

Appendix B - Application

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION



Please complete this form, enclose all required information and return to:

Kirsten Rahm, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Village of Merrickville-Wolford

317 Brock St W, PO Box 340, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Email: finance@merrickville-wolford.ca

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Theatre Night In Merrickville (TNIM)	
MAILING ADDRESS: Box 177, Merrickville ON K0G 1N0	
PHONE NUMBER:	
CONTACT PERSON: Omar Simonyi	PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: mail@merrickvilletheatre.org	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>\$1500</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

We request that we be granted \$1500 "in kind" consideration against the normal fees that we pay to the Village for the use of the Community Centre during our productions. That amount is the equivalent of the fee we would pay for one production if it was a financially successful show.

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

The savings provided would be used to help defray some of the costs associated with a production. Print and publicity alone are over \$1500 based on historical values. We will be putting on two productions this year as usual. Our spring show will be "Siberian Summer" by Paul Van Dyck. Our fall show is yet to be determined. Siberian Summer will incorporate the use of projection, which may incur extra costs to that production.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

To provide quality theatrical entertainment to the people of the Village and surrounding area.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

Merrickville Patrons, both individual and business as well as theatre goers from the Village and the region.

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

Recent productions have drawn audiences of over 300 each, primarily from within Merrickville-Wolford, but also bringing in visitors. The shows provide an entertainment event for those attending, and may also have spinoff benefits in terms of visits to stores and restaurants.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:
We are primarily funded by ticket sales. In addition, we have the support of Patrons and Sponsors, whose donations help defray the costs of putting on our productions.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:
As part of our 50th anniversary last year, we hosted a dinner theatre evening - although the proceeds were donated to Rideau Community Health Services (for patient needs in Merrickville-Wolford), since TNIM was founded to help fund a health centre in the Village.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):
Donations in 2025 included:
Rideau Community Health Services; The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 245 (Merrickville); Public Washroom Project; Merrickville Arts Guild

TNIM participated in: Merrickville Festival of the Arts; Canada Day Parade; Christmas Parade

TNIM is a volunteer run organization

ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Budget for Project/Event
- Financial Statements
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Omar Simonyi

Applicant Name (Please print)

Omar Simonyi

Signature

2026-01-30

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Leeds and Grenville Animal Centre	
MAILING ADDRESS: 800 Centennial Rd Brockville, ON, K6V 5T2	
PHONE NUMBER: 613 345 5520	
CONTACT PERSON: Katelyn Stojadinov	PHONE NUMBER: 613 349 7575
EMAIL ADDRESS: kstojadinov@ontariospca.ca	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>3000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

N/A

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

The Neuter Scooter program currently runs in Renfrew, Durham, Napanee and Hawkesbury, and is fully supported by the generosity of private donors. This grant would allow us to expand this vital service into the Leeds & Grenville County, supporting families and animals in our community. To assist with overpopulation issues in Ontario, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's Neuter Scooter transports owned, homeless and community cats to partner-run high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinics to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. The animals would then be transported back to their families or the rescue organizations caring for them. Transportation is a barrier in communities facing financial insecurities, particularly in rural communities with limited access to services. The Neuter Scooter service will reduce barriers related to transportation, geographic location, and availability of accessible veterinary services. The program will be geared towards rural areas with high animal populations, including feral and community cats. The Neuter Scooter service will help to promote the inclusivity of rural communities to valuable animal welfare. The evidence is clear that accessible spay/neuter programs are effective in reducing the cost of companion animal overpopulation to society, including providing cost savings by reducing animal control spending related to complaints, pick up, impounding and sheltering. Further, spay/neuter services provide public health and safety benefits by reducing incidences of bites and nuisance animals, including roaming and fighting, and it decreases the transfer of rabies and other zoonotic diseases to people. For underserved individuals in our communities to be able to access basic animal wellness services without being stigmatized or marginalized supports inclusion and acceptance, which builds emotional safety. It also allows them to focus their resources and energy on other critical areas of their life, such as food, housing, and access to health care. In summary, the Ontario SPCA's Neuter Scooter program helps benefit the people and pets of Ontario. It will reduce animal overpopulation and increase animal health and, in doing so, will help keep communities healthy and safe, reduce costs to communities and will keep pets out of shelters and with the people who love them.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

