

## The Fergusson Foundation Grants Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Why was the grants program changed?

As a result of a new strategic direction for the Fergusson Foundation and in recognition of the need for effective funding of programs that work to prevent and eliminate family violence, the Fergusson Foundation set out to double its impact by doubling its capacity to work with its partners. For the Fergusson Foundation Grant Program this meant increasing the maximum grant available to \$10,000 from \$5000.

### Why are Grants only offered every other year?

A biennial Grants program was created in recognition of our goal to double our impact and the need to create more effective and meaningful investments.

### Why are the grants only for 'Canadian organizations, based in and serving Atlantic Canada'?

The Fergusson Foundation remains the only Family Violence Foundation serving Atlantic Canada and has made the strategic decision to make Atlantic Canada our priority region. We hope to make a larger impact in our region by focusing our limited resources on programs and organizations in the area.

### Why are projects considered ineligible if they 'seek to cover (subsidize) normal operating expenses of the applicant organization'?

The Fergusson Foundation Grant Program is designed to encourage organizations to find and test new and appropriate solutions using innovative initiatives. To ensure our limited resources are used efficiently, we will not cover normal operating expenses.

Normal operating expenses include, but are not limited to:

1. Rent and normal facility costs
2. Salaries
3. Costs of on-going and regular programming (e.g., increasing capacity of existing programs, annual conferences, standard training for staff, etc.)
4. General operating overhead (e.g., utilities, office supplies, etc.)
5. Capital funding campaigns

Note that these costs may be included in the overall cost of the project (for example 5% of the salary of an administration person); however, they will not be funded by the Foundation. Such costs should be shown as an "in kind" contribution (from the applicant) on the budget form.

### Why are successful applicants required to 'share all materials produced for the project with the Foundation', and will these materials, in turn, be shared with other organizations or how will they be used?

The Fergusson Foundation aims to help as many organizations as possible. In the spirit of knowledge transfer, collaboration, education and not duplicating our efforts, it is the Foundation's hope that materials produced will be shared with others working to prevent and eliminate family violence.

### If you have previously received a Fergusson Foundation Grant can you reapply?

If your organization serves Atlantic Canada and is in good standing with the Foundation you are welcome to reapply for funding of a new, sustainable project. Extensions of existing projects are ineligible.

