**Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation**

**Granting Guidelines and Eligibility**

The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation supports charitable organizations whose work directly benefits the quality of life in Toronto for children, youth, seniors and indigenous people, as well as disadvantaged and marginalized groups who are most vulnerable to the economic, social or environmental challenges of an urban environment, including the homeless, recent immigrants and the poor. The Foundation also supports charitable organizations whose work responds to the needs of the Indigenous communities outside of Toronto, primarily within the Province of Ontario. From time to time, the Foundation also provides disaster relief.

**Granting Region**: Primarily the City of Toronto, with emphasis on downtown Toronto.

**Types of Support**: Grants will be considered for seed money, special projects, support for new and ongoing programs and projects and community emergencies.

**Follow-up**: Grant recipients will be expected to report back to the Foundation on the expenditure of moneys granted and the completion of projects supported by the Foundation.

**Registered Charities:** Agrant recipient must be a registered Canadian charitable organization (or a Qualified Donee) with a registered charitable business number and must have recent audited financial statements.

**Donation Strategy:** We are dedicated to working with charitable organizations that share our goal to help make a difference in the GTA community. Our goal is to ensure that our charitable partners have sustainable sources of funding and use their donors' funds responsibly.We encourage synergies between organizations. Our review committee follows a rigorous process when evaluating proposals to ensure our funds are invested with the utmost care and responsibility and clearly demonstrate the social impact of our contribution.

**Areas We Do Not Fund:** We do not fund the following:

* Political or fraternal organizations, Service Clubs, or third-party charity fund-raising organizations.
* Individual pursuits.
* Private (fee based) elementary or secondary schools.
* Religious organizations, unless engaged in a significant project benefiting the entire community.
* Endowment or memorial campaigns.
* Conferences, events or golf tournaments.
* Advertising or promotional campaigns.
* Travel-related events, including student trips or tours.
* Creation or repair of statues, monuments, artwork or beautification projects.
* Publication of books or movie productions.
* Private foundations.
* General operating costs.
* Deficit financing.
* Endowment funds or any form of pledge arrangement.
* Grants to individuals for sponsorship, exchange programs, travel, awards, fellowships, scholarships or bursaries.
* General Capital Campaigns that are not focused on specific projects associated with the Foundation.