



About the Grassroots Fund – “Neighbours Helping Neighbours”

The **Grassroots Fund** has been created in collaboration and through the ongoing financial contributions provided by **Legacy 420** and **Mohawk Medicinal**. The fund was established to enhance and benefit the cultural and social needs of eligible members of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory....” **Neighbours Helping Neighbours**”.

The **Grassroots Fund** will contribute funding to eligible individual members or organizations of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory in the areas of:

- **Groceries Gift Cards**
- **Sports and Recreation**
- **Educational Support**
- **Medical Equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.)**
- **Community Events**

The **Grassroots Fund** is managed by a Committee comprised of owners and volunteers from the member businesses and have been selected for their community knowledge and the ability to make sound, unbiased decisions. The Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving each completed application, providing funding to those eligible members of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory that best meet the criteria and priorities of the **Grassroots Fund**.

Grassroots Fund Code of Ethics

1. **Provide grocery gift cards and other financial assistance to eligible members of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Members must have an eligible Band Card to participate.**
2. **Treat all those who access the **Grassroots Fund** services with the utmost dignity and respect.**
3. **Respect the privacy of those served and maintain the confidentiality of personal information received.**
4. **Strive to make the public aware of the existence of hunger and the factors that contribute to it.**
5. **Represent accurately, honestly and completely the mission and activities of the **Grassroots Fund** to the larger community.**

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- **Individual Members of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory who have a valid Band Card**
- **Community Sports Groups (Minor and Elite Adult Teams)**
- **Community Organizations and Special Events**



Who is Not Eligible to Apply?

- **For profit organizations**
- **Political/territorial organizations**
- **Tribal Councils**
- **Band Councils**
- **Businesses**
- **Adult Recreational Teams**
- **Third Party Applications will not be accepted**

Who/What we will fund?

1. Individuals

All funding requests reviewed by Committee on a case by case by basis

a. Grocery Gift Card:

- Single Applicant - \$50/month
- Family Applicant - \$50 per person/month – maximum \$500/family/month

b. Educational Support (e.g. % of tuition)

- Individual students (elementary, secondary, post-secondary levels) for very unique courses and/or under very unique circumstances
- Organized school events and trips
- Post secondary tuition assistance
- Tutoring for documented special needs students

c. Medical Equipment (wheelchair, walkers, etc.)

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2. Sports and Recreation

All funding requests reviewed by Committee on a case by case by basis.

(Minor sports teams, Individual athletes, 25 years of age and under, special events (e.g., provincial championships, all Ontario Tournaments, NAIG, national tournaments, elite athletes (all ages))

Sports Organizations may apply for funding only once per each fiscal year. Maximum funding provided is \$1,000 per year. Funding assistance is available for the following:

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| a. Equipment (no apparel) | d) Registration Fees |
| b. Supplies | e) Awards |
| c. Lessons | f) Facility rental (e.g., ice time, gym, floor time) |



3. Community Events (Equipment and Supplies)

Community Event Organizations may apply for funding only once per each fiscal year. Maximum funding provided is \$500 per year. All funding requests reviewed by Committee on a case by case by basis. Funding assistance is available for the following:

- a. Pow Wow and Agricultural Fairs
- b. Farmers Markets
- c. Special Community Events

Who/What we will **NOT** fund?

- Activities involving alcohol
- Purchase of alcohol, tobacco or drugs
- Activities that have occurred prior to the application
- Vehicles
- Adult recreational sports teams
- Debts or Reimbursements
- Sports officials fees
- Accommodations or meals
- Rent/Mortgage payments
- Student loans
- Computers/laptops for general education purposes
- Post secondary tuition or living expenses at US institutions
- Employment training
- Attendance at conferences, workshops or seminars
- Benefits covered by NIHB and other health plans
- Non-essential cosmetic procedures
- Per diems/honorariums/salaries
- Special Interest Groups



How does the Grassroots Fund Work?

In order to ensure that we can serve those in need of support in our community in an orderly and timely manner, the **Grassroots Fund** operates under the following policies and procedures:

1. Clients will be required to complete an application form, which is subject to approval by the **Grassroots Fund** Committee, before accessing funding from the program. Application forms may be obtained in person at **Legacy 420** or **Mohawk Medicinal**.
2. A valid Band Card is required and you must be a member of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory to be eligible to receive funding.
3. Age ID is required for ALL members of the household when applying for Grocery Gift cards.
4. Individuals and families may access funding for the Grocery Gift cards once every 30 days.
5. Grocery Gift card applicants are required to bring in receipts from the store where the gift card has been redeemed showing proof of grocery purchase. We recommend taking a picture of your receipt so that you have an electronic copy, should the receipt be misplaced.
6. **If no receipts are submitted by the Grocery Gift card applicants, or purchases include items that the Grassroots Fund does not fund, the applicant will be ineligible for further assistance through the Grassroots Fund.**
7. Individuals may access funding for Educational Support once per each fiscal year. September start has a July 30 deadline; January start has an October 30 deadline. Applications that span more than one year are eligible, however applicants must reapply each year.
8. Individuals may access funding for Medical Equipment once per each fiscal year as the need arises. Receipts are required to be submitted to the **Grassroots Fund** Committee after purchase of equipment.
9. Sports Organizations may apply for funding only once per each fiscal year. Applications must be submitted a minimum of one month prior to your event. Sports Organizations must provide a roster with the first and last names, date of birth and Band Card numbers. Receipts are required to be submitted to the **Grassroots Fund** Committee providing a detailed accounting as to how the funding was used.
10. Community or Special Event Organizers may apply for funding only once per each fiscal year. Applications must be submitted a minimum of one month prior to your event. The **Grassroots Fund** Committee may require a detailed accounting as to how the funding was used.



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11. Exact appointment times for Grocery Gift cards or funding pickup must be scheduled in advanced. **ABSOLUTELY NO DROPPING IN IS PERMITTED.** Grocery Gift cards may be picked up at the location that you submitted your application, either **Legacy 420** or **Mohawk Medicinal**.
12. When a client is unable to come for their scheduled pickup time, **they must call Legacy 420 at 613-707-4538 and speak to either Lynda or Cathy or call Mohawk Medicinal at 613-707-1981 and speak to Shawn to reschedule.** If Grocery Gift cards have not been picked up in 5 days from the scheduled appointment, without notification from the applicant, the applicant will have to wait an additional 30 days to access the service again.

How to Apply for funding assistance through the Grassroots Fund

Application forms for funding assistance through the **Grassroots Fund** are available for pick up in person at the following locations:

- **Legacy 420 – 346 York Road**
- **Mohawk Medicinal – 777A Highway 49**

Application forms for funding assistance through the **Grassroots Fund** are available on line at www.legacy420.com.

Completed Application Forms may be dropped off at **Legacy 420**, 346 York Road, or at **Mohawk Medicinal**, 777A Highway 49, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory to the attention of the **Grassroots Fund Committee**.

Depending on which location your application was submitted to, Grocery Gift Cards and financial donations on behalf of the **Grassroots Fund** may be picked up, according to your scheduled pickup time, at either **Legacy 420** or **Mohawk Medicinal**.

