



Ontario  
Trillium  
Foundation



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Trillium  
de l'Ontario

An agency of the Government of Ontario.  
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Applying to  
the Ontario  
trillium foundation

# Who are we?



- Agency of the Government of Ontario
- Volunteers across Ontario decide where our funds go
- Largest grantmaker in Canada with over 30 years of experience
- Investor in community-based initiatives
- Builder of healthy and vibrant communities

# OTF'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY

**Action Areas**

**Priority Outcomes**

**Grant Results**

**Investment Streams**



# What do we fund?

Action Areas define what we mean by healthy and vibrant communities. They are our vision and what we aspire to achieve through our investments.



Fostering more  
active lifestyles



Building  
inclusive and  
engaged  
communities  
together



Encouraging  
people to  
support a  
healthy and  
sustainable  
environment



Enriching  
people's lives  
through arts,  
culture and  
heritage



Enhancing  
people's  
economic  
wellbeing



Supporting the  
positive  
development of  
children and  
youth



# What do we prioritize?



- ✓ Higher quality programming & infrastructure to support physical activity
- ✓ More people become active



- ✓ Better quality programming and infrastructure to experience culture, heritage and the arts
- ✓ More people connect with culture, heritage and the arts



- ✓ Diverse groups work better together to shape community
- ✓ Reduced social isolation



- ✓ Increased economic stability
- ✓ Increased economic opportunity



- ✓ More ecosystems are protected and restored
- ✓ People reduce their impact on the environment



- ✓ More children and youth have emotional and social strengths
- ✓ More youth are meaningfully engaged in the community

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for?



**Fostering more active lifestyles**

Higher quality programming and infrastructure to support physical activity	More people become active
Trained and certified coaches, officials and volunteers	Infrastructure is accessible and available for physical activity
Programs are safe, inclusive, fair, and age- and ability-appropriate	Ontarians participate in an active lifestyle
Infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities	



**Building inclusive and engaged communities together**

Diverse groups work better together to shape community	Reduced Social Isolation
People have a say shaping the services and programs that matter to them	People who are isolated have connections in their community
People who are marginalized take on leadership roles in their communities	
Diverse groups work together to improve community life	



**Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment**

More ecosystems are protected and restored	People reduce their impact on the environment
People participate in ecosystem conservation and restoration efforts	People connect with the environment and understand their impact on it
Conservation and restoration efforts are better planned and more sustainable	People and resource users take deliberate actions to benefit the environment
	Mechanisms are developed to promote responsible resource stewardship

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**Enriching people's lives  
through arts, culture and  
heritage**

**Better quality  
programming and  
infrastructure to experience  
culture, heritage and the arts**

Arts, culture and  
heritage have  
appropriate  
spaces

Skills and  
knowledge are  
transferred to the next  
generation of  
artistic leaders

**More people  
connect  
with culture,  
heritage and  
the arts**

Access to arts-  
based learning  
opportunities  
and compelling  
artistic, cultural  
and heritage  
experiences

People are  
engaged in  
community-  
based arts  
creation

Preservation  
and animation  
of cultural  
heritage



**Supporting the positive  
development of children  
and youth**

**More  
children and  
youth have  
emotional and  
social  
strengths**

Parents,  
caregivers and  
adult allies have  
the skills to  
support children  
and youth  
who are facing  
barriers

Children and  
youth who are  
facing barriers  
develop strong  
emotional and  
social skills

**More  
youth are  
meaningfully  
engaged in the  
community**

Youth facing  
barriers  
volunteer  
and are in  
leadership roles

Youth are  
involved  
in creating  
solutions for  
challenges  
facing their  
communities



**Enhancing people's  
economic wellbeing**

**Increased  
economic  
stability**

People who are  
economically  
vulnerable  
have access  
to community  
services that  
enhance  
financial stability

People who are  
economically  
vulnerable are  
able to meet  
their basic  
needs

**Increased  
economic  
opportunity**

People have  
the skills and  
knowledge  
to achieve  
greater financial  
independence

People become  
and stay  
employed

People become  
entrepreneurs



# Seed Grants – new ideas, different approaches

- Research, develop or pilot new or better ways of doing things
- Conduct a feasibility study
- Convene around an emerging issue

## **BUT NOT**

- Projects that have been offered previously or currently
- Renovations, repairs, new buildings



