# Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant

2025-26 User Application Guide

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# **Program Overview**

The Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant (2025-26) is a \$12.75-million grant program that will provide funds to eligible faith-based, cultural, 2SLGBTQQIA+, First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous organizations and communities to enhance or implement measures to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure from hate-motivated incidents.

Eligible organizations in Ontario can receive a one-time grant of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000, as well as additional funding for non-registered chapters that meet eligibility guidelines. To be eligible for the grant, the applicant must hold gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance, at least once a month as part of regular activities. 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations that primarily hold 2SLGBTQQIA+ annual cultural gatherings are also eligible. The applicant must be a registered charity or not-for-profit corporation without share capital, First Nations band council, First Nations tribal council or First Nations education authority.

In addition, applicants are required to use the entirety of the grant on eligible expenses related to safety, security and capacity building measures against hate-related incidents for the organization (including additional non-registered chapters, if applicable), and **all expenses must be incurred between November 13, 2025, and August 31, 2026.** 

Applications for the grant must be submitted on or before December 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. EST. Organizations that applied for the grant in 2021-22, 2022-23, Fall/Winter 2023-24 or 2024-25 can apply again for 2025-26. Please note that organizations that previously applied and who may have received funding under previous rounds of the grant should check the current eligibility criteria to ensure they are still eligible.

Complete applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

The Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant is a discretionary and non-entitlement program. As such, notwithstanding that an applicant has submitted a complete application and met all program criteria, there is <u>no</u> guarantee that the applicant will be approved for funding.

Disbursement of grant funding ends once the program budget is spent.

As a condition of receiving the grant funding, approved applicants must agree to legally binding terms and conditions of the grant program, including an obligation to repay up to the full amount received if any terms or conditions are not complied with. The requirements set out in these guidelines are made legally binding pursuant to the terms and conditions.

# **Definitions**

A **"regular activity"** is an ongoing component of how an organization achieves its mandate.

A "child care centre" is defined under section 2(1) of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 and means a premises operated by a person licensed under the Act to operate a child care centre at the premises.

A First Nations "education authority" under section 1(1) of the *Education Act* means a corporation that is incorporated by one or more bands or councils of bands for the purpose of providing for the educational needs of the members of the band or bands.

A gathering has "religious, spiritual or cultural significance" if its central purpose is:

- Related to a specific and comprehensive system of belief that governs one's
  conduct and practices and addresses ultimate questions of human existence, such
  as ideas about life, purpose, death, and the existence or non-existence of a creator
  and/or a higher or different order of existence, including the spiritual beliefs and
  practices of Indigenous cultures; and/or
- Related to the affirmation or celebration of cultural elements that are meaningful to the identity of a community or group of individuals (e.g., language, country of origin, race, ethnic or national customs and traditions, Indigenous beliefs and practices, gender or sexual identity).

A "home child care agency" is defined under section 2(1) of the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and means a person that is licensed under that Act as a home child care agency.

A "long-term care home" is defined under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* and means a place that is licensed as a long-term care home and includes a municipal home, joint home or First Nations home approved under Part IX.

A "non-registered chapter" for the purposes of this grant program is defined as a site, branch, section or other division of an eligible parent organization with a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) charity registration or business number, that does not have its own CRA charity registration or business number separate from the eligible parent organization.

A "primary community served" is the community that most closely aligns with the organization's mandate.

A "career college" is defined under section 1(1) of the *Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005* and means an educational institution or other institution, agency or entity that provides one or more vocational programs to students for a fee and pursuant to individual contracts with the students, but does not include.

- a) a college of applied arts and technology established under any Act,
- b) a university established under any Act,
- c) a school as defined in subsection 1(1) of the Education Act, or
- d) a prescribed institution, agency or entity or an institution, agency or entity belonging to a prescribed class; ("collège d'enseignement professionnel").

A "private school" is defined under section 1(1) of the Education Act and means an institution at which instruction is provided at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any school day for five or more pupils who are of or over compulsory school age in any of the subjects of the elementary or secondary school courses of study and that is not a "school" as defined in this section of the Education Act.

A "private postsecondary institution" is defined under the *Post-Secondary Education* Choice and Excellence Act, 2000 and means an institution that has received consent under the *Post-Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, or an institution with a private Act.

