

THE BETHESDA FOUNDATION INC.

GIFT DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

The purpose of the *Bethesda Foundation Inc. Grants Distribution Guidelines* is to ensure that all applications for grants are consistent with the mission and values of the Bethesda Foundation Inc.

about the foundation

The Bethesda Foundation Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation that was established in 1980, in the City of Steinbach, Manitoba. The mission of the Bethesda Foundation is to enhance health in the Bethesda Service area through innovation, partnership and funding. The mission is accomplished in keeping with the Foundation's fundamental founding values: *Caring, Community Focused, Progressive, and Enduring*

who may apply?

Applications for grants will be accepted from:

- organizations that have historically provided health care services to the community.
- new organizations that provide health care services.
- organizations with a mandate and ability to deliver a special one – time project.

what projects will be considered

- Projects, which can draw additional funding from partners, including the RHA and other government funding, will be given preference.
- Projects that result directly in expanded or enhanced health services.
- Projects involving services provided in the Bethesda service region will be considered.
- Demonstration projects may be considered based on expected outcomes and supporting evidence.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, the Foundation's strategic plan will give further direction to funding priorities.

what projects will not be considered?

Applications that will not qualify for grant consideration include:

- Applications that are part of general fund-raising appeals or campaigns and membership drives.
- Services that are clearly under the mandate of government will not normally be considered.
- Ongoing operational or maintenance funding will not normally be considered.
- Emergency requests.

when will applications be accepted?

Grant applications will be accepted on or before September 1st in order to be considered by the Priorities Committee.

when will a decision be made?

- Notification and distribution will be made early in the following year.
- Grant recipients may; at the discretion of the Bethesda Foundation be required to submit a report outlining how the grant(s) was expended.

In order to ensure the Board has all the information required to make a decision, applicants may be asked to present their applications to the Board of the Bethesda Foundation Inc.

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