

## Ontario's Local Poverty Reduction Fund

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The Local Poverty Reduction Fund will support innovative local solutions and help community organizations demonstrate their progress, evaluate their programs and build a collective body of evidence of poverty reduction initiatives that work.

### Who Can Apply?

The fund is available to a wide range of groups. Not-for-profit organizations, registered charities, broader public sector organizations such as municipal governments, district social service administration boards (DSSAB) as well as Aboriginal communities and organizations can apply for the fund.

### Fund Criteria

To be considered for funding, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Projects are local, innovative initiatives that focus on preventing and transitioning people out of poverty, and support the goals of Ontario's [Poverty Reduction Strategy](#).
- Projects help groups disproportionately affected by poverty, including women, single parents, people with disabilities, youth, newcomers, visible minorities, seniors and Aboriginal Peoples.
- Projects use community partnerships and collaboration to deliver programs and services.
- Projects include partnerships with third-party evaluators (academia or practitioners) to develop and implement a clear evaluation framework.
- Projects must be sustainable or include a transition plan.

### How to apply

To support community organizations in developing successful proposals, the application process is divided into two stages.

#### Stage One: Expression of Interest - April 2015

Community organizations are invited to submit an Expression of Interest that provides information about a program, initiative or intervention that they are interested in researching and evaluating. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office is available to provide feedback on proposed projects to help strengthen applications for the Call for Proposals.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted until May 5, 2015.

[Learn more about submitting an Expression of Interest](#)

## **Stage Two: Formal Call for Proposals - May 2015**

Community organizations will be invited to respond to a Call for Proposals where they will provide more detail about their project and the evaluation framework they will use, including the third-party evaluator they propose to use. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office is able to provide assistance to applicants having difficulty in finding a third-party evaluator.

**Note:** Organizations are not required to participate in the Expression of Interest in order to be able to submit a proposal in stage two.

Organizations who aren't able to apply to this year's Call for Proposals could apply in 2016 or in 2017.

The first round of eligible projects will be announced in the summer with funding to flow in the fall.

## **LEARN MORE**

- [Read Realizing Our Potential: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy.](#)
- [Read Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy 2014 Annual Report.](#)

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