

**Peel Police Foundation
Funding Policy Guidelines**



1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the nature, purpose and circumstances under which the Peel Police Foundation may award funding.

2. About the Peel Police Foundation

The Peel Police Foundation (the “Foundation”) is guided by the **vision** of ‘a safer, stronger Peel through innovative public-police partnerships.’ The **mission** of the Foundation is to ‘invest in programs and initiatives that enhance safety and well-being through collaboration between the community and police’. The Foundation is guided by the following core **values**:

- Collaborative: Facilitate effective partnerships and integrated solutions to respond to community needs.
- Impactful: Invest in programs and initiatives that are evidence based and focused on achieving measurable results.
- Inclusive: Support solutions that are responsive and reflective of the varied needs of Peel.
- Accountable: Operate in a manner that inspires confidence in donors, partners, and the community.

The Peel Police Foundation is comprised of a Board of Directors responsible for all funding and governance decisions. Administrative and operational support is provided by Peel Regional Police. The charitable purpose of the Foundation is “To receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).”

3. Funding Objectives (program requirements)

Funding issued through the Foundation is solely for the purpose of supporting community programs and initiatives to strengthen the safety and well-being of Peel. No portion of funding will be awarded to support police operations. Specifically, **funding provided through the Foundation is to support community programs and initiatives provided by qualified donees, that:**

- A. Are aligned with the overall objectives of the Foundation as outlined in Section 2.
- B. Address core community safety or well-being priorities in Peel, specific to one or more of the following:

- i. Mental health and/or addiction supports;
- ii. Support for victims and survivors of crime, including human trafficking and intimate partner violence;
- iii. Responding to the needs of youth, particularly those to be deemed in-or-at-risk;
- iv. Preventing or reducing violence and other forms of crime;
- v. Serving populations that are vulnerable or at risk of negative safety or well-being outcomes and/or justice system involvement; or
- vi. Other emergent or existing needs that align with the objectives of Foundation at its sole discretion.

Note: Proposal calls issued by the Foundation may seek programs and initiatives for all the above priorities, a specific priority or a combination thereof. **The 2026 proposal (application deadline of April 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST) is specific to the following:**

1. Youth in or at-risk of adverse safety, well-being or justice outcomes OR
2. Supporting victims and survivors of human trafficking.

- C. Provide a coordinated or collaborative approach with Peel Regional Police to address community needs (e.g., collaborative program delivery, defined referral relationships, etc.) AND/OR provide programs or initiatives that serve police involved individuals, support victims/survivors of crime, prevent individuals from becoming victimized or involved in the justice system; or mitigate safety and well-being issues addressed by police.
- D. Address a gap in service delivery, respond to existing or emergent community needs and/or establish a pilot or a new/innovative program.
- E. Meet all eligibility criteria outlined in Section 4.

4. Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for funding through the Foundation, applicants must:

- Be a registered charity or a qualified donee under the Income Tax Act and in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- Be governed by a volunteer board of directors.
- Operate in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and other applicable codes and legislation as deemed appropriate based on the nature of the organization.
- Have or be willing to acquire a General Liability Insurance Policy with appropriate coverage for the nature and scope of its activities.

- Be compliant with all applicable rules, regulations and laws of the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario, including those that apply to the regulation of non-profit corporations and registered charities (as and if applicable).

Notwithstanding the above criteria, public sector and quasi public sector entities are not eligible to receive funding. This includes municipalities and their boards, hospitals, post secondary institutions and boards of education.

5. Allocation of Funding

The goal of the Foundation is to make impactful investments in programs and initiatives that will benefit the Peel community. Where feasible, and based on available funding, the Foundation will seek to issue an annual proposal call to enable eligible organizations (see Section 4) to apply for funding. As noted above, proposal calls may be issued to address all community safety and well-being priorities outlined in Section 3B, a specific priority or a combination of priorities.

