



Community Safety and Well-Being Fund: Community Micro-Grant Program application form

Applications close on August 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

General information

Durham Region recognizes that not-for-profit groups and other community partners, including emerging (small, grassroots) and youth-led groups, are uniquely positioned to address complex community safety and well-being challenges due to their nuanced understanding of community needs and expertise delivering services to specific populations.

The Community Micro-Grant Program supports emerging non-profit organizations/groups and resident-led/grassroots groups in addressing youth violence and justice involvement by enhancing child and youth well-being and encouraging resident engagement and leadership development.

Emerging non-profit organizations/groups and resident-led/ grassroots groups are defined as follows:

Emerging non-profit organizations/groups: Registered or non-registered non-profit organizations that are new to the non-profit sector with limited or no previous revenue.

Resident-led/grassroots groups: Groups of individuals (such as neighbours, parents, or classmates) who come together to pursue a shared goal that benefits the community at a local level, typically on a volunteer and not-for-profit basis.

Funded projects will use strength-based approaches to promote positive child, youth, and community development through social development and violence prevention activities.

Social development: Programs for the general child and youth population will aim to prevent the development of risk factors¹ for serious violence and crime and enhance protective factors². Programming can include, but is not limited to, after-school drop-in programs, and general life skills development programming (e.g., leadership development

¹ [Youth gang involvement: What are the risk factors? Public Safety Canada. 2007.](#)

² [Risk and protective factors. Public Safety Canada. 2015.](#)

workshops, financial literacy workshops, mental health workshops, youth lounges, etc.).

Violence prevention: Programs designed to reduce risk for youth experiencing more than one risk factor for involvement in serious violence and crime.

Programming can include, but is not limited to:

- Conflict mediation and resolution.
- Conflict management workshops.
- Stress management workshops.

For additional eligibility criteria and details about this grant opportunity, download the Guidelines for the Community Safety and Well-Being Fund: Community Micro-Grant Program.

Please submit a copy of this application to cswb@durham.ca. A confirmation email will be sent to you once your application has been received.

Accessibility

Accessibility supports (e.g. documents in alternate formats, sign-language interpreters, etc.), are available, as required, to reduce barriers to participation, including submitting applications in alternative formats. For accommodation requests, please contact cswb@durham.ca.

Information sessions

Information sessions will be held in August 2026 to answer questions and provide details for grant applicants. Sessions will be offered in person and online. Applicants are encouraged to attend an information session before submitting an application. Details about the information sessions will be available on Durham.ca/CSWB-Fund.

Coaching support

Coaching support will be available to applicants who are new to grant and proposal writing.

Ongoing coaching support will also be available during project delivery.

Important timelines

- Grant applications open: August 2026. Visit Durham.ca/CSWB-Fund to access the application form.
- Information sessions: August 2026. Visit Durham.ca/CSWB-Fund for session dates and times.
- Results announced: October 2026.
- Project implementation period: October 2026 to March 2027.

CSWB Fund contact information

If you have any questions or need more information about the Community Micro-Grant program, please visit [Durham.ca/CSWB-Fund](https://durham.ca/CSWB-Fund), or contact:

Community Safety and Well-Being
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
cswb@durham.ca.

Organization/Group

Please tell us about your organization or group.

Organization or group name: _____

Please indicate which of the following apply to your organization or group:

An emerging non-profit organization/group (a registered and non-registered organization or group that is new to the non-profit sector with limited or no previous revenue).

A resident-led group/grassroots group (a group of neighbours, parents, and/or students coming together to pursue a common goal that benefits the community at the local level, typically on a volunteer or non-profit basis).

Please name the members of your group and indicate whether they reside in Durham Region.

Please note: For your group to be eligible for funding, the majority of your members must reside in Durham Region.

Name	Please list the municipality in which members reside

Organization or group website, if applicable: _____

Social media accounts, if applicable: _____

Primary contact:

Please provide the name and contact information for the primary contact person for your organization or group.

Note: Applicants may be contacted for clarification regarding their applications.

Full name: _____

Postal code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Secondary contact:

Please provide the name of an alternate contact. We will only use this information if we are unable to reach the primary contact.

