

National Anti-Racism Fund Projects Funding – FAQ

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1. What is the National Anti-Racism Fund (NARF)?

Since 2022, The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF)'s National Anti-Racism Fund has provided approximately \$14.8 million in investment to support nearly 800 charities and non-profit organizations to combat racism, promote events and education, and support community groups to build a more anti-racist society. This contribution supports CRRF's mission: development, sharing, and applying knowledge and expertise to eliminate racism and all forms of racial discrimination in Canadian society.

NARF supports our commitments to build a national framework for the fight against racism in Canadian society by strengthening the capacity of racialized communities, religious minority groups and Indigenous people to carry out their own work to combat racism and create opportunities for meaningful dialogue, learning and sharing with the broader public. NARF Projects funding will provide \$3.6 million in grant funding towards anti-racism projects in Canada.

Projects applications are available to organizations working on anti-racism projects in Canada between April 2027 and March 2028. Projects Funding is one way that the CRRF supports communities across Canada in the fight against racism and discrimination.

2. What are the themes and objectives of the National Anti-Racism Fund?

All proposals must align with the following four themes and objectives and achieve one or more of the expected results below:

- **Systemic Barriers:** reducing barriers to inclusion by addressing systemic racism in education, healthcare, the justice system, public services, employment, public life, etc.
- **Research and education:** promoting and increasing availability and accessibility of data, evidence, and community insights.
- **Public awareness:** highlighting systemic and institutional barriers through informing public policies that address these barriers.
- **Cultural and intercultural community building:** creating cross-cultural, race, religion, dialogue, discussions, awareness building, and collaborations.

Projects should also be designed to achieve one or more of the following expected results:

- Increase public awareness of public policy issues related to race relations, anti-racism, or anti-hate in Canada, regionally, or local communities.
- Increase awareness of Canada's cultural diversity.
- Increase awareness of factors such as race, culture, ethnicity, or religion that may be hindering full participation of the entire Canadian population in society and the economy.
- Increase knowledge within communities to address racism and discrimination.



3. What do projects with public policy considerations look like?

The CRRF is interested in projects that propose innovative solutions to address gaps in current policies or that seek to implement new policies aimed at dismantling systemic racism.

Projects with a policy lens could look like, but are not limited to, the following:

- Projects that involve a range of strategies, such as conducting research that informs policymakers about the impacts of systemic racism.
- Projects that include developing campaigns that mobilize communities to pursue policy change or creating educational programs that increase public awareness and understanding of key policy issues.
- Projects with collaborations with other organizations, governments, or community groups to influence local, provincial, or national policy decisions.
- Projects that actively work to influence public policy, whether through direct efforts, in-depth research, strategic partnerships, or grassroots community engagement.

4. What is the amount available for successful projects applications?

Funding available for any proposed project can range from a minimum of \$25,000 to a maximum of \$125,000. The CRRF will work with successful applicants to establish the flow of funds according to deliverables. The CRRF will provide 40% of funds upon contract signing. An additional 40% will be released upon the submission of a short interim report. The remaining 20% of funds will be released after submitting the final report. All reports are to be completed on the CRRF's SurveyMonkey Apply platform. Final reports must be submitted within 60 days after project completion and approved by the CRRF monitoring team.

5. Who is eligible to apply?

NARF Projects funding is open to:

- Canadian registered charities (as recognized by the Canadian Revenue Agency) and Canadian non-profit organizations and associations
- First Nations, Inuit, and Metis organizations
- Canadian non-Federal public institutions such as municipalities, provincial institutions, boards of education, schools, colleges and universities
- Labour organizations

6. Who is ineligible to apply?

The CRRF will NOT fund the following entities under the National Anti-Racism Fund:

- For-profit organizations



- Federal institutions
- Individuals
- Organizations whose purpose is solely related to political activity, as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency
- Grassroots organizations

7. How does the CRRF define Grassroots?

Grassroots groups or organizations are defined as unincorporated collectives who are comprised of local community members driving solutions to community issues.

8. What expenses would the Fund cover?

Eligible Expenses

Expenses for projects can include:

- Personnel and staffing costs,
- Project costs such as workshop and meeting costs, speaker honoraria, venue-related expenses, equipment, marketing and communications, catering, transportation, etc.,
- Purchased services such as services of consultants/contractors/subject matter experts specifically relating to the delivery of the projects,
- Evaluation costs such as project evaluation, survey administration, focus groups, and evaluation reporting,
- Overhead and administrative costs directly associated with the project delivery can be requested to a maximum of 15% of the total budget. Overhead and administrative costs include: supervision, bookkeeping/accounting, audit expenses, telephone/internet, insurance, etc.

