

Black Ideas Grant: Bridge and Build 2023



Frequently Asked Questions



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1. What is a B3 organization?

- a. Black-led organization: The majority of leadership at all levels are Black.
- b. Black-serving organizations: The primary goal of the organization is focused on meaningfully supporting and engaging Black communities.
- c. Black-focused: A significant portion of program activities prioritize serving Black communities.

2. We're not sure if our organization would be considered completely B3. What if our organization is only 1 or 2 parts of the B3 requirement? Would that mean we're ineligible?

The purpose of FFBC funding is to support Black-led organizations intentionally working with Black communities in Canada. We will review each organization and application to assess the degree to which a program and/or organization aligns with that purpose. All applicants are required to explain how their organization is Black-led and how their work intentionally impacts Black communities in Canada.

3. Can I use these funds for projects outside of Canada?

No, only organizations and initiatives based in Canada are eligible for funding.

4. What is an incorporated partner?

Unincorporated groups require an incorporated non-profit or charitable organization as an Incorporated Partner to receive FFBC funding. It is not necessary to have an Incorporated Partner to apply, but you will need one for funding to be approved.

Please note, that FFBC will support applicants with access to further information and resources about working with Incorporated partners but will not be responsible for finding or securing an Incorporated partner for applicants.

For this round of funding, unincorporated groups must have an incorporated partner by February 1st, 2024.

More information can be found here:

- a. Managing an organization, Imagine Canada
- b. Charities and giving, Government of Canada



5. What does an Incorporated Partner do? Do we need one to start the application process?

An Incorporated Partner will serve as the legal entity that will be in receipt of FFBC dollars and file the required tax forms to account for the dollars. The Incorporated Partner might provide additional support as agreed upon by the FFBC applicant and Incorporated Partner. You do not need to have an Incorporated Partner confirmed to start the application process, but you will require one for funding to be approved.

If you apply without an incorporated partner, please note that you will be required to submit a signed funding agreement, and collaborative agreement to the portal. Groups without an incorporated partner will not be eligible for funding.

6. Does our Incorporated Partner have to be a B3 organization?

We recognize that finding a B3 Incorporated Partner may be a barrier to funding. Therefore, your Incorporated Partner does not have to be a B3 organization.

7. Can our Incorporated Partner be a business?

No. An Incorporated Partner is a not-for-profit or charitable organization.

8. Can I apply for more than stream?

No. Applicants are encouraged to apply for only 1 stream.

9. How much funding is available?

Applicants are invited to apply to three streams.

- The Core stream applicants can apply for up to 40,000.
- The Catapult stream applicants can apply for up to \$40,000 to \$100,000.
- The Community Capital stream applicants can apply for up to \$250,000.

10. If I choose to apply to sit on the Community Selection Circles, does that mean I will read my own application?

No. Applicants who join Community Selection Circles will not review their own application.

11. We've received funding from FFBC already, can we still apply for these funds?

Yes. You are eligible to apply for this grant.

12. We've also applied for the Supporting Black Communities Initiative; can we still apply for the FFBC funding.

Yes. Please note that you will not be able to receive funding for the same initiative.

13. When will decisions be made by the Community Selection Circles?

Final decisions will be made at the end of March 2024.

14. Can religious organizations apply?

Yes, but activities which are religious or include a requirement to participate in any dimensions of faith are not eligible.

Ex. A church running a community-based kitchen can apply for supplies and staffing costs.

15. If I have a question about my application, who should I contact?

Please feel free to use this booking page to book a time with our staff members.



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Glossary

There are different contexts for Black organizations and Black communities in Canada. FFBC's grant-making takes a community-informed, iterative, and learning-focused approach. The definitions below are meant to provide broad frames for understanding these concepts rather than immutable definitions.

Black-focused organization: A significant portion of program activities prioritize serving Black communities.

Black-led organization: The majority of leadership at all levels are Black. (i.e. staff, executive, governance)

Black-serving organization: The primary goal of the organization is to meaningfully support and engage Black communities.

Collaborative agreement: The written agreement, detailing the purpose and nature of the collaborative, including roles and responsibilities, purpose of the collaborative, working arrangements that include decision-making and conflict resolution. The agreement is signed by all members of the collaborative making application for FFBC funding.

Political activity: Activities carried out to support or oppose any political party, elected representative, or candidate for public office.