**"Province**" means His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.

# **Eligibility Overview**

To be eligible for the grant, the applicant must:

- Be a registered charity or not-for-profit corporation without share capital, First Nations band council, First Nations tribal council or First Nations education authority.
  - o Registered charities must be registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a charity by December 31, 2023.
  - o Not-for-profit corporations that are not registered charities must be incorporated by December 31, 2023.
- Be operational in Ontario on November 13, 2025.
- Hold gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance, at least once a month as part of regular activities.

- Exception: 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations that primarily hold 2SLGBTQQIA+ annual cultural gatherings and hold a valid event permit are also eligible.
- Own, lease, license or rent a non-residential indoor facility in Ontario that is used at least once a month for hosting regular gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance.
  - o Exception: 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations that primarily hold 2SLGBTQQIA+ annual cultural gatherings and hold a valid event permit and/or own, lease, license or rent a non-residential indoor facility in Ontario are also eligible.
- Be in compliance with filing, reporting and other requirements under the federal *Income Tax Act* or as established by the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Attest that it is in compliance with the <u>Ontario Human Rights Code</u> and hate-related laws under the <u>Criminal Code</u>.

# **Eligible Organizations**

Types of eligible organizations include:

- Religious and spiritual organizations and communities (e.g., mosques, synagogues, temples, churches, etc.)
- Cultural organizations and communities (e.g., 2SLGBTQQIA+ groups, traditional culture programs, workshops and ceremonies, etc.)
- First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous organizations and communities
   (e.g., ceremonial lodges, friendship centres, private Indigenous postsecondary
   institutions, First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils, First Nations
   education authorities, First Nations schools including First Nations language
   immersion schools, etc.)
- Faith-based private elementary and secondary schools.
  - Must operate full year (September to June) or all year (September to August) – weekend-only schools are not eligible.
- Cultural private elementary and secondary schools.
  - Must operate full year (September to June) or all year (September to August) – weekend-only schools are not eligible.
- Faith-based private postsecondary institutions and faith-based career colleges.
- Cultural private postsecondary institutions and cultural career colleges.

- Faith-based or cultural organizations, outside of private schools, private postsecondary institutions and career colleges, whose primary activity is providing children's and youth programming or services.
- Licensed faith-based or cultural childcare programs (e.g., child care centres, home child care agencies).
- Faith-based or cultural health care providers and services (e.g., community-based services, wellness clinics, hospices).
- Faith-based or cultural youth care providers (e.g., group homes).
- Faith-based or cultural social services providers (e.g., services for the homeless, victim services providers, group homes or other congregate care settings, community service providers, food banks).
- Faith-based or cultural housing providers (e.g., affordable housing).
- Regulated and licensed faith-based or cultural long-term care providers.
- Faith-based or cultural organizations whose primary activity is the arts (e.g., theatre, dance, music, literary, media, visual, digital, multi- and interdisciplinary).

# **Ineligible Organizations**

Organizations that are not eligible for the grant include:

- Sports organizations, sports teams and recreational, athletic, hobbies or gamesoriented clubs
- Organizations whose primary activity is organizational or administrative meetings (e.g., regular meetings to award cultural grants, meetings of business organizations like a Board of Trade).
- Publicly funded elementary and secondary schools (i.e., "school" within the meaning of the Education Act).
- Public institutions within the meaning of the Post-Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000 (and specifically Ontario Regulation 279/02) including public universities, public colleges, and specified federated and affiliated institutions associated with publicly assisted universities.
- Organizations whose primary purpose is to advance a political cause.
- Organizations that engage in practices and observances that are hateful, incite hatred or violence against other individuals or groups, or contravene criminal law.

Crown corporations, municipalities, for-profit organizations, libraries and individuals.

Organizations not included in the Eligible Organizations or Ineligible Organizations list but otherwise feel they meet program eligibility criteria are encouraged to submit a completed application for the Ministry's consideration.

# Non-Registered Chapters

Eligible organizations may apply on behalf of non-registered chapters of their organization.

To be eligible, a non-registered chapter must:

- Have a parent organization that meets all associated grant eligibility criteria, including having a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) charity registration number or business number.
- Not have its own CRA charity registration number or business number separate from the eligible parent organization.
  - Any organization chapter, site, branch, section or other division with its own CRA charity registration number or business number **must** submit their own application.
- Be operational in Ontario on November 13, 2025.
- Hold gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance, at least once a month
  as part of regular activities. 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations that primarily hold
  2SLGBTQQIA+ annual cultural gatherings are also eligible.
- Use a non-residential indoor facility in Ontario that is owned, leased, licensed or rented by the non-registered chapter or the parent organization, at least once a month for hosting gatherings of religious, spiritual or cultural significance as part of regular activities by that non-registered chapter.
  - Exception for 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations who primarily hold annual cultural gatherings: Use a non-residential indoor facility in Ontario or hold an event permit that is owned/held by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ non-registered chapter or the parent organization for 2SLGBTQQIA+ annual cultural gatherings.
- Operate at a non-residential indoor facility with a separate address from the parent organization; or if operating at the parent organization's address have regular activities that are distinct from the parent organization's mandate.

