

Caring Community Grants

Apply between January 5 – 30, 2026 | Applications close at 5 pm on January 30, 2026

About Whistler Community Foundation

Founded in 1999, Whistler Community Foundation (WCF) grants money to local charities, engages the community through Whistler's Vital Signs, and manages donations as long-term investments.

The Board of Directors takes recommendations on how to direct the available funds from volunteer grants committee members. WCF staff support the board and committee during this granting process.

About the Caring Community Grants Program

The Caring Community Grants consist of the following five categories:

- Whistler Community Grants
- Pemberton and Area Community Grants
- Social Care Grants
- Whistler Youth Grants
- Wayne Flebbe Arts Grants

Grant Focus Areas

WCF is focusing on providing support to address issues related to racial equality, Vital Signs, UN Sustainable Development Goals, and climate across all grant programs.

Racial Equality

WCF is on a journey to become actively anti-racist, and we hope that you will join us as we follow through on this commitment.

In support of this commitment to anti-racism work, preference will be given to charities led by Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) (e.g., employees, volunteers, or board members) and/or that provide programs, advocacy, and support to the BIPOC community. Please self-identify in your application.

This grant focus area is designed to shift power and help organizations take steps to become more equitable in practice, policy, leadership, and impact of their services and programs. If you are unsure of how your charity can contribute to racial equality, please contact Claire cmozes@whistlerfoundation.com to discuss.

Anti-racism and equity work are directly grounded in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #10, **Reduced Inequalities**. As WCF works to advance and support the SDGs across our work, we must also acknowledge that dismantling racism is integral to these goals.

Please note that no charity or non-profit is excluded from applying.

Whistler's Vital Signs

Whistler's Vital Signs uses local knowledge to measure the vitality of our community and support actions to improve the quality of life at the community level. Local data gathered through Vital Signs supports evidence-based, locally relevant solutions to local issues. This program aims to inspire civic engagement, to provide focus for public debate, and to help a range of actors take action and direct resources where they will have the greatest impact. See our latest info here: [Whistler's Vital Signs • Whistler Community Foundation \(whistlerfoundation.com\)](https://whistlerfoundation.com)

Sustainable Development Goals



The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal framework and plan to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. These goals address global challenges, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice. Global collaboration and local action aim to achieve each goal by 2030 in a pledge to ensure no one is left behind. Community Foundations across Canada are committed to championing the SDGs through action, education, and granting. The SDG framework allows Whistler to measure local data against common global indicators. The SDGs were considered in determining the areas of focus in this grant application. Please view [Canada and the Sustainable Development Goals](#) to learn more about how the Government of Canada is participating.

[GOAL 1: No Poverty](#)

[GOAL 2: Zero Hunger](#)

[GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being](#)

[GOAL 4: Quality Education](#)

[GOAL 5: Gender Equality](#)

[GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth](#)

[GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality](#)

[GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions](#)

Climate Change

WCF wants to build awareness of the problems posed by climate change and help grantees understand that they play a role in addressing this critical issue. At this time, we are interested in raising awareness about climate change and learning what grantees are doing to address it and how it is affecting their organizations. Grants will not be approved or denied solely based on climate action criteria; however, an organization's climate change practices may be a factor in our grant-making process.

Please consider applying to the Environmental Legacy Fund grant program. Low-carbon and climate-resilient projects, as well as projects that promote climate change awareness, resilience and positive climate action may be prioritized.

Grant Categories

1 | Whistler Community Grants

Whistler Community Grants support projects and programs that take place in the Whistler region and benefit the local community. Grants are made possible by the WCF Community Fund. Grants will be awarded to projects that focus on making a significant difference in improving the quality of life for community members. The Committee evaluates various aspects of community well-being, including arts and culture, education, the environment, health, and social services.

Total available: \$25,000 | Max per grant: \$5,000

2 | Pemberton and Area Community Grants

Pemberton and Area Community Grants support projects or programs taking place in Pemberton, Mount Currie, and surrounding areas. Grants are made possible by the Pemberton Community Fund and the Pemberton Community Endowment Fund. Grants will be awarded to projects or programs that focus on creating long-term legacies for this community.

