

# The Ontario Trillium Foundation

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# Introduction to OTF

- An agency of the Ministry of Culture
- Funded through the Ontario Government's charity casino initiative (\$110 million in 2008-2009)
- Governed by a volunteer board of directors
- Decisions are based on local recommendations by volunteer Grant Review Teams (GRTs)

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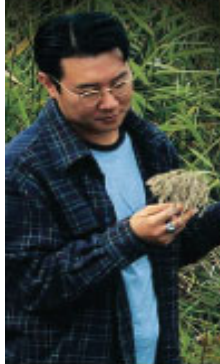
# OTF Vision

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is a **catalyst** that enables Ontarians to work together to **enhance the quality of life** in their communities. We believe that communities across Ontario are rich in talent, creativity and drive, and our grants **stimulate** communities to build on these assets.

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# OTF Mission

Building **healthy and vibrant communities** throughout Ontario by **strengthening the capacity** of the voluntary sector, through **investments** in community-based initiatives.

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# Eligibility

OTF considers applications from:

- Registered charities
- Incorporated non-profit organizations
- Municipalities with population of 20,000 or less
- First Nations, Métis and other Aboriginal communities

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# Eligibility

## OTF does not fund:

- Individuals
- Organizations whose purpose is related to political activity
- For-profit organizations
- Municipalities (> 20,000), universities, colleges, schools, hospitals and their agencies
- Agencies of provincial or federal gov.
- Private foundations

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# Eligibility

## OTF does not fund (activities):

- Budget deficits
- Religious activities
- Political and/or advocacy activities
- Replacement of government funding
- New construction
- Activities completed or costs incurred before the approval of the request
- Activities/services outside Ontario

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# Sectors supported by OTF

- Arts and Culture
- Environment
- Human and Social Services
- Sports and Recreation

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# OTF Granting Priorities

1. Enhanced success for students and learners
2. Healthier and more physically active Ontarians
3. Enhanced employment and economic potential for workers and their families
4. More effective volunteers and more people engaged in their communities

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# 1. Enhanced success for students & learners

## Initiatives that:

- Create conditions for student achievement
- Provide community-based learning opportunities
- Help prepare children and youth for success
- Provide opportunities for life-long learning for people of all ages and abilities

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## 2. Healthier and more physically active Ontarians

### Initiatives that:

- Promote physical and recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities
- Enhance and help protect human and ecosystem health
- Create conditions for people to reach their full health and well-being potential

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### 3. Enhanced employment and economic potential for workers

#### Initiatives that:

- Provide skill development or employment opportunities
- Sustain and promote a green environment
- Strengthen the economic health of a community
- Help further a community's long-term vision and growth

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# 4. Effective volunteers & community engagement

## Initiatives that:

- Support volunteer recruitment, training and recognition
- Reduce barriers and allow all people to fully participate in their communities
- Strengthen the voluntary sector
- Enhance engagement through community leadership development, leadership renewal and mentoring programs

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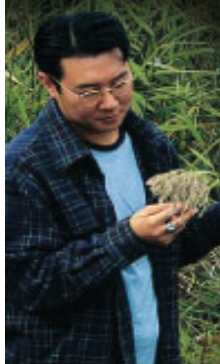
# Types of grants available

- **Operating grants** – for an organization's ongoing program costs (1-5 years)
- **Project grants** – for one-time activities or activities with a defined time frame (1-5 years)
- **Capital grants** – for renovations and equipment purchases (1 year only)

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# Granting Programs

1. Community Program
2. Province-Wide Program

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# Granting Programs

## 1. Community Program

- For proposals that have primarily a local impact (Ottawa)
- Operating and project grants – up to \$75,000/year for up to 5 years
- Capital grants – up to \$150,000 over 1 year
- Decisions made by local GRTs and OTF Board

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# Granting Programs

## 2. Province-Wide Program

- For proposals that have an impact on a significant portion of the province
- Operating and project grants – up to \$250,000/year up to 5 years
- Capital grants – up to \$150,000/1 year
- Decisions made by a volunteer Grant Review Committee (made up of members of OTF Board) and OTF Board

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# Future Fund

## What is the Future Fund?

The Ontario Trillium Foundation created the Future Fund in 2007-08 to enhance the future of Ontario communities. The Future Fund supports projects that create significant and sustainable change in a specific area using distinct and innovative approaches. Future Fund investments are focused on achieving outcomes in targeted areas to strengthen Ontario's future.

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# OTF Assessment Criteria

- Organizational Criteria
- Application Criteria

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# OTF Assessment Criteria

## Organizational Criteria:

- An organization's ability to carry out the proposal and to achieve the desired results
- An organization's ability to manage the requested OTF grant and the resources needed to carry out the project

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# OTF Assessment Criteria

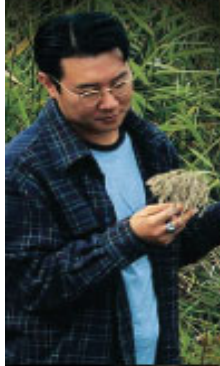
## Application Criteria:

- Clear, measurable benefits to the community
- Community support (in-kind, volunteers)
- OTF is the appropriate funder & significant need for OTF funding
- Greater accessibility (geographical, physical, cultural, economic)
- Sustainability or lasting impact

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# Applying to OTF

## Getting Ready

- Get to know OTF
- Visit our website

*[www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org)*

- Read our Program Guidelines
- Review the Application Form
- Read our Proposal Writing Tips
- Check out our Grants Archive

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# Applying to OTF

## When you are ready to apply

- Talk to us
- Complete your application  
(downloadable version on OTF website)
- Submit 4 copies of the proposal & 4 copies of required attachments
- Make sure we receive your application in Toronto by 5:00 pm on the deadline date

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# Deadlines

- **March 1**
- **July 1**
- **November 1**

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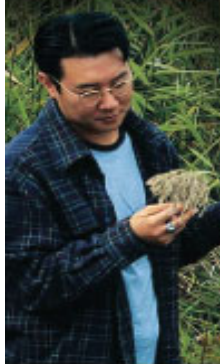
# The OTF Granting Context

- Competition for funds has greatly increased
- Review process very detailed and rigorous
- Turn-around time – approximately 120 days (plan ahead)

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# Stay in Touch

## General Information:

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