To access grant funding, non-registered chapters must have their parent organization apply on their behalf. The parent organization must submit one application on behalf of all non-registered chapters and ensure that the information is complete for all non-registered chapters before submitting.

# **Program Requirements**

Applicants are required to use the entirety of the grant on one or more of the eligible expenses listed below. Expenses must be incurred between November 13, 2025, and August 31, 2026 (project completion date).

# **Eligible Expenses**

Eligible expenses include:

- Interior or exterior building upgrades through a qualified and licensed service provider to enhance security for the organization to protect against hate-motivated incidents:
  - Security equipment and hardware costs including doors, windows, security film for windows, intercoms, public address systems, security alarm systems, lock systems, fences, gates, lighting, cameras, relocation of existing cameras, anti-graffiti sealant and graffiti removal, motion detectors, signage, fire alarm systems and landscaping.
  - o Relevant construction costs including contractor fees, labour, equipment rental, installation fees.
  - Relevant renovation costs (e.g., renovations to the main entrance or lobby area to enhance building security).
  - Closed circuit television systems (CCTV), which may include exterior cameras, digital video recorder, monitor, and associated installation costs (including wiring, brackets and accessories).
- Immediate, short-term (i.e., non-recurring and defined period of time) security services for the organization to prevent and/or respond to hate-motivated incidents (e.g., short-term licensed security guards, immediate repairs or reinforcements to facilities).

- Security guards must be licensed and hired from a licensed (third party) agency, or paid duty police. Security guards and the agencies that employ them must adhere to all requirements under the Private Security and Investigative Services Act and its regulations. Hourly wages only (i.e., no benefits).
- <u>Licence status of security guards and agencies</u> can be checked online through Ontario.ca.
- Cybersecurity and technology upgrades for the organization to prevent and/or respond to hate-motivated incidents.
- Completion of professional security assessments and emergency planning for the organization to protect against hate-motivated incidents:
  - o Report and consultation fees from a qualified service provider.
  - o Development of policies and procedures.
- Education and training for staff, volunteers and community members of the organization to prevent and/or respond to hate-motivated incidents:
  - First-aid training, mental health awareness and de-escalation courses, conflict avoidance and violence prevention courses, Incident Command System courses provided by a qualified service provider such as an accredited (third party) educational organization, professional school or college.
  - Legal awareness (know-your-rights training), cybersecurity and hate crime awareness seminars provided by a qualified service provider such as an accredited (third party) educational organization, professional school or college.
  - Honoraria for First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers. Honoraria may not exceed \$500. The rate for a partial day (three hours or less) is \$250, and \$500 for a full day.

# **Ineligible Expenses**

Ineligible expenses include:

- Capital costs that include land, vehicles and construction/major repairing of buildings.
- Salaries and wages for staff (full-time or part-time personnel), with the exception of short-term licensed security guards, as listed under Eligible Expenses.

- Hospitality and travel expenses, including food, refreshments, transportation and honoraria, with the exception of honoraria for First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers, as listed under Eligible Expenses.
- Core or ongoing operating expenses of the organization, including maintenance, leases and rents, utilities, repairs or supplies not related to protecting against hatemotivated incidents, or recurring expenses for security monitoring.
- Equipment and/or hardware not related to protecting against hate-motivated incidents, which includes: benches, concrete barrier wall, fingerprint reader system, night vision goggles, body armour, projectors, security desk, radios, hidden cameras or dummy cameras, tire shredders and any other equipment or hardware not related to protecting against hate-motivated incidents.
- Expenses that include but are not limited to building repairs that do not enhance the security of the organization to protect against hate-motivated incidents.

# **Application Requirements**

Organizations with unique Canada Revenue Agency charity registration or business numbers must each apply separately.

Applicants must provide the following information:

- Name of the registered charity, not-for-profit corporation, First Nations band council, First Nations tribal council or First Nations education authority.
- The organization's charity registration number or business number issued by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
  - Note for First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities **only**: those that do not have a CRA charity registration number or business number contact <u>ahsp2025@ontario.ca</u> for support.
- Faith-based and cultural private elementary and secondary schools must also provide their Board School identification number.
- Faith-based and cultural private postsecondary institutions and career colleges must also provide their organization identification number.
- The organization's articles of incorporation or letters patent, if applicable.