Each Neuter Scooter completion results in approximately 20 spayed/neutered community cats. This grant would achieve the completion of 3 neuter scooters with pickup/ drop-off locations in the Merrickville/Wolford region. We will measure and track the number of families served, number of animals receiving service, number of animals spay and neutered, number of births prevented, number of physical examinations, number of vaccination provided, and the costs associated with the providing program. To provide an example of the success of the Neuter Scooter service and some of the information we routinely collect, in 2025, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society completed over 40 Neuter Scooter's where just over 750 cats were transported to partnering low-cost Spay Neuter Clinics. The spaying/neutering of these cats resulted in the prevention of almost 50,000 possible offspring. Therefore the Neuter Scooter service will help to achieve two main outcomes: increased access to animal welfare and reduced issues of cat overpopulation in Merrickville/Wolford communities.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

For this project, our target group are individuals in Merrickville/Wolford who have not had the opportunity to spay or neuter their cats due to reasons such as lack of transportation, inability to financially take a day off of work to bring their animals to and from an appointment, and individuals who are in need of assistance but are unaware of assistance programs such as the Neuter Scooter (for example but not limited to our senior/retired community members).

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society aims to bring low-cost spay/neuter services to 60 animals within the Merrickville-Wolford community by removing transportation barriers for local families. As mentioned above, low-cost veterinary care can be difficult for individuals to access, that is where the Neuter Scooter program can provide transportation relief and allow families to access these services in Brockville without worry of having to miss a full day of work, or of not having a reliable vehicle.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:
The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is not government funded and therefore relies on our donors and community granting opportunities to fund our projects such as the Neuter Scooter.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:
This grant is critical for the success and completion of the project. The owners of the cats transported by the Neuter Scooter service will be responsible for the \$20 gas fee, as well as the selection and payment of services (spay/neuter, microchip, vaccination, etc). The remainder of the costs however would be supported by this grant for the completion of 3 Neuter Scooter trips. These additional costs include the maintenance and fuel for the Ontario SPCA transport van, staffing costs, costs associated with volunteer training, and subsidy for some families/individuals utilizing the service who need it most. Our costs can range depending on each Neuter Scooter service. Our costs average out to \$1000 per event. For each trip, costs such as maintenance/fuel and volunteer training would be expensed and then remaining funding would support subsidizing family pets who need it most.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):
Beyond the community members using the service of Neuter Scooters we have had ample support from our staff in our community outreach team within the Ontario SPCA, our Ontario SPCA volunteers who help us in completing outreach events commonly like Neuter Scooters, as well as our partnering high-volume spay/neuter clinics such as the Lanark Leeds & Grenville Spay Neuter Clinic located in Brockville. Please see our attached "in support" letter for this program from the Lanark Leeds and Grenville Spay Neuter Clinic.

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Katelyn Stojadinov

Applicant Name (Please print)

Katelyn Stojadinov

Signature

30/01/26

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Beth Donovan Hospice	
MAILING ADDRESS: 1107 French Settlement Rd, Kemptville ON	
PHONE NUMBER: 613-258-9611	
CONTACT PERSON: Darlene Collin	PHONE NUMBER: 613-258-9611 ext 6
EMAIL ADDRESS: darlene.collin@bethdonovanhospice.ca	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>4500</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

The purpose of this project is to offer practical, supportive hospice programs in Merrickville-Wolford that help people better understand hospice care, support those living with serious illness, and reduce isolation for caregivers and families. Municipal funding will be used to help cover facilitator fees, space costs, refreshments and materials.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

The goals are to bring care closer to home by increasing awareness and understanding of hospice services, end-of-life care, and available community supports. The programs aim to support individuals living with a life-limiting illness, as well as their families and caregivers, by offering education, emotional support, and opportunities for connection. A key objective is to help residents feel more prepared and confident by encouraging open, compassionate conversations about death, dying, and caregiving before a crisis occurs.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

For this application, everyone. We have two education offerings that would benefit all residents. In addition to those individuals the programming is intended to benefit families who are living with a life-limiting illness, caregivers, and men who are experiencing grief.