Ineligible Expenses

Expenses for Projects cannot include:

- Costs (e.g., loans, grants, or scholarships) that are related to direct financial assistance in the form of payments to individuals or families,
- Partisan political activity that directly or indirectly promotes a political candidate or party,
- Ongoing occupancy costs and purchase of investment in real property (real estate, land, building, etc.),
- Services covered by provincial health authorities,



- Services provided by medical professionals or regulated health professionals other than social workers or social service workers,
- Support of operating deficit,
- Cost of alcoholic beverages,
- Basic shelter beds or transitional housing beds.
- Contingency
- GST, PST, HST as a separate budget line

9. Can we apply for more than one project?

Applicants can only submit one application per eligible organization.

Projects applications for initiatives currently receiving funding through either Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program ([MARF](#)) (formerly known as Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiatives or ([CSMARI](#)) or the Anti-Racism Action Program ([ARAP](#)) – administered by the Department of Canadian Heritage – will only be considered if the application is to extend or expand the existing initiative.

10. Can current NARF grantees apply for Projects 2026/2027 funding?

Applicants with a NARF Event or Youth Initiative in progress may also submit an application for NARF Projects.

Awardees of the 2025/2026 NARF Projects stream may apply for 2026/2027 funding under either of the following conditions:

1. They may apply with a new, different project idea
2. They may apply to continue their current (ongoing) project
 - a. Please note – if applying for the continuation of a 2025/2026 project, all activities from the ongoing project must be completed with a final report submitted and reviewed, before the 2026/2027 full application deadline (December 4, 2026)

11. How are “main or key project partners” defined?

Main or key project partners are partners who will play a significant role in project delivery and will have a strong presence throughout the project’s duration. This could include consultation, leading focus groups/workshops, project planning, shared venue spaces, etc.

Letters of support from main or key project partners must be included in the Full Application.



12. How does the CRRF evaluate applications?

We fund projects that have clear objectives and measurable results. Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be reviewed for eligibility, the alignment with program themes and objectives, and the issue the project aims to address. If an EOI is shortlisted based on the assessment of your proposed activities and outcomes, that applicant will be invited to submit a full application. At that stage, the full application will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below:

- The application clearly outlines the issue(s) the project aims to address
- The applicant has demonstrated the need within their community and how it will be addressed
- The applicant has demonstrated the community support for the proposed initiative
- The application demonstrates how the project contributes to one or more of the NARF program themes and achieves one or more of the expected results
- The project activities are clearly described and are linked to their goals
- The project is designed to effectively reach its target audience, beneficiaries, and participants
- The application demonstrates clear, achievable, and community-relevant outcomes
- The applicant has the experience, human and financial management, governance structure, capacity, and resources required, including community support, to successfully carry out and deliver the project on time and on budget
- The proposed budget is detailed, reasonable, and balanced and takes into consideration the efficient and effective use of funds
- The applicant agrees to fulfill the CRRF recognition requirements

13. What is the grant application process, and who evaluates those applications?

NARF Projects funding has a two-step application process: Expression of Interest (EOI) and Full Application. The EOI is the first step of the NARF application process. The purpose of the EOI is to equip CRRF staff with baseline information to assess the project's idea and its alignment with NARF.

The second step is a Full Application that provides our staff with a more extensive understanding of your project and organizational capacity.

To learn more about our granting process, an informational webinar will be held on **July 27, 2026, from 2pm to 3pm EST**. [Registration Here](#)

Decisions for the EOI stage will be made 9-10 weeks after the deadline. Decisions for full applications will be made 8-9 weeks after the submission deadline. Please note that all decisions are final, and there is no appeal process through this funding program.



Please note that applications will only be accepted through the online application portal. Applications submitted by email or post will be considered incomplete.

14. When will I learn if my application has been successful?

- Successful EOI applicants will be contacted by early-to-mid November 2026 and will have approximately four weeks to submit their full application.
- Successful applicants will be contacted by early March 2027.

15. When is the deadline to apply?

Expression of Interest Applications must be submitted by **7:59 PM EST on September 2, 2026.**

Full Applications must be submitted by **7:59 PM EST on December 4, 2026.**

16. Are public institutions eligible to apply?

To provide more clarity on eligibility, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis organizations, and Canadian non-federal public institutions such as municipalities, provincial institutions, boards of education, schools, colleges, and universities are eligible to apply.

17. Can I receive feedback on my EOI or Full application?

Please note that we do not offer feedback on specific applications due to lack of capacity.

18. How do I contact the CRRF about the National Anti-Racism Fund?

For further information, please contact the CRRF team by email: GRANTS@CRRF-FCRR.CA