



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Military Creative Arts Fund**

### **Overview**

True Patriot Love Foundation is pleased to launch the inaugural Military Creative Arts Fund to support the rehabilitation and recovery of Serving Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans through national community-based arts programs.

True Patriot Love has identified an increased demand for community-based arts engagement projects delivered either in person or virtually. There is a growing recognition that the creative arts can play an integral role in Veteran rehabilitation and recovery. Yet, there is currently little provision or established research about creative arts programming in Canada.

To address this gap, this Call for Proposals will support the Military Creative Arts Initiative through funding for community-based arts programs supporting rehabilitation and recovery of Serving Members and Veterans. True Patriot Love has also identified an external evaluation team which will be introduced to each Award recipient to co-develop effective evaluation methodologies to demonstrate the impact of the project.

With this fund, True Patriot Love hopes to inform a new national framework and set of recommendations for the role of community-based arts programming in the rehabilitation and recovery of Canada's Serving members, Veterans and their families.

### **Application Deadline**

November 17, 2022, at 8 PM PST

### **Funding Amount and Terms of Grant**

Canadian registered charities may apply for funding between \$5,000 to \$75,000. There is the potential to consider a renewal of funding after one year, subject to impact reporting.

Applicants have up to 12 months to utilize funding **and begin on or after January 1, 2023.**

### **Fund's Objectives**

- Support evidence-driven programming that enhances the wellbeing of Canada's Serving Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans while supporting their connection with community through the arts.
- Support an opportunity to build a measurement, evaluation and learning framework for and with community-based creative arts programs that will provide qualitative and quantitative insights for future programming improvements and impact.
- Provide Serving Members and Veterans with an opportunity to develop and refine their unique creative skills or learn a new craft while on their recovery journey.
- Cultivate new ideas and promote innovative approaches to share knowledge and expertise across the military and cultural sectors.

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- Support programs that leverage, expand, or replicate proven programs and services already being offered by mental health agencies, Military Family Resource Centres, arts or other organizations that provide support through community-based arts programming.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Canadian Registered Charity must offer the program/services.
- Organization and programs with appropriate and relevant safeguarding processes, including background and reference checks on staff and volunteers and policies to ensure the safety and security of all participants.
- Willingness of organizations to collaborate with an external evaluator identified by True Patriot Love
- Arts organizations in the civilian or military charitable sector

### **Exclusions**

- Any program or service that is already offered or fully funded by the Canadian government. To find out which governmental services, programs and funding you may be eligible for, please read the relevant sections on:
  - **For regular and reservist members of the Canadian Forces:** [National Defence and Canadian Forces](#)
  - **For Veterans:** [Veterans Affairs Canada](#)
- For-Profit organizations
- Programs that do not directly impact Canadian serving members, Veterans and/or military families either through collaboration or individually
- Politically affiliated programs, organizations, or lobbyists
- Religious organizations
- Individuals or individual families
- Individual researchers

### **Following Approval**

Organizations approved for funding from the Military Creative Arts Fund are required to participate in evaluation including implementing the measurement tools and reporting back on activities to measure outcomes. Organizations will submit an interim impact report at the midpoint mark of their activities, participate in a learning circle, and submit a final impact report upon completion.

Recipients of the fund may also be expected to participate in a Roundtable Reflection<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> A Roundtable Reflection is a conversation between the grant recipient and True Patriots Love's Staff/Stakeholder at the mid-point or completion of the project. At this meeting, the recipient will provide a more in-depth view of the support and services offered by their organization and an update/outcome on the funded program. Program participants are welcome to share experiences/testimonials.



**Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:**

- Benefits generated for Serving Members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans and by extension their families
- Support for aforementioned participants being offered in a new and innovative way
- Willingness and capacity to participate and support measurement, and evaluation of the project.
- Capacity to deliver and sustain delivery of project/service offered

Preference will be given to programs that:

- Expand and represent True Patriot Love's national presence while demonstrating regional impact
- Incorporate a COVID-19 contingency plan
- Have a safeguarding plan and appropriate background checks in place

**[Apply Here!](#)**

**Note:**

**Our recommendation is to please download and complete the application offline via [MS Word](#). Following completion, this will simplify the process to allow for transfer of your response to the online application submission.**

**Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [funding@truepatriotlove.com](mailto:funding@truepatriotlove.com).**

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