

The Sifton Family Foundation Guidelines for Applicants

General guidelines:

- The Foundation favours initiatives (within our main funding areas) that helps address social economic needs.
- We give funds for specific projects only.
- Our giving is slanted towards organizations that utilize volunteers.
- Grants are generally \$10,000 or less. We prefer to make a worthwhile contribution to each project.
- Geographic area confined to London and Middlesex County and other centres here Sifton Properties Limited has employees (Guelph, Brantford, Kitchener Waterloo and Erin Mills)

Type of project supported within our funding areas only:

- Pilot projects
- Capital projects (building, renovating, equipment)
- Matching funds
- Developing or expanding programs
- Participator

Of Special Interest to the Foundation:

- Programs to prevent teen pregnancy
- Parenting and pre-parenting education
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- Programs for teen parents
- Programs for school age children
- Programs that encourage children and youth to stay in school

Projects not supported:

- Individuals and groups without charitable status
- Religion, sports, politics
- Conferences and seminars
- Publications - books, CDs, web sites etc
- Research projects
- Travel and tour
- Deficit financing

The matching program with Sifton Properties employees will be supported to a maximum of \$25,000 per year and a maximum of \$500 per employee per year.

Application procedure:

As our application procedure takes time to complete, we suggest that applicants initially send a short proposal of 1-2 pages. If we feel the project fits within our interests, the applicant will be invited to submit a complete proposal and will receive a copy of our Tips for Applicants.

Grants are made 3 times a year in April, September and December.

Successful applicants will be asked to develop an informal communication plan - the success of which may determine future funding, and submit an update to the board

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