

# EMPOWERING COMMUNITY THROUGH INCLUSIVITY

HEARTS OPEN FOR EVERYONE REQUEST FOR THE

## Township of Woolwich Operating Grant

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## VISION

To foster a multicultural rural community where everyone can be truly authentic and welcome.

## MISSION

We create shared community experiences while promoting compassion, togetherness, and a deep sense of belonging.



# VALUES

- **RESPECTING IDENTITIES** by
- **STRENGTHENING VOICES** as we
- **GAIN KNOWLEDGE** and
- **SEEK UNDERSTANDING** while
- **WEAVING RELATIONSHIPS** and
- **BUILDING TRUST**

# Our Community Impact

## Founder's Story

- Searching for community and a sense of belonging with lived experiences of racism and microaggressions.

## Why It Matters

- Understanding these challenges helps us craft programs that genuinely connect with our community's needs.

## Success Stories

- Positive feedback from participants.
- Increased community cohesion and sense of belonging.
- Significant improvement in community connection and support since moving to the Township.

# The Need for Grant Support

## **Current Challenge**

- As our community grows and diversifies, so do the needs we must address.

## **Our Request**

- Grant funding of \$15,000 to expand and enhance our programming.

## **Reason for the Request**

- Growing demand for our services.
- Unique opportunity to strengthen community bonds as the Township continues to become more diverse.

## **Use of Funds**

- Increase the frequency and diversity of programming.
- Refine program development to better meet community needs.
- Expand outreach to a broader audience within the Township.

# Strategic Use of Funds

## Enhancing Program Delivery

- Increase the frequency of events and workshops.
- Introduce new, diverse programming tailored to emerging community needs.



## Expanding Outreach

- Target underrepresented populations within the Township.
- Improve inclusivity through accessibility initiatives like transportation and multilingual marketing.



# Projected Outcomes

## **Community Engagement**

- Broader participation across all demographics.
- Higher community satisfaction and cohesion.

## **Measurable Impact**

- More frequent and diverse programming.
- Stronger community partnerships.
- Enhanced volunteer engagement and community support.

# Sustainability and Long-term Vision

## Sustainable Growth

- Ongoing efforts to secure additional grants and explore new revenue streams.

## Building for the Future

- Long-term commitment to serving Woolwich Township.
- Continuously evolving to meet community needs.





# Volunteer Engagement and Community Support

## Volunteers as Our Backbone

- Over 40 volunteers for MFE and 15 dedicated planning committee members.
- 250+ volunteer hours contributed monthly.

## Impact of Volunteer Support

- Vital to the successful delivery of programs and events.
- Embodies the spirit of community and collaboration.






# Accessibility and Inclusivity

## **Accessible Programming**

- Events held in fully accessible locations.
- Addressing barriers such as transportation and language.
- Collaborative partnerships with local organizations.

## **Inclusive Community Building**

- Ensuring no one is left behind.
  - Programs designed to reflect the diverse needs of our growing community.
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# Why Public Funds Are Crucial

- To sustain and expand a vital community resource.
- To continue addressing feelings of isolation and promoting inclusivity as our township grows.
- To maintain the strong sense of belonging that defines Woolwich.



Thank you for your consideration

Questions?

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