how your organization will acknowledge a grant from the Township of Woolwich.

The Township's logo will continue to be listed as a funder on our website, <https://trisistersarthouse.ca/in-house-artists/three-sisters-cultural-centre/>, and on the signage for the public seating area that was created during Covid and includes outdoor mural installations by local artists. The Township will also be recognized as a funder on printed material to promote the exhibition and will be mentioned in social media channels when promoting the show.

Do you have any final comments on why public funds should be given to your organization?

Township support will help keep this Indigenous themed exhibition free to access for the residents of and visitors to Woolwich during Canada's month of Truth and Reconciliation as the government and nation work to meet the 94 calls to action as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Report. Specifically, this exhibition addresses Action 83 as it brings together non-Indigenous and Indigenous artists in an effort to advance the reconciliation process. Action 83 states: We call upon the Canada Council for the Arts to establish, as a funding priority, a strategy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process. Since 2015, the Canada Council of the Arts has supported over 1,000 Indigenous Artists but has not support non-Indigenous efforts to contribute to the reconciliation process. Support from the Township of Woolwich for the Three Sisters Cultural Centre to host this exhibition would fill this gap.

The attachments are samples of the art work that will be on display.

Optional: Please attach any supporting documents you feel may be helpful to your application.

File Name



4.Evoy-Oozeer S.H.E.is Healing Energy-Acrylic framed in white Cedar-30x40.jpeg

615.2 KB



9. Evoy-Oozeer-S.H.E. is Healing Strength-Acrylic framed in white Cedar-30 x 40.jpeg

785.1 KB



Adam Monture Goose.jpg

1.2 MB

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. *

Signatory Name *

Adrienne Carter

Signatory Telephone Number *

519-573-9299

Thank You

Your application has been successfully submitted!

The primary contact for the application will be contacted in the coming weeks regarding the next steps, but please feel free to contact the Township should you have any questions.