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# Jane Finch Community Action Grants Round 2 - 2025





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# Agenda

- Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
- Grant Focus Areas
- Resident/Grassroots group stream
- Agency/Collaborative stream
- Important Dates
- Q&A



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# Land Acknowledgement





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# Context

The Jane Finch Community Action Grants (CAG) are designed to support neighbourhood-focused initiatives that advance key community-informed priorities and actions. These priorities and actions are outlined in local plans such as the Jane Finch Community Development Plan (CDP).



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# Grant Focus Areas

Projects will support initiatives in Jane  
Finch with outcomes focused on  
improving one of five Grant Focus Areas



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# Employment & Economic Benefits: Eligible Project Objectives



- Increasing local hiring, education & training opportunities
- Strengthening local workforce development models
- Evaluation efforts related to employment, economic development

*\* Refer to Appendix A of Grant Guidelines for full list of eligible project objectives*





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# Community Safety & Well-Being: Eligible Project Objectives



- Increasing education on conflict resolution, violence prevention, violence intervention, & mental health
- Increasing local mentorship opportunities for youth impacted by, or involved in violence
- Creating collaborations that address mental health concerns related to safety

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# Food Justice & Sovereignty: Eligible Project Objectives



- Increasing educational programs & workshops on topics that advance food justice and food sovereignty
- Supporting advocacy regarding food justice, sovereignty, & nutritious affordable food access

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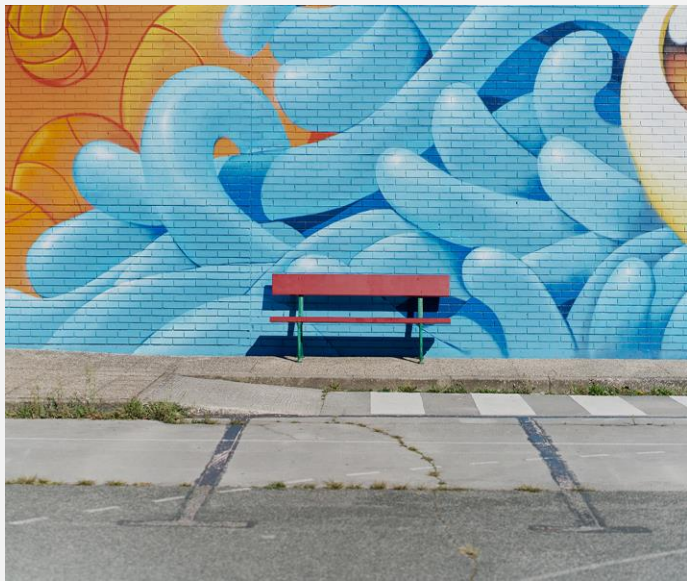




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# Vibrant Spaces: Eligible Project Objectives



- Increasing local festivals through expanded access to community outdoor space
- Contributing to more community-owned, stewarded &/or managed spaces
- Documenting & measuring local place-keeping efforts

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# Anti-Displacement: Eligible Project Objectives



- Increasing community engagement activities that preserve gathering spaces, murals, etc.
- Conducting research &/or building capacity that support community ownership (i.e. community land trusts)
- Increasing education on tenant rights, and support for tenant led groups, eviction prevention

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# Successful CAG initiatives will:

- ✓ Support residents, groups, and agencies to take action on community identified priorities.
- ✓ Increase social cohesion, ensuring that priority populations can contribute to creating equitable communities.
- ✓ Foster and strengthen relationships between residents, partners, and other stakeholders
- ✓ Mobilize resources and collaborative activities for local priorities



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# Funding streams



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# Resident/Grassroots

Initiatives led by local residents or small groups active in the Jane Finch community.

**Projects may receive between \$5,000 - \$20,000**  
**All projects will be trusted by Jane/Finch Centre**

Expected to be delivered over a period of 6 months or less and completed by August 31, 2026.



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# Resident/Grassroots Project Eligibility Criteria



Operate in  
Jane Finch  
(Black  
Creek and  
Glenfield  
Jane  
Heights)



Focus on  
Jane Finch  
and project  
timeframe of  
6 months or  
less



Project have at  
least 5 residents  
submitting, with  
two identified as  
primary leads



Deliver on  
at least 1 of  
the Grant  
Focus  
Areas.





