

Community Services Partnership Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria	Rational
#1 Is an incorporated not-for-profit organization	As per the City of Toronto Community Grants Policy and the City of Toronto Act , the Community Services Partnership funding program was developed to support incorporated not-for-profit organizations.
#2 Is an organization based in and governed by the community	Democratic structures are the basis of municipal governments. As such, Community Services Partnership funded organizations must possess governance structures consistent with this model. <u>Screening Criteria</u> Demonstration of a democratic model is open membership, where decision making power rests with a voting membership that exceeds board membership in size and retains the ability to overturn board members and board direction that may not be accepted by the community. Further, Community Services Partnership organizations must be open and transparent about how community members may apply for official membership.
#3 Is a Toronto-based not-for-profit organization led by a Board of Directors consisting of more than 50% Toronto residents ¹	The resources that support the Community Services Partnership funding program are derived from City of Toronto taxpayer dollars. As such, funding must support Toronto based and governed not-for-profit organizations serving Torontonians.
#4 Has the financial systems in place to ensure the accountable and transparent use of Community Services Partnership funding	The City of Toronto must be accountable for all taxpayer dollars invested in Community Services Partnership-funded organizations. As such, funded organizations must demonstrate the use of financial systems and processes that ensure accountability, transparency and stability at the organizational level.
#5 Has the organizational resources and systems to deliver accessible and stable services to Toronto residents	The Community Services Partnership funding program is working towards a public benefits sector that is resilient and responsive to communities. This includes supporting organizations to be adaptive, diversified, stable and effective.
#6 Complies with the City of Toronto Human Rights and Anti-Harassment Policy , and the City's Vision Statement of Access, Equity and Diversity	The City of Toronto is committed to implementing positive changes in its workforce and communities to achieve access and equality of outcomes for all residents.

¹ Provincial and National organizations will be asked to satisfy a separate eligibility requirement within the CSP Eligibility Screening Application.

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#7 Has a mandate to serve the community, especially vulnerable people and communities	The ultimate outcome of the Community Services Partnership funding program is that Torontonians live in vibrant, equitable, inclusive, safe neighbourhoods and communities where the needs of vulnerable people and communities are met. As such, Community Services Partnership-funded programs must be engaging and serving vulnerable people and communities.
#8 Engages volunteers within the organization	A short-term outcome of the Community Services Partnership funding program is that Toronto residents and program participants are engaged in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs and some aspects of governance within organizations. Fostering a base of volunteers is a key method to supporting this outcome. By engaging volunteers, Community Services Partnership organizations are supporting community engagement and ownership, opportunities for community contributions, and the development of community leadership.
#9 Partners and/or collaborates with at least 3 other groups or organizations	The Community Services Partnership funding program is working towards supporting a for public benefit sector that is coordinated and networked. With stable and ongoing funding, Community Services Partnership funded organizations are expected to work with at least 3 partners to leverage resources and expertise, while coordinating efforts and avoiding the duplication of services. Partners may be organizations that themselves would be ineligible for funding (health organizations, schools, universities) but that add to the delivery of services to your target population.
#10 Is in good standing with the City of Toronto	The Community Services Partnership funding program provides long-term funding commitments to impactful, mission-driven organizations. To ensure accountability, organizations must not have outstanding or overdue reports or documents throughout the Community Services Partnership Renewal Process.