McKercher LLP Community Fund 2027

Deadline to apply is January 22, 2027 at 5pm (CST)

For more information please consult www.mckercher.ca/communityfund



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The 2027 McKercher LLP Community Fund

Community involvement has always been a priority at McKercher LLP. Partners, lawyers, students, staff—all share a passion for giving back to the community, each in their own way and according to their own interests. We support that commitment through the donation of time, resources and dollars.

As a firm, we are committed to investing in local, provincial and national non-profit organizations and charitable events. We look for ways to create opportunities, to build communities, to promote next generation volunteers. Supporting the communities in which we work and live is part of our prairie pride.

Our **McKercher LLP Community Fund** was created to invest in projects in our communities on an annual basis. Our fund supports initiatives that are aligned with our three pillars of investment and provide impact in our communities. Currently our diverse volunteer investment panel makes decisions regarding investments from our community fund. Decisions are made annually and announced and celebrated publicly.

For 2027, our community fund will provide **four (4) grants of $6,000 each.** The intent for the grants is to benefit communities throughout Saskatchewan. The panel will consider regional distribution in awarding the grants.

Grants are open to registered charities and incorporated non-profits in Saskatchewan, or regional and/or national charities and incorporated non-profits with operations in Saskatchewan. Applications are reviewed by a panel of volunteers from McKercher LLP with representation in both Saskatoon and Regina including staff, management and lawyers.

We have experienced resources available to provide legal services to charities and non-profits in Saskatchewan. As part of our formal Pro Bono initiative, qualified recipients of a monetary grant from our Community Fund may also be eligible to receive legal services as part of our program.

Before you apply! Please be advised that investments through grants from the McKercher LLP Community Fund are meant to be granted to **fund executable projects** within Saskatchewan communities to provide impact in one or all of the pillars of support.

We will **not** normally fund the following:

- Organizations that do not qualify for non-profit or charitable status
- Conference sponsorship or attendance
- Funding operational deficiencies, expenses, or salaries
- Lotteries, raffles or cash prizes
- Fraternal or religious organizations
- Individuals, teams or travel
- Widespread unaddressed form letter appeals
- Tabled or other fundraising events

Applicant Information - Organizational

1. Organization Name *

2. Website - if none, enter n/a *

3. Address - Mailing Address, City/Town, Postal Code *

4. Facebook - if none, enter n/a *

5. LinkedIn - if none, enter n/a *

6. X (Twitter) - if none, enter n/a *

Applicant Information - Primary Contact Person

7. Full Name *

8. Title *

9. Phone Number *

10. Email *

Acknowledgements

11. I have read the McKercher LLP 2027 Community Fund Guidelines. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

12. I have read the McKercher LLP 2027 Community Fund FAQs. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Applicant Information - Alternate Contact Person - if none, enter n/a

13. Full Name *

14. Title *

15. Phone Number *

16. Email *

Community Fund Recipient Eligibility

17. Has your organization previously received a McKercher LLP Community Fund grant? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

18. In what year did your organization last receive a McKercher LLP Community Fund grant? *

19. Please briefly describe the impact achieved through the previous grant. *

20. I confirm that all reporting obligations associated with our organization's previous McKercher LLP Community Fund grant have been fulfilled. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Charitable/Non-Profit Structure

21. Are you a Registered Charity? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

22. If Yes, please provide your Charitable Registration Number.

23. If No, please provide your Corporate Name and Entity Number.

McKercher LLP Community Fund Grants

Investments from McKercher LLP's Community Fund align with our values statements. The projects we support fall under one or more of the following pillars:

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – supporting programs and projects with a mandate of fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in communities including a focus on truth & reconciliation.

2. Education & Literacy – supporting programs and projects with a mandate of instructing, educating, and/or guiding knowledge with the purpose of providing opportunities for personal growth in communities.

3. Community Development and Capacity – supporting programs and projects with a mandate of creating or enhancing general quality of life in communities with a focus on building a more sustainable future for the communities.

24. Please indicate the pillar(s) your project/program falls under *

- [ ] Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- [ ] Education & Literacy
- [ ] Community Development & Capacity

25. Please describe how your project/program fits within one or more of the pillars. *

26. Please provide a summary of your project/program. Please include the following:
- Summary of goals and objectives
- Potential number of people impacted/assisted
- The community need, challenge or gap the project/program will address
- Timing of the project/program including expected start, frequency and length *

27. How will you measure the success and impact of this project/program? Please identify the anticipated outcomes and any measures that will be used to evaluate success. *

28. What Saskatchewan community, communities or geographic area(s) will this project/program primarily serve? *

- [ ] Urban Municipality/Municipalities
- [ ] Rural Municipality/Municipalities
- [ ] Northern Municipalities
- [ ] Unincorporated & First Nations Communities
- [ ] Other

29. Please identify the specific Saskatchewan community, communities or geographic area(s) the project/program will primarily serve. If the project/program serves participants throughout Saskatchewan, please indicate "Province-wide." *

Financial Information

30. What is your organization's annual operating budget for 2027? Please provide an approximate dollar amount if your 2027 budget has not yet been finalized. *

31. Please identify your organization's major sources of funding or revenue and, where possible, the approximate amount or percentage represented by each. Examples may include government funding, grants, donations, fundraising, earned revenue, membership fees or other sources. *

32. Has any other funding or financial support been secured or applied for for this project/program? Please identify the funder, amount, and whether the funding is confirmed or pending. If none, please enter "None". *

33. Please provide an approximate breakdown of your organization's major annual expenses. Where applicable, please include salaries and benefits, rent/facilities, administration, programming/service delivery, fundraising and other significant expenses. *

34. Please provide a detailed budget for the proposed project/program, including anticipated revenues and expenses. Please identify specifically how the McKercher LLP Community Fund grant would be used. *

35. Please describe the financial need for this project/program and explain why McKercher LLP Community Fund support is required. *

One-Application Acknowledgement

36. I confirm that this is the only application being submitted by our organization for the 2027 McKercher LLP Community Fund. *

- ◯ Yes

Successful Candidates

Those receiving grants for their project/program will also be asked to participate in a grant ceremony. Location of the ceremony(s) will be dependent on the location of the investments granted. McKercher LLP will also publicly announce the grants and promote them through various means including social media. Expectation is also to promote the successful project/program on our Community page and social channels. As such, we would expect a report from grant recipients within 6 months of completion of the project/program. Note that successful applicants will be required to sign a contract agreeing to terms in order to receive the grant.

37. Yes, I agree to attend a grant ceremony event! *

- ◯ I agree.

38. Yes, I agree to submit a summary report within 6 months of completing the project/program. *

- ◯ I agree.

39. Yes, I agree to having our success story published on the McKercher LLP website and social channels *

- ◯ I agree.

40. Yes, I agree to having the grant announced publicly and through social media. *

- ◯ I agree.

Summary

41. Please provide any other information that you may feel it is important for our panel to review with respect to your project/program.

42. Please provide any feedback with respect to this application process.

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