

**FOUNDATION  
FOR BLACK  
COMMUNITIES**

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# Black Ideas Grant:

*Bridge and Build 2023*

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# Acknowledging the Land

The Foundation For Black Communities is currently on the **land of Indigenous communities who have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial** and who continue to be systematically erased by policies and practices that remove their histories from this place.

We also acknowledge board and staff members of African descent whose ancestors were forcibly displaced as part of the transatlantic slave trade, brought against their will, and made to work on these lands. **We believe that advancing Indigenous sovereignty and Black liberation are deeply and inextricably linked to one another and we remain committed to advancing both.**

# Agenda

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# Available Funding

# Core

Eligible organizations and groups can apply for up to \$40,000 to address core funding needs.

This stream will fund core activities related to the operational success of the organization or group.

Applicants can submit proposals for staffing, non-staffing, and administrative costs unrelated to programming.

# Catapult

Eligible organizations and groups can apply for \$40,000 to \$100,000 to explore new or existing approaches to improving socio-economic well-being in Black communities, including the research, design, piloting, and evaluation of initiatives.

**New ideas and approaches:** Organizations building or launching new programs or services, testing new approaches, or exploring and experimenting may apply for \$40,000 - \$75,000.

**Expanding programs or services:** Organizations that plan to grow or sustain existing programs or services may apply for \$40,000 - \$100,000. Organizations must demonstrate the existing program or service.

# Community Capital



Eligible organizations and groups with bold and big ideas that advance the social and economic infrastructure of Black communities.

Organizations can apply for up to \$250,000 to scale programs, services or commercialization initiatives.

Funding is intended to invest in anchor organizations or potential anchor organizations – that are indispensable to their sector or /community, contribute to a stronger ecosystem for Black communities, and lay the groundwork for transformative change.



# Eligibility



# Who is Eligible?



**Be Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving (B3) organizations, groups, and collaboratives.**

This means that the majority of organizational leadership at all levels are Black. The organization's primary goal is to meaningfully support and engage Black communities, and a significant portion of program activities prioritize serving Black communities.



**Be a registered charity, incorporated non-profit, other qualified donee or an unincorporated non-profit or group working with an incorporated partner.**

Unincorporated groups could include Black collaboratives, Student Unions, Affinity Groups, etc.



**Be located in Canada.**

Proposed activities must be based in Canada.



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# Ineligible Organizations/Groups



- Organizations that are not Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving;
- For-profit organizations or corporations;
- Individuals;
- Business institutions, including business associations, chambers of commerce and condominium associations;
- Provincial/territorial entities, including hospitals, medical centres, schools, private schools, universities, colleges, health authorities, public health authorities, educational institutions, and health/social services institutions;
- Municipalities and entities controlled by a municipality, including municipal governments, regional governments, and regional districts, and;
- Organizations primarily engaged in political activity supporting or opposing any political party, elected representative, or candidate for public office.



# Frequently Asked Questions



# Can for-profit or businesses apply?

No. For Profit Businesses or Enterprises are not eligible for the B.I.G: Bridge and Build 2023.

Please check Face Coalition for resources that support Black-led businesses.



# Can we apply to all three streams?

No. Interested applicants can only apply for one stream..



# Can I purchase land or a building?

No. The purchase of land and buildings is not eligible.



# **If we are a B3 unincorporated group, can we apply with a non B3 non-profit or chairty?**

Yes. Unincorporated groups can partner with a non-B3 organization to apply for funding.



# Do we need to work across two provinces or nationally to apply to the Community Capital stream?

Yes. Organizations must be working across a minimum of two provinces or nationally to apply for the community capital stream.





# If we applied to SBCCI, can we apply to the B.I.G?

Yes. If you submit the same applications to both programs, you can only be funded by one funding program for the same activities. You cannot apply for funding for the same activities within a project, but you can apply for the same project if the activities are different. For example, an eligible combination of funds is if your project is to host an entrepreneur networking event and SBCCI funds materials and supplies, but FFBC funds some of the staff wages for the event.





# Do we need to spend the funds by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025?

Yes. Selected organizations are required to spend and report on the activities before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.



# Who reviews the applications?

Applications will be reviewed by applicants and wider community members. FFBC staff do not make funding decisions.



# Can organizations who are less than a year apply?

Yes, but please note that organizations who are a year or less old are only eligible for the core and catapult stream.



# Do we need financial statements?

Only for the community capital stream.



# Do we need to press submit on the eligibility form to access the full application?

Yes, to access the full application, please submit the eligibility form.

# Questions



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