- Most recent property tax bill, valid current lease, valid current license or valid current rental agreement confirming the organization may operate and use the non-residential indoor facility.
  - Exception: 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations who primarily hold annual cultural gatherings must provide one of the above documents or a valid event permit.
  - First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities are exempt from this requirement.
- A description and supporting documentation (e.g., mandate, bylaws) that indicates the organization's primary activities, including the nature and frequency of gatherings (including ceremonies, congregations, classes, events, etc.)
  - Faith-based and cultural private elementary and secondary schools must operate full year (September to June) or all year (September to August).
     Weekend-only schools are not eligible.
  - First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities may provide supporting documentation at their discretion, e.g., band council resolution, letter from the Chief or band manager, etc.
- Revenue the organization reported to the Canada Revenue Agency for 2022, if applicable.
  - First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities are exempt from this requirement.
- The organization's current bank account statement with the following information:
  - Account holder matching the organization's legal or operating business name
  - Account number
  - Account type (must be a business account; personal bank accounts will not be accepted)
  - Name of financial institution
  - Address of financial institution
  - Financial institution number
  - o Branch/transit number

• Further information and supporting documentation may be required to prove eligibility.

Additionally, eligible organizations applying **on behalf of non-registered chapters** must provide:

- A letter from the head of the parent organization (e.g., Chief Financial Officer, Chief Executive Officer) or band council resolution confirming the eligibility of each non-registered chapter they are applying for, including the nature and frequency of gatherings, and confirming the parent organization will be responsible for the financial management of the funding provided.
- Supplementary information, as applicable (e.g., most recent property tax or hydro bills for non-registered chapters operating at separate addresses from the parent organization, or if operating at the same address as the parent organization, a description of regular activities of non-registered chapters operating at the same address as the parent organization. Description of regular activities must be different from the parent organization's regular activities).
  - First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities with a CRA charity registration or business number that are applying for non-registered chapters are exempt from this requirement.

The parent organization must submit one application on behalf of any non-registered chapters for which they are seeking funding and ensure that the information is complete for all non-registered chapters before submitting.

### **Supplementary Application Questions**

For program planning and evaluation purposes, all applicants are required to answer the following application questions. Responses will not be used to determine eligibility, unless otherwise noted. Applicants are not required to provide any sensitive or confidential information in their responses.

- Please identify the primary community that your organization serves.
- Please list any additional religious, spiritual, faith-based, or cultural communities your organization serves.
- How many people on average attend your organization's gatherings?
- How do hate-motivated crimes or incidents currently impact your organization and/or the communities you serve?

- What eligible expenses does your organization plan to spend grant funding on?
- How will the funding address your organization's risk or experience of hatemotivated crimes or incidents?
- In the past five years, has your organization applied for and/or received any other security-related grants?

### Additional Applicant Requirements

- Applicants must maintain coverage of commercial general liability insurance throughout the duration of the program (November 13, 2025 August 31, 2026).
- Applicants will be required to submit a valid certificate of insurance at the time of application demonstrating that coverage is in place that will continue until at least August 31, 2026. There will be an obligation to provide evidence of renewal of the policy, if applicable.
  - Note: If the certificate of insurance submitted at the time of application shows your insurance coverage ends before August 31, 2026, you will be asked to submit an updated certificate of insurance at the time of submitting your report before the deadline.
- The certificate of insurance must show a commercial general liability limit of not less than \$2 million (\$2,000,000) in the organization's name, which confirms the insurance coverage and indemnity as required by the terms and conditions of the grant program, as more particularly set out in article 12.0 of the terms and conditions, signed by an authorized insurance representative.
  - Note: First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities are exempt from the requirement of providing a certificate of insurance.
- The full insurance requirements are set out in section 12.0 of the terms and conditions for the program and can be viewed at this link.
- As a condition of receiving the grant funding, approved applicants must agree to legally binding terms and conditions of the grant program, including an obligation to repay up to the full amount received if any terms or conditions are not complied with. The requirements set out in these guidelines are made legally binding pursuant to the terms and conditions.
- Approved applicants must retain expense receipts for seven years as set out in the terms and conditions of the grant program. Applications may be subject to audit.