Total available: \$11,000 | Max per grant: \$3,000

3 | Social Care Grants

Social Care Grants support projects and programs in the Sea to Sky corridor that focus on the health, economic, and social well-being of community members. Grants are made possible by the Jill Ackhurst Social Action Fund. Social Action is defined as acting on a people-oriented issue. The action is described as a process of identifying, defining and prioritizing an issue(s), collecting and analyzing information, and developing an action plan to address the concern, and finally, implementing the action plan.

Total available: \$3,500 | Max per grant: \$3,500

4 | Whistler Youth Grants

Whistler Youth Grants support programs that benefit local youth or are conducted by local youth. Grants are made possible by the WCF Youth Fund, Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund, and the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Fund.

Total available: \$4,500 | Max per grant: \$4,500

5 | Wayne Flebbe Arts Grants

Wayne Flebbe Arts Grants supports projects or programs for arts organizations in the Whistler community. Grants are made possible by the Wayne Flebbe Arts Fund. Funding may include support for operating costs, including wages, and/or assets. Art programs include performing arts, visual arts, or literary arts.

Total available: \$7,000 | Max per grant: \$3,500

Eligibility

- Applicants must be an organization that has Canadian charitable status (a registered charity with the CRA) and/or is a non-profit registered with BC Societies.
- Projects or programs must be for the benefit of the local community.
- Grants are awarded for definite purposes and outcomes covering a specific period.

Key Elements for Success:

WCF seeks to fund programs/projects that create impact via the following defined characteristics.

Funded projects will:

- Seek to achieve a clearly articulated, measurable impact in a defined area, WCF is focusing on providing support to areas such as racial equality, Vital Signs, Sustainable Development Goals, and climate change;
- Work to address the root causes of complex issues and apply strategies for long-term solutions, and/or;
- Respond to a demonstrated immediate need—applicants may refer to Whistler’s Vital Signs reports for direction.

What types of projects will not be funded?

While WCF works to lower the barriers to funding, we will not provide funds for:

- Retroactive funding
- Debt
- Activities for direct religious purposes
- General fundraising campaigns or activities related to fundraising
- Activities that are discriminatory or serve the interests of the members of an applicant organization to the exclusion of the community at large

The Application Process

All grant applications must be submitted by 5 pm on January 30, 2026.

WCF uses an [online application](#) process for Caring Community Grants.

If your organization has used the grant portal previously, log in and begin your application. If you are a first-time applicant, please create your [online profile](#) to apply. You will use the system to submit your application, your grant agreement, and your grant reports. If you would prefer to do your application orally, please email josborne@whistlerfoundation.com by January 13, so we can accommodate your request.

Grant committees will thoroughly assess all applications. The grant committees will recommend project funding to the WCF’s Board of Directors, who will have final approval. All applicants will receive written notification of the WCF’s decision and, if successful, the terms and conditions of any grant that has been awarded by the end of March 2026.

After a grant has been approved:

- Payments will be processed upon receipt of:
 - an online signed grant agreement
 - banking info for direct deposit
 - confirmation that all conditions have been met (if conditions are placed on your grant)
- WCF will disburse 100% of the grant upon receipt of the online signed grant agreement.

- A final report at grant completion is essential to be eligible for future funding.
- WCF requests grant recipients:
 - Ask for assistance, if needed. WCF is committed to supporting our grant recipients throughout the grant cycle, so if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.
 - Keep us informed. We encourage grant recipients to communicate openly with us and keep us informed of progress. We understand that sometimes organizations must adapt their programs in order to achieve the desired outcomes. WCF supports innovation and wants to help you maximize the impact of your programs.
 - Use proper fiscal management.
 - Use a thorough and well-planned project evaluation.
 - Submit final reports through the online system in a timely manner (including financial reconciliation and description of project outcomes).
 - Make public recognition of the support received from WCF, including proper use of the logo.
 - Give the board, staff, or grants committee volunteers the opportunity to make site visits, if circumstances permit.
 - Provide stories that demonstrate the impact of your project or program. Stories may take the form of videos, narratives, collages, photo essays, poems, or other creative endeavours. Tell your stories in a way that is meaningful to you and the participants in your program.

Have Questions?

Please contact info@whistlerfoundation.com to discuss further.