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

The planned activities will provide accessible, community-based support for Merrickville-Wolford residents experiencing grief, caregiving responsibilities, or serious illness. Activities such as Grief & Grub for Guys, daytime and evening caregiver support groups, therapeutic art, and a grief-focused Yoga & Sound Bath retreat will reduce isolation and offer meaningful opportunities for connection and support. Educational offerings, including Advance Care Planning and Last Aid training, will help residents be better prepared for a time when they need additional care, or are supporting someone at end-of life. These sessions are for everyone.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

Roughly 55% of our operating budget comes from the Ministry of Health, the rest is fundraised, and made possible by grants like this one.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

We have a team of dedicated volunteers who do a substantial amount of fundraising. Some of the bigger events are Hike for Hospice, Taste for Hospice, Annual Holiday Online Auction. We also do a series of smaller things throughout the year including craft sales, and raffles. People in the community also assist us in fundraising through 3rd party fundraisers, like on Horseback for Hospice.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

Beth Donovan Hospice was started in Merrickville, many people still fondly remember the founder Beth Donovan. It started in the basement of St. Ann Church over 30 years ago with an in-home visiting program and a day hospice program. Many Merrickville business are supporters of the hospice for the various fundraiser we hold over the year, including Merrickville Makers, Violet's on Main, and several others. Our current volunteer roster sits at 103 volunteers.

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Darlene Collin

Applicant Name (Please print)



Signature

01/29/2026

Date

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: FIBRE BY THE LOCKS	
MAILING ADDRESS: 1124 Pioneer Rd, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0	
PHONE NUMBER:	
CONTACT PERSON: Debra Alexander	PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
TYPE OF REQUEST CASH GRANT Amount requested: <u>\$2787.71</u> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES: none (provide details below) IN-KIND OTHER: none (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

No in-kind services are requested

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

Fibre by the Locks is requesting a cash grant to cover essential marketing efforts, rental space, and some one-time signage costs. These funds will be directly applied to marketing materials to attract regional tourism and the rental of space to showcase fibre and textile artists.

By securing this financial support from the Municipality, we can offer free admission to the event, thus ensuring that this celebration of fibre and textile arts remains accessible to all. This investment will drive foot traffic to our local business core and, furthermore, the marketing budget will allow us to target visitors from Ottawa and Kingston, driving tourism and secondary spending at Merrickville's restaurants and shops.

Please see the attached budget sheet for details on how the money will be spent

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

Our event directly supports the Municipality's goal of enhancing community vibrancy and tourism growth. We aren't just hosting a craft show; we are building a recurring annual event that reinforces Merrickville's reputation as the 'Jewel of the Rideau'

Fibre by the Locks is a vibrant celebration of textile arts that transforms historic Merrickville into a hub of creative energy. The event centers around a curated **vendor market** featuring high-quality yarns, raw fibres, and finished textile and fibre goods, providing a vital platform for both small, local businesses and artisans.

A highlight of programming in 2026 is a special showcase of **6 young, emerging artists**, offering a spotlight to new talent and fresh perspectives within the fibre community. Visitors can immerse themselves in the craft through live **demonstrations by local textile makers**, who will be sharing traditional techniques such as spinning, weaving, and felting, ensuring that the rich heritage of the Rideau Valley remains a living, breathing part of our community.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

While our event appeals specifically to those interested in traditional crafts and Canadian heritage, our marketing strategy focuses on the 'Creative Tourist' demographic—individuals who stay longer and spend more in local economies than the average visitor.

Our event is designed to engage an audience through the following groups:

- **Regional Arts & Heritage Tourists:** We target fibre enthusiasts, historians, and "day-trippers" from the **Ottawa, Kingston, and Brockville** corridors. These visitors are drawn to Merrickville's reputation as an artisanal hub and provide a direct economic boost to our local hospitality and retail sectors.
- **Artisans and Creative Professionals:** We provide a platform for local makers to showcase their expertise, fostering a creative network within the Rideau Valley.

