

# COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - GUIDELINES

## **About the Selkirk & District Community Foundation:**

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization incorporated in 1995 for the purpose of establishing permanent endowment funds and distributing the income for the benefit of the community. The Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life through community leadership and granting throughout the City of Selkirk and within the Rural Municipalities of St Andrews and St Clements.

The Foundation is funded by many donors, from all walks of life, gifts range from a few dollars to thousands of dollars. These gifts are invested in a capital fund with only the income from the investments being used for grants, which assist a wide variety of local initiatives. Donations to the Community Foundation will serve the entire community year after year....Here for Good.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of nine volunteer members of the community who serve without remuneration for three years. The Board evaluates each application and distributes grants to those groups or projects which they feel will most benefit the area.

### **Grant Applicant Eligibility:**

Grants are made to projects or programs that are delivered within the City of Selkirk and/or the Rural Municipalities of St Andrews and St Clements.

Grants are made to Canada Revenue Agency registered charities only, never directly to individuals.

The Foundation awards grants to support local needs and interests, which include, but not limited to, arts, cultural activities, heritage programs, health, education, environment, recreation programs, scholarships, senior's services, social services and youth activities.

### **Projects and Programs the Foundation May Support:**

The Foundation gives preference to projects and programs where a moderate amount of grant money will have a significant impact. Proposals are ideally characterized by,

- A well-planned approach
- A base for support
- Efficient use of resources
- Ability to serve a need in the community
- Volunteer participation and citizen involvement
- Connects with at least one community sector identified in the Foundation's Vital Signs Report

For more information on the history of our grants - visit our website at: www.sdcf.ca

#### The Foundation Does Not Typically Award Grants That:

- Support ongoing operating costs
- Support annual fundraising campaigns
- Cover deficits or retire debt
- Establish or create endowment funds
- Support sectarian, religious or political purposes