Funding through the proposal call process is awarded for a single year; the Board has the sole discretion to approve funding for up to three years based on the nature and scope of the program, demonstrated results and other factors deemed relevant. Requests must be submitted using the Foundations application for funding. The Foundation reserves the right to proactively solicit proposals from qualified donees at its sole discretion.

In addition to a proposal call, the Foundation may allocate a portion of its annual allocations to support in-year investments to address identified or emergent needs. These needs may be identified in collaboration with Peel Police, community organizations and through other appropriate channels. In year investments will be subject to the same eligibility requirements. The Foundation may also issue donor directed grants that align with its mandate.

Please note: The Foundation is not intended to be a source of ongoing, permanent or sustained operational funding.

6. Use of Funds

Funding must be used solely for purposes approved by the Foundation and are intended for approved costs directly related to funded programs and initiatives. Funding **cannot be used** for the following purposes:

- Political advocacy or lobbying activities
- To support activities associated with the promotion, practice, or advancement of religion (faith-based organizations may apply for community focused programming)

- Direct financial assistance to individuals (unless part of an approved charitable program)
- Programs that are the statutory responsibility of another level of government
- Costs incurred prior to funding approval unless agreed to by the Foundation in writing
- Any other purpose deemed ineligible by the Board at its sole discretion

7. Submitting an Application

Requests for funding through Foundation proposal calls are to be submitted using the Foundation's Application for Funding, available on the Foundation's website at peelpolicefoundation.ca. Applicants are asked to submit their two most recent financial statements as part of their submission. Completed application forms are to be submitted by email to info@prpfoundation.ca.

Important Information for 2026 Proposal Call

Deadline: Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Confirmation of Submission: Applicants will receive a confirmation email within two (2) business days of submission. If a confirmation email is not received within that period, it is the responsibility of the applicant to promptly follow up with the Foundation to ensure the application has been received.

Frequently Asked Questions: Information to clarify these guidelines and other matters pertaining to the proposal call will be posted on the Foundation's website from time-to-time at peelpolicefoundation.ca. Applicants are encouraged to check the website regularly for updates and important information.

Accessibility/Compatibility: If an alternative format of the application form or proposal call materials is required for accessibility or compatibility reasons, please contact the Foundation at info@prpfoundation.ca.

8. Application Review

Requests for funding will be assessed based on the current purposes of the Foundation and a number of additional factors, inclusive of the following:

- Alignment with the overall mandate, priorities and objectives of the Foundation
- The community need for the program or initiative
- The anticipated community impact of the program or initiative

- The degree to which the program or initiative fosters a collaborative or innovative approach
- The extent to which the proposed use of funds is clear, reasonable and represents an efficient use of resources
- Any other factors deemed relevant by the Foundation based on the nature of the proposal

Please note: Priority may be given to programs and initiatives based on a demonstrated community collaborative approach with the Police, addressing a clearly documented community need, and/or a high degree of innovation.

The Board may establish a consultation committee comprised of Peel Regional Police and other Peel-based organizations and/or community members to review funding applications and provide input and feedback. The Foundation and representatives acting on its behalf, reserve the right to consult with other community organizations, entities or stakeholders in assessing a proposal, including members of the police service. **The Board of Directors may decline and/or approve an application in whole or part at its sole discretion. All decisions of the Board are final.**

9. Funding Approval

Applicants that are approved for funding will be issued an agreement that outlines the terms, conditions and agreed use of funding. The agreement will identify reporting requirements based on the nature and scope of the program or initiative including key performance indicators. The agreement must be executed (signed by both the organization and representatives of the Foundation) before any funds are issued.

Before issuing an agreement, the applicant may be requested to provide proof of insurance. The Foundation requests that applicants have a General Liability Policy and/or other coverage that is reasonable based on the nature and scope of the organization and its activities.

10. Contact Information

For more information or questions, contact John Versluis, Peel Regional Police Operational Liaison to the Peel Police Foundation, at info@prpfoundation.ca or 905-456-5801.