- Approved applicants must complete a report by August 31, 2026, including
  information on how funding was used, summary of receipts related to the eligible
  expenses, outcomes of the funding towards increased anti-hate safety, security
  and/or capacity for the organization, and overall experience with the grant
  program. If the report is not submitted, recipients may be requested to return the
  grant funds and may not be eligible for future rounds of the grant program.
- Recipients will be notified when the reporting form is available on the grant program application portal at a later date. The reporting form will set out the contents required to be included in the report.

# **Application Deadline**

Applications will be accepted until December 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. EST.

# **Funding Available**

Eligible organizations can receive a one-time grant of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 to protect their communities and facilities against hate-motivated incidents, as well as additional grants for eligible non-registered chapters.

- For eligible registered charities and not-for-profit corporations with a fiscal period that ends in 2022, the grant amount will depend on their revenue for that fiscal period (see Amount of the Grant section for example).
- Eligible registered charities and not-for-profit corporations that were established in 2022, 2023 or 2024 and whose first fiscal period ends in 2023 or 2024 are eligible for a grant of \$5,000.
- Eligible First Nations band councils, First Nations tribal councils and First Nations education authorities are eligible for a grant of **\$10,000**.

Eligible non-registered chapters of parent organizations will receive a grant amount equal to the parent organization (see Amount of the Grant section for example).

# **Amount of the Grant**

Eligible registered charities and not-for-profit corporations with fiscal period ending in 2022.

For these organizations, the grant is based on the organization's revenue for that year. The revenue ranges and grant amounts are as follows:

Revenue for Fiscal Period Ending in 2022	Grant Amount	Additional Grant Amount for Each Eligible Non- Registered Chapter (if applicable)
Less than \$100,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Greater than or equal to \$100,000 and less than or equal to \$500,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
Over \$500,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

- In some cases, a registered charity or not-for-profit corporation's fiscal period ending in 2022 may be less than 365 days. For example, an organization that was established on September 1, 2022 might have its first fiscal period end on December 31, 2022. In those situations, the revenue reported for the short fiscal period will be grossed-up to an annual amount. The applicant will enter on the application form the revenue for that short fiscal period and the application portal will calculate the annualized revenue. See Example of the Grant Calculation #2 below.
- Eligible non-registered chapters will receive a grant amount equal to the parent organization. For example, a parent organization with a non-registered chapter operating at a separate location under the same charity registration number would receive two grants. See Example of the Grant Calculation #4 below.

### What is considered revenue?

For registered charities and not-for-profit corporations that had a fiscal period ending in 2022:

- Registered charities will report on the application form the total revenue from their Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for the fiscal period ending in 2022.
- Not-for-profit corporations that are not registered charities will report on the application form the total revenue from the financial statement information submitted with their T2 Corporation Income Tax Return for the taxation year ending in 2022.

• If the registered charity or not-for-profit corporation had more than one fiscal period ending in 2022, enter the revenue for the last fiscal period ending in 2022. The application portal will gross-up the revenue to an annual amount. See Example of the Grant Calculation #3 below.

# Eligible registered charities and not-for-profit corporations with first fiscal period ending in 2023 or 2024

These organizations and their non-registered chapters are eligible for a grant of \$5,000, as follows (see Example of the Grant Calculation #5 below):

Revenue for Fiscal Period Ending in 2022	Grant Amount	Additional Grant Amount for Each Eligible Non- Registered Chapter (if applicable)
No fiscal period ending in 2022	\$5,000	\$5,000

# First Nations Band Councils, First Nations Tribal Councils and First Nations education authorities

These organizations and their non-registered chapters are eligible for a grant of \$10,000, as follows:

Revenue for Fiscal Period Ending in 2022	Grant Amount	Additional Grant Amount for Each Eligible Non- Registered Chapter (if applicable)
Not applicable	\$10,000	\$10,000