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# Resident/Grassroots Applications

Applications are available as of **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Download the application from the United Way website

OR request the application by emailing  
[CAG@uwgt.org](mailto:CAG@uwgt.org)

Applicants must complete the application in the Microsoft word format and email it to  
[CAG@uwgt.org](mailto:CAG@uwgt.org) by September 12th, 2025



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# Grantee advice: Kiki Ballroom (Resident/Grassroots stream)

*"Know your network and  
the skills within  
it...Partnership and  
collaboration are important  
going into a project "*





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# Agency/Collaborative

Projects or initiatives will be led by a local agency, collaborative or group of partners in Jane Finch

**The requested amount may range from \$25,000 to \$75,000 per project**

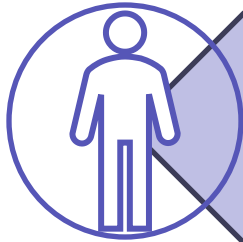
Projects expected to be delivered over a period of up to 18 months (i.e. completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027).



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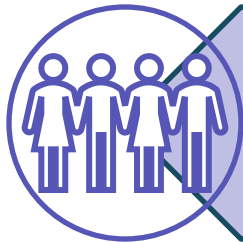
# Agency Application Types



Individual agency



Individual agency with  
partners



Collaborative of agencies



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# Agency/Collaborative Project Eligibility Criteria



Lead must  
operate in  
Jane Finch  
(Black Creek  
and Glenfield  
Jane  
Heights)



Occur within  
18 months



Project may  
be part of a  
broader  
initiative but  
must include  
activities in  
Jane Finch.



Project must  
seek to  
deliver on  
one (1) of  
the Grant  
Focus Areas.



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# Agency Lead Eligibility Criteria



Is a registered charitable organization, or an incorporated non-profit organization\* for a minimum of 2 years



Have financial statements for at least 1 year (audited) or be trustees by a registered charity that has financial statements for at least one year



Must operate in Jane Finch and complete a collaborative agreement if applying as a collaborative



If revenue is less than \$100,000, have a review engagement for at least one fiscal year, conducted by a licensed public accountant.



Only 1 application per project lead agency is eligible to be approved





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# Agency/Collaborative Application Process

Applications are available as of **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

To request access to SMA application, contact [CAG@uwgt.org](mailto:CAG@uwgt.org) by September 5<sup>th</sup> with subject line 'Jane Finch CAG – SMA Set Up'

Applicants must use Survey Monkey Apply (SMA) to complete and submit the application by September 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Agencies can refer to [United Way website](#) for any information updates



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# Application Questions



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# Agency/Collaborative Application Questions



Lead organization info (incorporation or non-qualified donee information, Black/Indigenous led, 50/30 challenge)



If a collaborative application or have project partners, who are the partners and what are their roles?



How does your org/collaborative engage with and outreach to residents and other grassroots groups?



Who are your partners for this project and what are their roles?



Will residents be involved in leadership roles? If so, how many and provide info on their roles.



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# Resident / Grassroots Group Application Questions



Contact info for 5-7 residents



Are you submitting as a grassroots group?



How do you plan to engage residents in your project?



Are you working with any other partners in the community to implement your project?



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# Questions in both applications

- What is the geographic focus of your project?
- Will your project work with a specific population?
- Briefly describe your group's experience working in Black Creek and/or Glenfield Jane Heights?
- Identify grant focus area
- Provide a summary of the project.
- What does your project hope to accomplish?
- Project Start and End dates



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# Grantee advice: The Neighbourhood Group (Agency stream)

*"I find that project planning and budgets are two documents that go hand and hand."*

*Your activities are dependent on your budget and vice versa. I find it helpful to envision what I would like to accomplish and then sketch out a budget."*







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# Project Plan and Evaluation

Project Plan	Evaluation Plan
Steps (for outreach, implementation & evaluation)	What are the goals of your project and how do they relate to the grant focus area?
Who will be doing it? (to be completed by resident(s), a partner or other?)	How will you know if you have been successful?
When will it be completed? (timeframe for completion)	What information do you need to demonstrate the results of your project? How will you collect it?



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# Budget Template

A	B	C	D	E
Item	Description	Costs	In-kind/other resource contribution	Community Action Grant allocation
Example: Staffing	Example: 1 Program Coordinator 0.5FTE at \$25/hour for 32 weeks	\$ 16,000	\$5000	\$11,000



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# Assessment Criteria



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# Assessment Criteria

Alignment with local plans and emerging opportunities in Jane Finch (related to Grant Focus Areas)

Engagement and connection with residents, partners, & networks

Opportunities to engage residents in leadership roles

Projects that centre Youth, Indigenous, Black, or other structurally disadvantaged groups

Connection to emerging or ongoing redevelopment opportunities

Planned evaluation activities, proposed impact & strong budget justification



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# Project Selection Process



The Review Committee for Round 2 will be comprised of up to ten (10) members with a minimum of five Jane Finch residents, as well as other key stakeholders.



