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Applications are now being accepted for The Blue Mountain Village Foundation (BMVF) Winter 2023/24 Grant Funding Program. Non-profit organizations and community groups are encouraged to apply for funding before the application deadline on January 26, 2024.

The BMVF awards grants to charitable organizations in the South Georgian Bay Region (including Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Town of the Blue Mountains, Meaford, Duntroon, Singhampton, Kimberley & Creemore) whose programs & activities address social gaps in our community. Through community engagement & advocacy, program delivery, and fundraising, the BMVF supports areas of health, education, the arts, the environment, family support, recreation and more.

Support is given through cash grants to provide funding for specific projects that meet the Foundation's mandate and criteria. Operational costs or salaries are not considered. Once the application review is complete, the Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors for final approval.

Winter 2023/24 Grant Funding **Let's Bring Our Communities Together!**

Criteria and guidelines for submissions have been developed to reflect the most pressing needs identified in our community.

The guidelines include the following:

Program Criteria:

- Programs must address gaps and provide solutions to the South Georgian Bay Community.
- \$15K available in funding and individual requests are not to exceed \$5000.
- Programs should be delivered between March 2024 & February 2025.
- Social gaps & solutions include:
 - **Senior Support:** To ensure our seniors receive the services they need for a fulfilling and comfortable life.
 - **Fight Against Hunger:** To help eradicate food insecurity and ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.
 - **Mental Health:** To bring increased awareness and resources to this critical issue of heightened mental health challenges.
 - **Domestic Abuse:** To address family problems such as domestic abuse, and programs which create safer and healthier environments.
 - **Access to Healthcare:** To ensure everyone has access to medical and healthcare support they need.
 - **Workforce Challenges:** To promote stable and sustainable livelihoods for all, tackling limited access to housing, skills development, and workforce challenges.
 - **Youth Empowerment:** To support youth in the community, providing opportunities for connection, growth, and development.
 - **Economic Empowerment:** To break down economic barriers for individuals and families, particularly in light of inflation and high cost of living in our community.
- All Basic Criteria outlined above (dates, programming timeline, one or more gaps/solutions identified) must be met for grant applications to be reviewed by the selection committee.

Enhanced Criteria:

- Programs should address multiple community needs, or can be applicable to multiple social gaps.
- Programs and initiatives should include active elements that support diversity, equity and inclusion (e.g., actively support youth, seniors, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.).
- Programs should demonstrate community or organizational collaboration.
- Programs that demonstrate high impact/return on investment (e.g., number of participants, value of impact of service to recipient, tangible outcomes for community, etc.) will be prioritized.

Additional Requirements:

In order to be eligible to receive a grant from the Blue Mountain Village Foundation the Applicant must:

- Be CRA registered in Ontario.
- Commit to the preparation of a follow-up report.
- Be prepared to provide volunteers to support BMVF fundraising initiatives during the calendar year.
- Please complete the application form found here: <https://bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation/funding> and submit it along with any additional information that you think would be helpful. Submissions not to exceed 10 pages including attachments.

Please submit your applications to BMVF by January 26, 2024 to foundation@bluemountainvillage.ca. Our Selection Committee will assess all grant applications and disburse funds by March 1, 2024.

If you would like, you can donate to our efforts and all funds raised will receive a tax receipt, and help us to increase the amount of grant money we can provide. Direct donations can be made at: www.bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation/donate

The Blue Mountain Village Foundation raises funds via an annual golf tournament as well as other events and activations. Since our inception 20 years ago, we have raised more than 1.86 million dollars that has been invested back into our community through meaningful and necessary programs and support services. We achieve our objectives through advocacy, fundraising, program delivery and effective marketing and communication.

For more information on Blue Mountain Village Foundation visit <https://bluemountainvillage.ca/foundation>






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