



2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Are you a registered charity with a game-changing idea that has the potential to create positive, lasting change in our region?

The CFSEA's Community Impact Award is one, \$25,000 grant, designed for agencies with innovative project ideas that show creativity and leadership in supporting a vibrant, healthy, and caring community.

Deadline for applications is April 17, 2023, 12:00pm.

Project Eligibility:

Using information from CFSEA's [2021 Vital Focus](#), and the [2022 Vital Conversation](#), projects that address the following priorities are invited to apply:

**Work & Economy | Mental Health | Vulnerable Populations –
Food Security, Housing Stability, and Domestic Violence**

The Community Impact Award will support projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- New and creative project that provide a social service.
 - Foster cooperative, collaborative and innovative approaches to the challenges facing organizations and our community.
 - Address an identifiable community need or opportunity.
 - Enhance community leadership.
 - Have an impact across the region.
 - Leverage other funds and partnerships.
 - Show evidence of sustainability.
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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

It is vital for CFSEA to integrate an equity-based* lens throughout the entire granting process, including application review and final reporting. Equity requires the consideration of individual and group identities, marginalized communities, and spatial and systematic barriers. This approach ensures all applicants will receive what they need to participate in the application process. The following is a list of accommodations that may support the grant writer:

- CFSEA will provide technology support such as one-on-one instructions for individuals unaccustomed to digital platforms
- To honour oral practices and to accommodate technical or physical barriers, CFSEA will accept recorded oral applications. CFSEA will be accountable for typing the answers into the online grant portal. Deadline to conduct an oral application is: April 14, 2023.

If you require accommodations, please connect with CFSEA for support as soon as possible.

**Equity means fair and impartial*

Process to complete your grant application:

1. Submit application through [CFSEA's grant portal](#).
 2. The Community Leadership Committee will then review all applications and consider up to three (3) finalists to submit further information including a presentation to the committee.
 - a. If asked to present, a completed budget for the project will be required.
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Please Note:

- Successful projects may be applicable to receive funding over a maximum of two (2) years.
 - A final report will be due within 18 months of receiving the grant.
 - The recipient will have an opportunity to present on the impact of their project at the following year's Vital event.
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CONTACT US

Grant applicants are invited to contact the CFSEA office with questions at any point during the application process – we are here to help!

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