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

Fibre by the Locks is designed to strengthen the fabric of our local community. The event serves as a networking hub, where residents can connect with local artisans, hobbyists, and small business owners in a relaxed, creative environment. By facilitating the sharing of crafter tips and traditional techniques—such as spinning, weaving, and knitting—we foster a culture of lifelong learning and mentorship right here in the village.

The Fibre by the Locks event will connect residents to the rich history of fibre and textile production in our village through the participation of the Merrickville and District Historical Society and local guilds and groups.

In addition, Fibre by the Locks is an entry level event that is affordable and accessible to cottage-craft makers and home-based businesses and is uniquely suitable for our local artisans.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

Fibre by the Locks will be soliciting sponsorship from local businesses, specifically those associated with textile supplies and small manufacturing operations

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

The Fibre by the Locks event will include a silent auction and this is our sole fundraising opportunity.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

The Fibre by the Locks event was first held in October of 2025 and enjoyed great support from the community with vendors and attendees coming from Ottawa and surrounding areas. Estimated attendance was ~600 people. This support included months of planning by eight committee members, half a dozen 'day of' volunteers, demonstrations from local knitters, rug hookers, and spinners; plus a speaker's series that highlighted antique quilts, sheep farming operations, and the history of Merrickville's Watchhorn woolen mill.

Further support was found in the business community when they offered to post information or share news of the event by that most valuable media: 'word of mouth'

ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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The marketing and rental budget for the event is enclosed.

Fibre by the Locks is an *ad hoc* group of volunteers with shared interests. While there is an organizing committee for the event, we have no other formal structure nor are we registered as a business of any sort. Therefore, we have no financial statements to provide and we have no formal status as a business, NFP, or Charity.

We are, however, very able to provide a report after the event as required by the grant policy.

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Debra Alexander

Applicant Name (Please print)

2026-01-27

Signature Date

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Streetscape Working Group (M-W and District Chamber of Commerce)	
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 571, Merrickville, K0G 1N0	
PHONE NUMBER: n/a	
CONTACT PERSON: Lisa Card	PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: lisa@chaiyadecor.ca	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>2500.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

n/a

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

If approved, the municipal funding will be used to purchase 26 banners for the spring season. This would complete the basic sets of banners needed to cover the entire year. These will be for installation on the existing banner brackets on poles in Merrickville, Eastons Corners, and Jasper and will stay in place from the time the winter banners come down until the Canada Day banners get installed in late June.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

The banners will add colour and vibrancy to the streetscape during the springtime. They will also contribute to wayfinding, inviting visitors to explore beyond the first two blocks of St. Lawrence St.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

Merrickville-Wolford residents, visitors, and tourists

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

The banners will beautify the streets, adding warmth, colour and vibrancy to the streetscape for approximately 4 months from early spring until early summer.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

Currently the only other funding we have is raised by the volunteer committee members.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

We have been selling Merrickville branded tote bags of our own design to raise funds.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

We don't have any hard evidence of support, but have received many positive comments on the poles and banners so far.

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys	
MAILING ADDRESS: 306 Read Street, Merrickville, Ontario, K0G1N0	
PHONE NUMBER: 613-521-4213	
CONTACT PERSON: Lisa Samrai	PHONE NUMBER: 613-521-4213
EMAIL ADDRESS: samrali@ecolecatholique.ca	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>\$500.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
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N/A

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This funding would be used to help the school purchase two picnic tables for the school yard as there is currently a lack of seating for the students.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

The goals and objectives of this project would be to provide seating for students while they are outside. Many of our students would like to be able to sit and read and draw during their recesses and this would allow them to do this. Many teachers would also like to be able to use picnic tables outside to be able to teach the students during nice weather.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

Our primary target group is our school community, most notably our students. However, this project would also benefit the village community who also use the school grounds after hours.

