

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 newly formed **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 2024, our community fund will provide **three (3) grants of \$3,500 each**. The intent for the grants is to benefit communities throughout Saskatchewan. The panel will consider regional distribution in awarding the grants.

Intake for submissions has moved to the [Awardify](#) platform. The application portal will be open the week ending October 4th. When live, you will find the [link here](#) or announced on our social media feeds.

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.

Deadline for applications for support through the McKercher LLP Community Fund for 2024 is **Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 5:00pm CST**.

Applications must be completed digitally through the online process. Although the online form allows for applicants to re-enter for edit, it is highly suggested to prepare your response in a Word document or other avenue first prior to starting the online process. For your reference, a pre-application checklist with the information required online is included in this document.



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While all McKercher LLP team members are encouraged to promote their close connections to apply, the members of the volunteer adjudication panel will remain anonymous.

Applicant Information - Organizational

Organization Name
 Website
 Address - Mailing Address, City/Town, Postal Code
 Facebook
 LinkedIn
 X (Twitter)

Applicant Information - Primary Contact Person

Full Name
 Title
 Phone Number
 Email

Applicant Information - Alternate Contact Person

Full Name
 Title
 Phone Number
 Email

Charitable/Non-Profit Structure

Are you a Registered Charity?
 If Yes, please provide your Charitable Registration Number.
 If No, please provide your Corporate Name and Entity Number.

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:

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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

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

Please provide a summary of your project/program. Please include the following:

- Summary of goals and objectives
- Potential number of people impacted/assisted
- Budget for the project/program
- Why it is important in our community
- Timing of the project/program including expected start, frequency and length.

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.

Summary

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

Please provide any feedback with respect to this application process.



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