



For the Good of Our Community Fund - Eligibility Criteria

It is important to us that our community partnerships demonstrate a shared purpose to come together for the good of Nova Scotia, working to improve the wellbeing of our customers, employees, and communities across the province.

Launched in Fall 2021, the *For the Good of Our Community* Fund, is a pillar of our community investment program, awarding grants ranging from \$5,000 up to \$20,000 to selected charitable or non-profit organizations in Nova Scotia. **Applications for the fund will be accepted between December 3rd, 2024 and January 7th, 2025.**

We will use the following criteria in our application assessment:

- Applicants must be a registered charity or non-profit organization that works to support communities within Nova Scotia
- Organizations must be working to address areas of critical community need within Nova Scotia
- Projects and initiatives must have alignment with our investment focus area of community wellbeing. By investing in the below fundamentals, we can contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities and enhance physical spaces, creating opportunities of care and connection.
 - **Increase food security**
 - **Improve access to affordable shelter or housing**
 - **Support positive health outcomes including mental health**
 - **Steward the preservation of our natural resources**
- Preference will be given to organizations working on projects and initiatives that promote inclusivity and provide strong benefits to equity seeking or other underserved groups and communities.
- Preference will be given to organizations that have impact throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

We do not fund:

- X Organizations that do not align with the NSLC's values and service standards
- X Projects/Initiatives that provide no clear or direct benefit to the province of Nova Scotia
- X Individuals or individual pursuits/fundraising initiatives
- X Religious organizations whose primary purpose is religious practice or worship, unless they are engaged in a significant project benefiting the community as a whole.
- X Research projects

Please note: Given the volume of applications, not all applicants will receive funding. For those who are awarded, the grant may not be in the full amount requested.

If you require accessibility or translation support to complete your application, please contact laura.graves@mynslc.com.