**Grant Size:** \$5,000 to \$75,000



**Grant Duration:** Up to 1 year



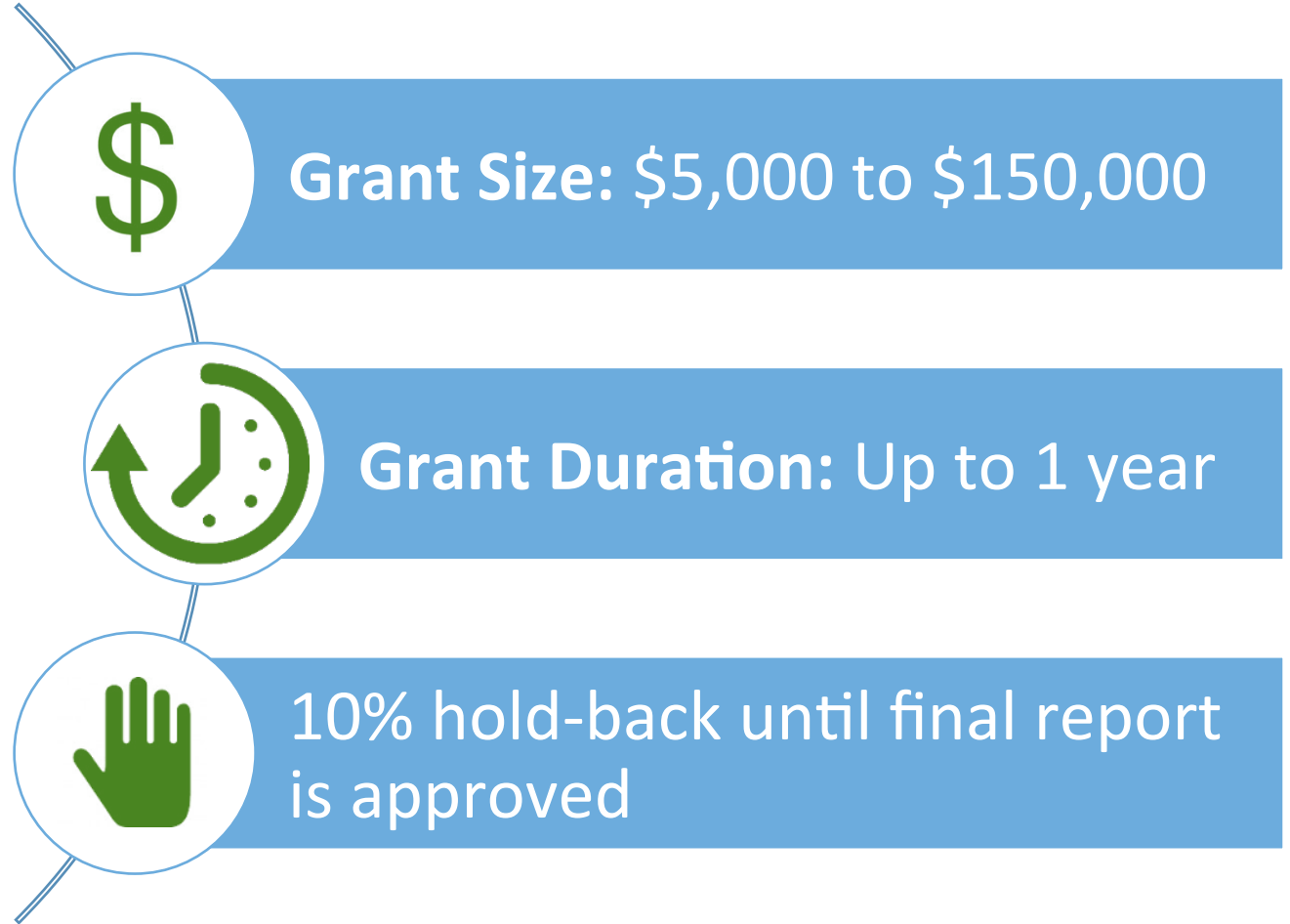
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# Capital Grants – investing in infrastructure

- Enhance community spaces and make them more accessible
- Promote energy efficiency
- Enhance programs & make better use of technology





# Grow Grants – building on success

- Increasing the reach of an existing, proven project, or
- Replicating or adapting a proven, successful project, or
- Adapting an existing proven, successful project

## BUT NOT

- Core Funding
- Maintaining an existing program
- Programs that aren't evidence-based