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

This project will benefit many residents of the village of Merrickville-Wolford. Many community members use the school grounds when the school is not open. For example, people use the basketball court very often and this would provide a place for community members to sit and rest.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:
The schools regular budget may also be used to help fund this project.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:
N/A

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):
The local community does use the school grounds frequently and we believe they would be very happy to also have a place where they can sit and rest.

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Lisa Samrai

Applicant Name (Please print)

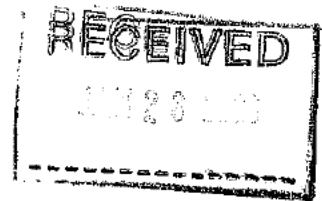
Lisa Samrai

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: <i>Amanda Casselden</i>	
MAILING ADDRESS: <i>Box 705 - 218 main st E, Merrickville</i>	
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
CONTACT PERSON: <i>Amanda Casselden</i>	PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <i>\$ 1500.00</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

To Create a Safe, enclosed well maintained environment, where dogs can roam off leash, while ensuring public safety & minimizing potential conflicts with other recreational users and wildlife. monies will be used for Signage, waste stations

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

Community Engagement, Health & wellness, Encourage tourism & Economic foot traffic to the downtown Core.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

All residents, users & the fair grounds

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

The dog park, will serve local residents, & attract visitors, which will increase foot traffic & generate positive spillover for local businesses.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

Park View Homes have a commitment of \$3000.00 and work in kind in development of the Park. I have applied to the Lions Club for the Lion Share Program with a possible amount of \$10,000.00. still waiting on a reply from them

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

All monies for this, will come from Grants, Sponsorships, Donations Fundraising.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

I have received 120 individual signatures in favor of a park in Merrickville, 26 Business owners signatures in favor of the fairgrounds. Volunteers will join once a decision is made as to whether Council approve the park proposal.

ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Budget for Project/Event - Budget Estimated at \$30,000.00
- Financial Statements N/A
- Confirmation of Not-for-Profit or Charitable status (if applicable) N/A
will be a not-for-profit, if proposal is approved

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MAY ASSIST COUNCIL IN EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION (PLEASE LIMIT VOLUME OF INFORMATION):

The Dog Park is still in the Proposal Stages

!/We have read the eligibility criteria and confirm that the organization or group will comply with all requirements.

I/We understand if the Village of Merrickville-Wolford approves funding, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford makes no commitment to provide ongoing financial support to the organization or group.

I/We understand that should the project or event not proceed and occur, or should any grant money received from the Municipality not conform with this policy and/or application, that the money will be refunded to the municipality as stipulated in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Community Grants Policy.

Amanda Casselden

Applicant Name (Please print)

A Casselden

Signature

January 27/26

Date

Appendix B – Application

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION



Please complete this form, enclose all required information and return to:

Kirsten Rahm, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Village of Merrickville-Wolford

317 Brock St W, PO Box 340, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Email: finance@merrickville-wolford.ca

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Merrickville Arts Guild	
MAILING ADDRESS: c/o 341 Wellington St E, Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0	
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
CONTACT PERSON: Kenna McCall	PHONE NUMBER: same
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>\$2,000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

The funds will be used to supplement the cost of the venue rental. The Knox has agreed to charge MAG only 1/3 of the regular cost and for the other 2/3 to be considered as an in-kind donation. The Knox will be \$1500. The funds will also be used to supplement the cost of the grid rental from the North Grenville Arts Guild which is estimated to be \$500, including transportation. Remaining costs are estimated to be \$3,000 which includes: advertising; participation fees; materials, creation and installation of decorations; professional installation of artwork; signage; invitations to supporters; and, contract for local professional social media consultant. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,550. In-kind donations have been secured and more are being sought. Additional funding is sought from other sources and MAG will use funds raised from 2025 fundraising and will conduct additional fundraising events in 2026. MAG is a completely volunteer governed and operated not for profit and the in-kind contributions from MAG volunteers would be well beyond the estimated cost for this event.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

