



## The Musagetes Fund 2024 - Funding Guidelines 2024

### About the Fund:

The Musagetes Fund provides grants to arts organizations which are registered charitable organizations or not-for-profit organizations that support making the arts more central and meaningful in peoples' lives.

For 2024, organizations can apply for two types of grants:

- If the organization has received two or more grants from The Musagetes Fund within the last ten years (since 2014), they have the option of applying specifically for a full General Operating Grant.
- Any organization, regardless of previous grants, can apply for a Project-Based Grant. Applicants applying for a Project-Based Grant may include general operating expenses for up to 30% of the total grant request.

Eligible applications may backdate funding to April 1, 2024.

### Grant Overview:

- Applications open February 26, 2024. The application due date is March 25, 2024 at 9:00 am EST.
- The maximum grant amount request per application is \$20,000
- Funding must be used before May 31, 2025
- Organizations must be located in and servicing Waterloo Region
- The types of organizations that can apply for funding include:
  - Registered charitable organizations
  - Qualified donees recognized by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
  - Not-for-Profit organizations through a partnership with a fiscal partner
    - This partnership allows WRCF to provide the fiscal partner with the funding on your behalf. If you plan to partner this way, they would be your organization's "fiscal partner" for this funding. If you want more information about how this works, you can find information about qualified donees, fiscal partners, and/or download the fiscal partner form [here](#).

### What we fund:

- Applications that support arts initiatives and programs in Waterloo Region
- Initiatives that make the arts more accessible to residents in Waterloo Region. We encourage protected groups to apply (those who identify as Indigenous, Black, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ, socio-economically marginalized, and people with disabilities)
- Art initiatives that enrich the community through imaginative programming, partnerships, and outreach
- Art initiatives that support and advance community dialogue, social justice, and environment through the arts



### What we do not fund:

- Schools below post-secondary education
- Other endowment funds
- Any organization that discriminates based on gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, creed or disability
- Retroactive expenses (costs incurred before April 1, 2024)
- Political organizations or advocacy initiatives
- Direct religious activities of religious groups or organizations

### Evaluation

A grant evaluation report is required by June 1, 2025 for each grant received. The evaluation will assist members of The Musagetes Fund in understanding the impact your grant had on its intended purpose. A link to access the evaluation form will be provided by WRCF if your application is successful.

*Note: The Musagetes Fund is a Donor Advised Fund at Waterloo Region Community Foundation, and may choose to fund initiatives outside of the eligibility criteria outlined in this document. If your initiative doesn't meet the funding guidelines but you believe it should be considered for funding, please reach out to us at [grants@wrcf.ca](mailto:grants@wrcf.ca).*

### Appendix A – Examples of eligible projects

- Organizing an arts-based exhibit, festival, or production that is relevant to the community
- Projects that include community outreach and engagement in the arts
- Building opportunities for underrepresented communities to create and present their work (for example, those who identify as Indigenous, Black, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ, socio-economically marginalized, and people with disabilities)
- Building infrastructure for arts organizations to enable them to offer programming to the community
- Creating opportunities for emerging artists or curators
- Creating opportunities for local artists (includes visual, theatre, film, music, etc.) to present their work locally, nationally, or internationally
- Bringing national or international artists to the region to present their work