

Core Fund Grant Assessment

The Community Investment Program remains committed to the transparent assessment of funding applications. We aim to invest in organizations that demonstrate financial viability while meeting service delivery and program objectives.

The Community Investment Program has a limited budget and demand continues to increase. Our goal is to expand our reach by taking a balanced approach to distributing funding using an equitable and transparent process.

Each application that meets the general eligibility requirements will be reviewed by a Fund Review Committee comprised of Region of Peel staff, other municipal and local foundations, and funders. Applicants are assessed based on the following:

Application Assessment (75%)	Score Weighting
1. Alignment to Core Funding Outcomes Identify realistic outcomes for each of your funding requests.	15%
2. Alignment to Sector Populations Provide a brief explanation of how your organization's programs and services align with the Sector(s) you chose.	15%
3. Alignment to Serving Priority Populations Provide a brief explanation of how your organization's programs and services align with the Priority Populations you chose.	15%
4. Alignment to Regional Priorities Provide a brief explanation of how your organization's programs and services align with the Regional Priorities you chose.	15%
5. Budget Narrative Provide a strong rationale and sufficient detail for each budget request.	15%

Service Provider Profile Equity Assessment (25%)	Score Weighting
6. Describe how you apply an equity lens/principle when designing your programs and when engaging with equity-seeking groups.	10%
7. Does your agency have a Diversity, Equity, or Inclusion Policy, framework or statement? (Yes/No)	5%

8. Does your organization deliver culturally responsive programming/services, have representative leadership of the community at all levels of the organization, and/or have an explicit mandate to serve any of the following communities? (Yes/No)	5%
9. Did your organization list 1-2 programs offered to the population groups you listed? (Yes/No).	5%

Financial Assessment (/100%)

A financial assessment is part of the eligibility and approval process, to assess Regional risk in an organization that is applying for funding. This assessment is completed by the Regional Finance Team. Risk factors include benchmarks and financial ratios that are analyzed using the financial statements submitted by the organization.

The financial ratios are grouped into the following categories:

- 1) Liquidity: Measures the ability to meet short-term financial obligations
- 2) Leverage: The ability to operate within the agency’s means during the year; assets that are financed by creditors; liabilities and debt
- 3) Profitability: The average of the last two years of Surplus (Deficit)
- 4) Revenue: Diversity of revenue sources
- 5) Expenditures: Looking for a high proportion dedicated to delivering programs

Funding Relationships	Minimum Financial Score Threshold
New Organization not funded by CIP in the past 2 years	70%
Organizations that have been funded by CIP in the past 2-5 years	70%
Grassroots, Black, Indigenous organizations who have never been funded by CIP in the past 2 years	65%
Grassroots, Black, Indigenous organizations who have been funded by CIP in the past 1-3 years	60%

Please note exceptions can be reviewed by the Director on a case by case bases.