The Merrickville Arts Guild has wanted to participate in Christmas in Merrickville for a very long time but were unable to do so for lack of a suitable venue. In 2024, Merrickville is known as a village of artists and it seemed odd that its most popular event had no artist presence. MAG considers it vital for the reputation of Merrickville and MAG to have a strong art presence at such a significant event for tourism, the arts and local economic development. MAG began discussion with The Knox regarding the possibility of installing an art gallery type exhibition. The Knox was able to free up their reservations for Christmas in Merrickville 2026 and offered it to MAG. As MAG has no regular funding stream and depends on membership fees for ongoing operations, MAG was in no position to be able to afford the rental fee of The Knox. The Knox owner negotiated to offer the facility at 1/3 the cost and consider the other 2/3 cost as in-kind donation. MAG agreed to those terms and is seeking the funds to pay for the event through local funding and fundraising efforts.

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

The target audience is individuals and families, locals and visitors who will be at the 2026 Christmas in Merrickville event. Merrickville has a reputation for being a community that encourages the arts and has a large and strong artist community. People visiting expect to see local art when they come to Merrickville and particularly for a popular event.

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

As noted previously, locals and visitors expect to see local art when they come to Merrickville because of our long-standing reputation as being a village that has a lot of artists per capita and values art as a community. The exhibit will obviously benefit local artists because of the exposure of their art to the large number of visitors coming to Christmas in Merrickville, but, more than that, it will encourage youth and seniors in the community who are interested in the arts, to get involved with MAG. MAG has learning and mentoring opportunities for new and emerging local artists, which will be promoted at the event. It is well-established that the arts are integral to community-building, reduces isolation and contributes to sound mental health.

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

As noted previously, MAG is completely volunteer driven, has no staff and no secure funding stream. Each year MAG seeks local funding and sometimes it is successful and sometimes not. Collaborations with other local community groups for events, small fundraising efforts such as bake sales, and donations obtained from MAG events from coin jars all contribute to the costs of MAG events and activities. MAG has been around for 40 years and in that time, has formed strong bonds with local businesses and community groups and has developed many methods of doing a lot with very little. This year MAG will be applying to register with the province as a non-profit, which will increase the amount of funding sources it can apply to. MAG regularly receives in-kind donation of space from the Legion for monthly meetings and workshops and has received a \$200 grant from the Chamber of Commerce and will apply again this year.

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

See above. MAG has also been the beneficiary at times from funding that has been obtained from MOCA. MAG regularly has a booth at local events for promotion and donations such as the Studio Tour which is self-funding through participant fees, and that may also offer a fundraising opportunity. In the past, MAG has raised funds at the Merrickville Garage Sale and we hope to raise funds there as well. All of these fundraising events are labour intensive and result in small amounts of funds of a few hundred dollars each. In 2025, MAG contributed 17 one-of-a-kind centrepiece creations for TNIM brunch celebration and \$740 was raised which MAG donated to the Merrickville Clients in Need fund managed by the local Community Health Centre. On occasion, artists will provide workshops and donate the fees to MAG.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

MAG is completely volunteer driven with over 100 members. It is a testament to the dedication of artist volunteers that MAG has been in existence for over 40 years and has earned Merrickville a solid reputation as a village of artists. Because of this reputation, many artists from Ottawa and other communities retire here. We attract thousands of visitors a year to Merrickville for our events. These visitors come from Montreal, Gatineau, Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, up state New York and beyond. Some return yearly, frequent the restaurants and local businesses and stay at local accommodations. Some businesses that recognize the benefit of MAG to them have built a reciprocal relationship with MAG where we promote each other on an ongoing basis. MAG also has a strong relationship with the Chamber of Commerce and Theatre Night in Merrickville

ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Budget for Project/Event
- Financial Statements
- Confirmation of Not-for-Profit or Charitable status (if applicable)

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MAY ASSIST COUNCIL IN EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION (PLEASE LIMIT VOLUME OF INFORMATION):

!We have read the eligibility criteria and confirm that the organization or group will comply with all requirements.