**Grant Size:** \$50,000 to \$250,000 per year

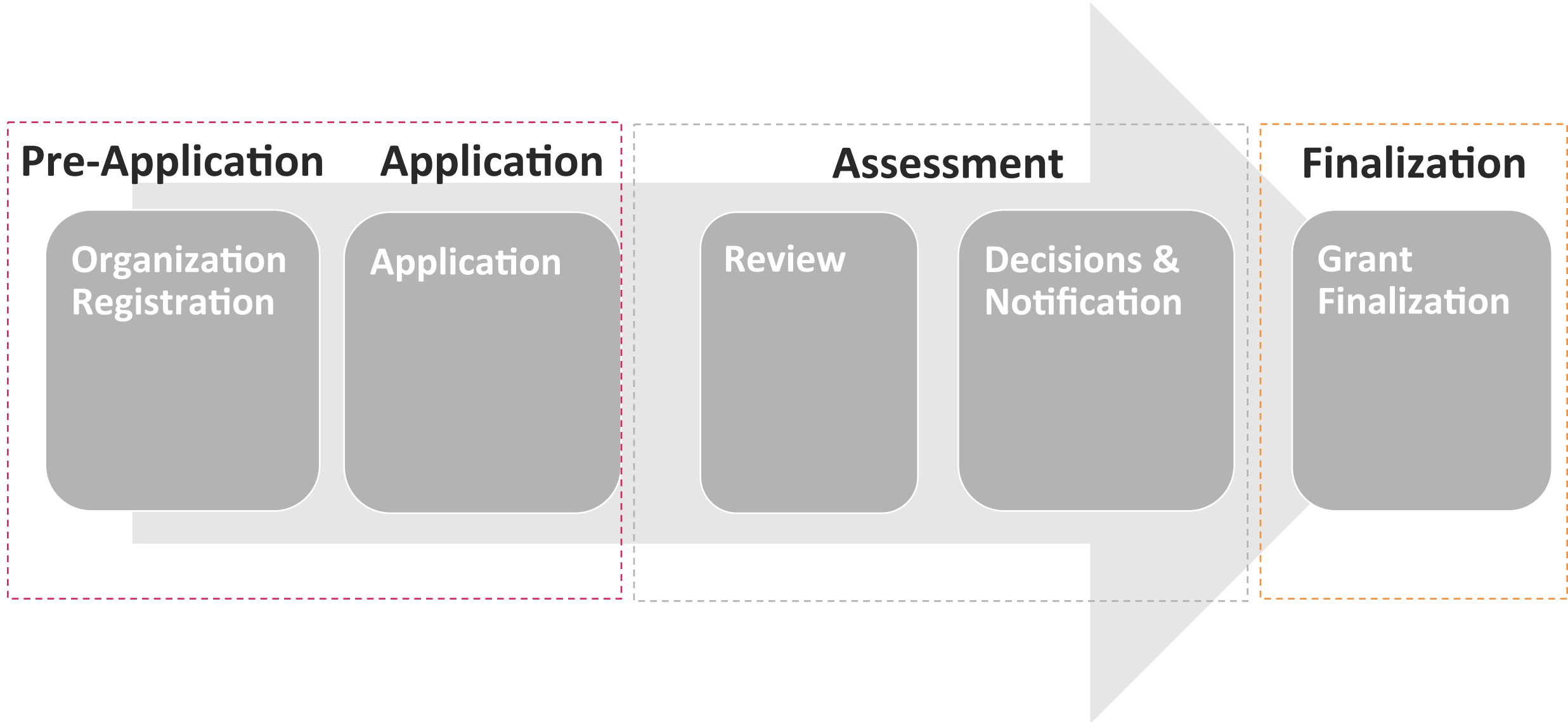


**Grant Duration:** 2 to 3 years



10% hold-back of final year's funds until final report is approved

# Application process: overview



# Next Steps

**1. Check out our new website at [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)**

- *Action Area stories*
- *Investment Stream Guides*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- *PDFs of Applications*
- *Checklists*

**2. Take the Self-Assessment test.**

**3. Contact the Support Centre: 1-800-263-2887 or [otf@otf.ca](mailto:otf@otf.ca)**

**4. Register your organization.**



# ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION

- Register at least 4 weeks before a deadline to guarantee verification process can be completed, if accepted, in time to apply
- Previous OTF Grantees will need to update their registration profile; new organizations will need to create a profile
- When verification is complete, OTF sends username and password needed to log in and access application forms
- Verified Org Registrations are valid for 12 months



# Financial statement requirements

## Minimum requirements are:

ANNUAL REVENUES UNDER \$50,000	ANNUAL REVENUES BETWEEN \$50,000 & \$249,999	ANNUAL REVENUES OF \$250,000 OR MORE
Statements prepared by your organization ('Internally prepared').	A complete set of financial statements prepared outside your organization by a licenced public accountant. (Include a 'Notice to Reader' or 'Review' or 'Audit'.)	A complete set of financial statements <u>audited</u> by a licensed public accountant.

Financial Statements are not required of First Nation, Métis, Inuit communities, or small municipalities with a population of 20,000 or less.

# Deadlines

STREAM	ORG REGISTRATION	APPLICATION
Grow	November 4, 2015, 5 p.m. EST.	December 2, 2015, 5 p.m. EST.
Seed & Capital	November 25, 2015, 5 p.m. EST.	January 6, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.
Seed & Capital	March 9, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.	April 6, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.
Grow	May 25, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.	June 22, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.
Seed & Capital	June 8, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.	July 6, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.
Seed & Capital	August 17, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.	September 14, 2016, 5 p.m. EST.