



United Way

Hastings &

Prince Edward

unitedwayhpe.ca

Collaboration Grant

Application & Guidelines

A guide to assist with the completion of a Collaboration Grant application.



United Way
Hastings &
Prince Edward

Collaboration Grants

Organizations can achieve more working together than they can alone.

What is Collaboration?

Collaboration is commonly interchanged with terms such as “networking,” and “cooperation” so there is sometimes confusion around the true meaning of collaboration.

Networking is exchanging information for mutual benefit.*

Cooperation is a shorter term, informal relationship for sharing information only. Goals, resources and structures are individualized *

Collaboration is a mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve results they are more likely to achieve together than alone. **

It is focused on creating interdependence among organizations changing the way organizations work together.

Collaboration results in systems change. It implies a more durable and pervasive relationship. There is a common mission to achieve something greater than a single project or task. Collaboration is a mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship of two or more organizations which enables the development or enhancement of a service or product that cannot be created alone. Collaboration brings together knowledge and experience to improve the process and outcomes of complex system.

The Collaboration Grants are designed to support teams of two or more community-based organizations working together to create or build upon unique and innovative partnerships to:

- 1 achieve measurable outcomes for the people they serve,
- 2 work on community-wide initiatives and/or
- 3 create efficiencies for both (or all) of the involved organizations.



United Way
Hastings &
Prince Edward

Collaboration Grants

The grants will focus on the following areas:

- Shared services/program collaboration
- Mergers, and/or
- Shared operation supports.

Grants will be a maximum of \$10,000

Funding Guidelines

In order to be considered for a Collaboration

Grant:

- Organizations must apply jointly for this grant and must demonstrate an existing or developing partnership on a program or operations matter that could be made more efficient.
- Organizations must demonstrate how they will use the grant to develop and implement effective collaboration strategies and plans to achieve shared positive outcomes benefitting two or more agencies.
- Project plans must increase the quantity, quality, or efficiency of the services, operations or capacity of the partner organizations. Project plans must also demonstrate the ability to provide sustained impact after the grant period.
- Most grants are one-time grants, however select applicants that demonstrate a viable, innovative, and sustainable plan may be eligible for a second year of funding after review.

United Way Hastings & Prince Edward does not fund:

- For-profit organizations
- Programs that include the advancement of religion in the delivery of United Way funded programs or services
- Organizations that are primarily political in nature
- Foundations, unions, professional associations or organizations that are primarily fundraisers
- The arts
- Medical research
- Costs for major capital equipment or expenses that relate to the construction of new buildings, renovations to existing buildings or the purchase of office equipment or furniture that does not have a direct relation to program delivery
- Hospitals or medical treatment programs
- Educational institutions and organizations, including school boards, schools, universities, colleges and parent-teacher associations



United Way
Hastings &
Prince Edward

Collaboration Grants

Application Deadline

Applications are open annually until available funds have been allocated. Collaboration Grants must be submitted to United Way Hastings & Prince Edward through the e-CIMPACT Online application system. Please see the [e-CIMPACT training manual](#) for information regarding the system. *Agencies are eligible to apply only once a year within either of the granting streams. Organizations who have applied to the Organizational Capacity Grant can be listed as a partner on a Collaboration Grant application.*

Review Process

Your application will be reviewed to determine whether United Way Hastings & Prince Edward is able to fund the project or not. It is important to note that even though your project may meet all of the guidelines for eligibility, we are often over prescribed and are unable to meet all requests.

* Huxham, Chris Creating Collaborative Advantage 1996

** The Collaboration handbook. Winer, Ray 1995 Fieldston Alliance Publications, St Paul, MN