### **Examples**

### **Examples of the Grant Calculation**

- 1. A place of worship reports revenues of \$400,000 on its Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for its 12-month fiscal period ending on October 31, 2022. The place of worship would receive a grant of \$7,500.
- 2. A place of worship begins operating on September 1, 2022 and its first fiscal period ends on December 31, 2022. The revenue reported on its Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for that 4-month period is \$60,000. When applying for the grant, the place of worship will enter its revenue of \$60,000. The application portal will gross-up the revenue to a full-year amount of \$180,000 (i.e., \$60,000/4 x 12). The place of worship would receive a grant of \$7,500.
- 3. A not-for-profit cultural organization has two fiscal periods ending in 2022. The first fiscal period ends on March 31, 2022 and the second fiscal period ends on December 31, 2022. Revenue reported on its T2 Corporation Income Tax Return for the 9-month period from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 is \$90,000. The organization will enter the \$90,000 in revenue for its second fiscal period in 2022 on the application form. The application portal will gross-up the \$90,000 to a full-year amount of \$120,000 (i.e., \$90,000/9 x 12). The organization will receive a grant of \$7,500.
- 4. An eligible parent organization submits one application on behalf of itself and a its non-registered chapter that shares a Canada Revenue Agency business number. The parent organization has a revenue of \$200,000 reported on its Registered Charity Information Return (Form T3010) for its 12-month fiscal period ending on September 30, 2022. The parent organization and non-registered chapter would each be eligible for a grant of \$7,500 (i.e., 2 x \$7,500 = total of \$15,000).
- 5. A not-for-profit cultural organization begins operating in 2022 and its first fiscal period of operation ends in June 2023. Because the organization's first fiscal period ends after 2022, it is eligible only for the minimum grant of \$5,000.

# **Application Processing**

Complete applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

The Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant is a discretionary and non-entitlement program. As such, notwithstanding that an applicant has submitted a complete application and met all program criteria, there is <u>no</u> guarantee that the applicant will be approved for funding.

### Disbursement of grant funding ends once the program budget is spent.

If the application is missing information, the Province may contact you by email for more details.

If the application is approved, the applicant will receive an email about the payment details. **The maximum funds amount** specified by the Province in the payment notification email will be at the **Province's sole and absolute discretion and will be final**.

# **Payment**

Approved applicants will receive funds via electronic fund transfer directly into their organization's bank account. Please note that it must be a business account as designated by the bank and not a personal account used for business purposes.

To avoid payment delays, make sure that the correct business bank account information is entered and attach the relevant documents. The bank account must be registered under the organization's legal or operating business name.

No personal bank accounts will be accepted.

# Reporting

A final report will be required from recipients by August 31, 2026, to ensure compliance on how funds were used. Recipients are required to report on eligible expenses that the organization spent grant funding on, including providing a summary of receipts related to the eligible expenses. Recipients will also be required to report on how the grant funding contributed to increased safety, security and/or capacity for the organization to protect against hate-related incidents, and overall experience with the grant program.

Recipients will be notified when the reporting form is available on the grant program application portal at a later date. The reporting form will set out the content required to be included in the report.

# **Audit**

All applications and the corresponding grant for approved applicants are subject to audit or verification by the Government of Ontario, or their authorized representatives. In addition, approved applicants are required to keep all documents required to prove their eligibility for this grant for seven years as set out in the terms and conditions. Approved applicants must also keep receipts for eligible expenses that are incurred **between**November 13, 2025, and August 31, 2026, for seven years.

Any audit or review process may encompass taking or requiring copies and extracts of the records and books of account maintained by the organization in accordance with the eligibility criteria outlined in this guide. Income tax and registered charity return information submitted by an organization to the Canada Revenue Agency may also be used in an audit or review.

For additional details please see the terms and conditions of the grant program.

# Compliance

A funding recipient may be required to repay to the Government of Ontario all or some of the funding provided under this program if the recipient breaches any term or condition of the program, or if such recipient's records or accounts are deemed inadequate to permit a determination and/or verification by the Government of Ontario of the recipient's eligibility for funding under this program.

For additional details please see the terms and conditions of the grant program.

# Freedom of Information / Privacy

Please note that the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming (the "Ministry") are bound by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31* (the "Act"), as amended from time to time, and any information provided to the Ministry may be subject to disclosure under the Act.

The applicant consents to the disclosure by officials of the Canada Revenue Agency to the Province, for the sole purposes of verifying eligibility and administering funding under the program, of taxpayer information obtained by the Government of Canada under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

# Return of Unspent Funds, Debts Due

As per sections 16.0, 17.0 and 18.0 of the program's terms and conditions, if you, as a grant recipient, have not used all or a portion of the funds provided on eligible expenses incurred between **November 13, 2025, and August 31, 2026**, you are **required to return any unspent funds by making a cheque payable to the "Ontario Minister of Finance" and mailing it to:** 

Attention: Sergio Vazquez - Anti-Hate Security and Prevention (AHSP) Grant Program 2nd Fl, 400 University Ave
Toronto, ON
M7A 2R9

Kindly include your CRA business number on the cheque. Any unspent grant funding amounts or amounts spent on ineligible expenses will be followed up using standard Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming protocols for default and collections.

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