Hamilton

CITY ENRICHMENT FUND
COMMUNITY SERVICES
What's New in 2024 – Refresher

Applications Due – December 15th, 2023

1. New Program Stream – Year 2

The City Enrichment Fund is the overall name for the City of Hamilton's municipal investment in a wide range of program areas that support the City's strategic plan -Our Future Hamilton - Community Vision. It is comprised of program areas, streams, and categories / funding priorities.

Agriculture
- Programs & Events

Arts
- Arts Operating
- Arts Festivals
- Capacity Building
- Creation and Presentation Grants for Arts Professionals

Communities, Culture & Heritage
- Events & Established Activities
- New Projects
- Capacity Building for Cultural Organizations

Community Services
- No One is Hungry or Without Shelter
- Everyone Feels Safe
- Every child and Family Thrives
- No Youth is Left Behind
- Everyone can Age in Place
- Community Capacity Grows
- Everyone has Someone to Talk to
- Emerging Needs and Program Innovation

Digital - New Pilot Program
- Digital Equity

Environment
- Capacity Building
- Projects & Programs

Sports & Active Lifestyles
- Long Term Athlete Development Planing & Implementation
- Sports Awareness
- Capacity Building
- Sport Development / Inclusion
- Accessibility
- Active for Life
- Multi-Sport Housing

3. Update on 30% Rule

o Requests $15,000 or less - exempt

o 30% rule still applies for requests > $15,001

4. Funding Requests

- CEF does not guarantee that funding is recommended at the full request amount

- A passing application does not guarantee funding.

- CEF does not fund 100% of any program
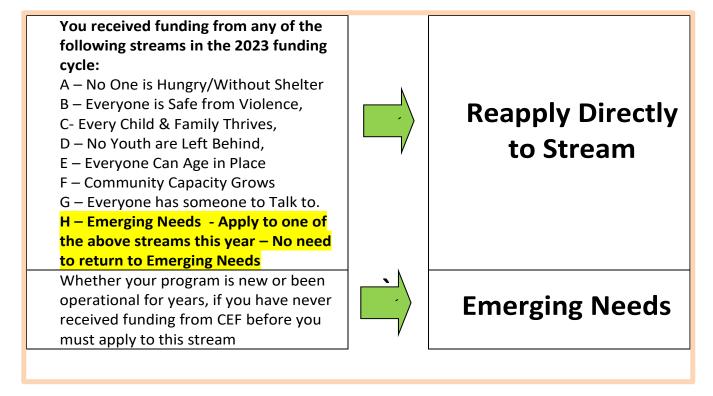
5. Revised Objective – Community Services

To strengthen the human services system by funding programs that:

- Meet current or emerging community priorities
- Support the growth of new programs
- Engage Indigenous communities (see [City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy](#)) and equity-deserving groups.
- Foster Equity Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging
- Address underserviced target groups
- Promote systems change
- Explore service delivery innovation

6. Community Services Funding Categories

o All of the descriptions of the 8 funding categories have been revised – please review the handbook before selecting your category

You received funding from any of the following streams in the 2023 funding cycle: A – No One is Hungry/Without Shelter B – Everyone is Safe from Violence, C- Every Child & Family Thrives, D – No Youth are Left Behind, E – Everyone Can Age in Place F – Community Capacity Grows G – Everyone has someone to Talk to. **H – Emerging Needs - Apply to one of the above streams this year – No need to return to Emerging Needs**	➡	**Reapply Directly to Stream**
Whether your program is new or been operational for years, if you have never received funding from CEF before you must apply to this stream	➡	**Emerging Needs**

7. New Program Specific Question – EMERGING NEEDS APPLICANTS ONLY

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In order to maintain consistency in the Community Services Program, applicants requesting funding through the Emerging Needs category must demonstrate that their program aligns with one of the other Community Services categories to be considered for funding. Specify which one of the following Community Services categories your Emerging Needs request aligns with:

No Responses Selected

Please explain how the program for which you are requesting emerging needs funding aligns with the category selected above (500 words) text box

(No response)

What other specific funding sources have you sought for this program? (100 words)

(No response)

IMPORTANT LINKS AND RESOURCES

- Read both General and Community Services Program specific Guidelines
  [General-Guidelines](#)
  [Community-Services-2024-Handbook](#)

- Apply Online Icon on CEF website or use link
  https://cityofhamilton.smapply.io/

  Complete the CEF Application ↗

- How to complete the form general overview (not Community Services specific)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQjFwFtsA1Y&t=35

- To help you prepare your financial information in general
  [General Program Budget Information](#)

- Please check the specific Community Services Stream tab on the CEF website for updated resources
  [Community Services Program Specific Information](#)

Have more questions?
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BACK FOR YEAR 2! DIGITAL EQUITY STREAM

o For more information please consult the [Digital Equity Handbook](#)

o Supports the planning, delivery and administration of a variety of initiatives that bridge the digital gap.
  o Digital Gap: (a) disparities in access to broadband/internet in rural and remote Hamilton (b) Lack of affordable internet access, access to devices and digital literacy to use them.

o Ensures all City of Hamilton residents have access to the resources, opportunities and skills needed to thrive in a digital world.

o Invests in partners who will deliver impactful programs that:
  o build digital literacy skills,
  o facilitating access to internet service, technological devices and digital programming.

INFORMATION SESSIONS & DROP INS

For more info, please join:

For specific questions, you can also join the Drop In Sessions:
Monday, November 20, 1 to 2pm Online
Meeting ID: 226 489 063 944
Passcode: rCn5sR
Or Call in (Audio Only):
+1 647-749-1649 Phone Conference ID: 421 543 60#

Monday, December 4, 1 to 2pm Online
Meeting ID: 277 164 187 644
Passcode: W5Dk3v
Or Call in (Audio only)
+1 647-749-1649 Phone Conference ID: 735 294 38#