Full name: _____

Postal code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Financial information

Does your organization or group currently receive financial support from the Region of Durham or any funder?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you are currently receiving financial support, please indicate who your funder is and how much you receive:

Name of funder: _____

Amount of funding: \$ _____

Community connection

This section helps us to understand who you are, how your organization or group is

connected to the community, and the values that guide your work. Below are questions you may consider while answering this section. Please answer in 150 words.

How is your group or organization connected to the communities you serve?

Who is involved in your group or organization?

When was your group or organization established (or when did you begin working together as a group)?

What is your vision and mandate, and what change are you hoping to create in your community?

Proposed project

This section helps us understand more about your project and what you plan to do. It tells us about the participants, how they will hear about your project, and what your plans are to support social development, protective factors, and violence prevention in your community.

Project title

Please indicate the title of your proposed project:

Project location

If selected, which local area municipality in Durham Region will your organization or group carry out your project? Select all that apply.

☐ Ajax

☐ Brock

☐ Clarington

☐ Oshawa

☐ Pickering

☐ Scugog

☐ Uxbridge

☐ Whitby

☐ Other (please describe)

Note: All projects must be held in Durham Region.

Project timelines

Please indicate an estimated start and end date for your project.

Funding is to be spent between October 2026 and March 2027.

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Project description

In about 300 words, describe your project, and how it will address the issues affecting your communities and target population groups. Explain how your project will support social development and violence prevention.

Please see page 1 of this application and the Guidelines for the Community Safety and Well-Being Fund: Community Micro-Grant Program for definitions.

Project participants

How many individuals will your project aim to serve? Please indicate the number of individuals within the age categories below.

Number of children ages 0 to 11: _____

Number of youth ages 12 to 18: _____

Number of young adults ages 19 to 24: _____

Number of adults ages 25 to 54: _____

Number of adults ages 55 and over: _____

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Our community is diverse³ and we aim to support projects that are welcoming, inclusive and intentionally respond to the needs and concerns of equity-deserving groups and communities. In about 250 words, please describe how your project will contribute to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community.

Project promotion

Successful projects require intentional outreach and promotion to ensure children, youth, and community members are aware of and able to participate in project activities. In 150 words, describe how your intended participants will learn about the project, including the methods, networks, or partners you will use to reach them.

³ *For additional context on any of these terms, please consult [the Region of Durham's glossary of terms](#).

Project impact

How will you know that your project has made a positive difference? In 150 words, please describe the outcomes, experiences, or shifts you hope participants will experience.

Budget

Please detail your project’s overall budget in the table below.

Only eligible costs can be funded. Please consult the CSWB Fund: Community Micro-Grant Guidelines for eligible cost categories. Up to \$5,000 can be requested. Please refer to the example budget lines below.

Description: One item per line	Number of units	Unit Cost (\$)	Total (\$)
Example: Hockey stick	20	89.95	1,799
Example: Case of water	10	4.99	49.90

Total amount requested: \$ _____

Project activities

Please describe the monthly activities, timelines, and performance indicators associated with the delivery of your project. Activities should take place between October 2026 and March 2027.

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Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that the information I am submitting is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☐ Yes, I acknowledge

I confirm that I have read the Guidelines for the Community Safety and Well-Being Fund: Community-Micro-Grant Program.

☐ Yes, I confirm

Do you consent to receive information in the future about the Region of Durham's CSWB Plan and projects?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Notice of collection:

Information collected in this form is pursuant to s.11 of the Municipal Act 2001, and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The information you provide in this application will be used to assist the Region in the implementation of the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Fund. This information may be subject to disclosure under the MFIPPA if circumstances warrant. Questions regarding the collection, use and disclosure of information submitted in this application should be directed to the Access and Privacy Office by email at privacy@durham.ca or by Telephone: 905-668-7711, extension 2050 or Toll-Free: 1-800-372-1102. You may also review the Region of Durham's Terms of Use and Privacy Statement for more information: visit durham.ca to review the Region's [terms of use](#) and [privacy statement](#).