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Kenna McCall

Applicant Name (Please print)



Signature

January 13, 2026

Date

Appendix B – Application

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Kirsten Rahm, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Village of Merrickville-Wolford

317 Brock St W, PO Box 340, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Email: finance@merrickville-wolford.ca

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP: Merrickville Organization for Culture & the Arts (MOCA)	
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 167, 517 Elgin Street	
PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
CONTACT PERSON: Nick Previsich	PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
TYPE OF REQUEST	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH GRANT	Amount requested: <u>\$7000.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND WAIVE FEES (provide details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND OTHER (provide details below)	

DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES:

This request is to provide financial support for the 6th annual Merrickville Festival of the Arts. We also request that all fees associated with signage advertising the event and directional signs showing the location of the Festival in the Blockhouse Park. In addition, we are requesting permission to erect signs as needed. Parks Canada has provided a permit for the past 5 years for the utilization of the Park for the Festival of the Arts and an application for 2026 has been provided to them. Large banner signs will be placed at the four entrances to the Village pending permission from the Chamber of Commerce. A-Frame signs and lawn signs will be placed at or near the Blockhouse Park showing locations for toilets, parking, event schedules, etc.. Canopy tents will be used by MAC artists and for sound equipment, musical and theatrical

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT/EVENT, INDICATING WHAT THE MUNICIPAL FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR, IF APPROVED (attach detailed budget):

This is a two-day event (July 11th and 12th). The funding request of \$7000 will be used for the production of signage, printing, insurance, advertising, musician fees, electronic equipment rentals, overnight security, social media promotion, graphic design and if needed (The Pews) facility rental for a possible night concert. In addition, the Parks Canada permit cost has risen considerably to app \$650.00.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT?:

The overall objective is to provide an enjoyable weekend experience celebrating the Arts in its various forms. The goals are:

- to engage and support local businesses
- to showcase the work of talented local artists, actors, musicians, writers, etc..
- to draw day visitors, tourists and local residents to join in the festivities and appreciate the diversity of artistic and cultural experiences. An attempt will be made to invite participation by local First Nations people

WHO IS YOUR TARGET GROUP?:

The target group is local residents, tourists and visitors to the Village, boaters and campers who are here to experience the Rideau Canal System and young people who will be encouraged to enjoy art music theatre

HOW WILL YOUR PROJECT BENEFIT MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD RESIDENTS?:

This project will provide residents an opportunity to see and hear a high calibre of art, music and theatre oriented for a family experience. This will help reduce social isolation for residents who may not be able to afford to pay to attend such events. There are no admission fees of any kind.

Local business have said in the past that the Festival of the Arts is the single most important day outside of Christmas in Merrickville for visitors to their shops and restaurants

PROVIDE A LIST OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:

Chamber of Commerce
Lions Club
Merrickville Arts Guild (MAG)
Corporate donors & local businesses
Merrickville Organization for Culture & the Arts (MOCA)

DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION OR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

MOCA will be writing to local businesses and potential corporate donors to help with financial support in addition to that provided through the Community Grant Program. In addition, both the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce will be asked to contribute directly with funds or in-kind services. MAG artists will be asked to pay a participation fee for displaying and potentially selling their art work.

DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT (INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS):

MOCA has been an active contributor to various events in Merrickville-Wolford for the past several years. We have been active in the past by bringing extraordinary musicians to Merrickville through the Small Halls Concert initiative. We have funded and participated in the celebrity chefs' events for fundraising purposes. We have collaborated with The Pews (former United Church) to provide free concert experiences.

ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Budget for Project/Event
- Financial Statements
- Confirmation of Not-for-Profit or Charitable status (if applicable)

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MAY ASSIST COUNCIL IN EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION (PLEASE LIMIT VOLUME OF INFORMATION):

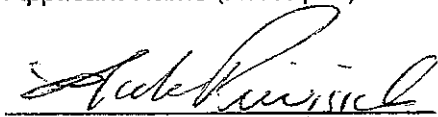
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Nick Previsich

Applicant Name (Please print)



Signature

January 19, 2026

Date