Review Committee members will provide the slate of recommended projects to UWGT for final approval.



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# Grantee advice: Smile for Sache (Resident/Grassroots stream)

*"Center the voices of those you're serving. Let the community lead and guide you—they know what works. Don't be afraid to start small and build."*







# Key Dates and Office Hours



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# Reporting Expectations for Successful Projects

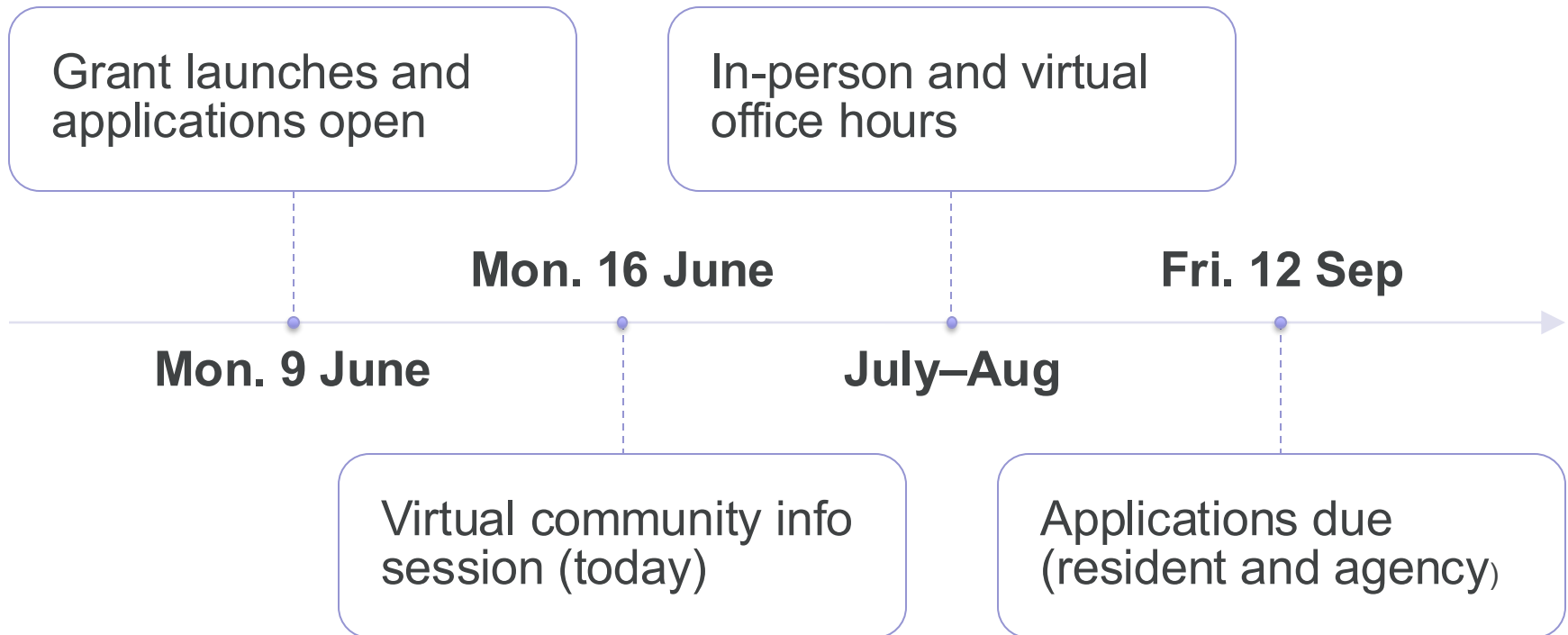
- Agency/collaboratives will report to UWGT
- Grassroots/Resident-led will report to the trustee
- Contribution of the project to existing community priorities and goals (i.e. Community Development Plan)
- Outline decision-making processes and the ways in which community members participated in this process



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# June-September Key Dates





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# Office hours (In-Person)

Wednesday July 16, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
TD Engagement Centre

Thursday July 24, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Early ON Centre located inside of Jane Finch Mall

Tuesday August 19, 11:00 AM – 2:00PM  
York Woods Library



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# Office Hours (Virtual)

Monday July 14, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tuesday July 22, 3:00PM – 6:00PM

Monday August 11, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thursday August 21, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM



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# Contact Information



Email Community Action Grants – [cag@uwgt.org](mailto:cag@uwgt.org). Please indicate “Jane Finch Community Action Grant” in the subject line.



For further application info, as well as full Grant Guidelines – <https://uwgt.org/janefinch>



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# Q&A

