



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Doug Sampano, Commissioner, Community Services

Date: December 9, 2024

Report No: COMS-013-24

Subject: 2024 Milton Community Fund Allocations

**Recommendation:** THAT Milton Community Fund applications numbered 1 to 47, save and except number 34 contained in Schedule C, be approved;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements associated with the approved recommendations contained within the Staff Report COMS-013-24.

AND THAT Community Fund application number 34 contained in Schedule C be approved;

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Community Fund Advisory Committee (CFAC) is comprised of six (6) citizen volunteers and one (1) Member of Council and together they review applications and make funding recommendations to Council.
- Forty-seven (47) applications were submitted for consideration to the 2024 Milton Community Fund (MCF) program, including two (2) new applicants.
- The annual budget allotment to the MCF was \$500,000 in 2024 with \$75,000 being directed to the Milton Community Connections Grant (MCCG), previously named the Milton Small Grant Program (MSGP).
- Staff reviewed all applications to determine eligibility and the CFAC completed an allocation process that recommends forty-four (44) organizations receive funding totalling \$433,168; similar to previous years, not all funding is allocated.
- Staff (in consultation with the CFAC) reviewed and made minor changes to the allocation process in order to maximize the impact of the funds on the community in a given year provided there is merit in the application.
- Opportunities to educate and provide guidance to organizations about the MCF program and how/where to direct their efforts to achieve the best outcome will continue to be explored.



## REPORT

### Background

Communication about the 2024 Milton Community Fund program and the application process was circulated in May to former applicants who met the program eligibility requirements, organizations affiliated with the Town of Milton, community organizations and those who specifically contacted the Town of Milton for information about funding opportunities available from the municipality. A copy of the 2024 guidelines outlining eligibility criteria is contained in Schedules A1 and A2.

### Discussion

The deadline date for this year's program was July 29, 2024, which was adjusted a few weeks earlier from the annual September deadline to allow appropriate time for staff and CFAC to review, given the increasing volume of applications trending over the last few years. The change was managed well by most groups, and the amount of applications received was similar to the previous year.

Forty-seven (47) applications and requests totaling \$782,099 were submitted. Applicant and proposal eligibility was reviewed by a corporate staff team and CFAC. In addition, the Corporate Services Department completed a financial analysis of each organization. CFAC responded positively to the changes, which resulted in CFAC allotting more closely to the \$425,000 made available annually (Annual budget allotment of \$500,000 minus \$75,000 directed to the MCCG).

### Review Process

Applications were circulated to members of the CFAC for their individual review prior to meeting as a committee on October 28 and 29. The focus of the CFAC review remains on the proposals for funds, benefit to the community, the lasting impacts of funds granted, the ability of the organization to sustain the proposal after funding is used, and a financial review of the requested dollars. In addition, consideration was given to organizations that provide recreation, artistic, and cultural programs and services.

Members of the CFAC carefully reviewed the applications and the amount of funding requested by each applicant. Some of the unsuccessful applications were based on the failure to meet the fund requirements, the project not being deemed a priority, or the limited impact on Milton residents. Members of the CFAC undertook a diligent review of all applicants and staff continue to be impressed with their dedication and commitment to the review process.



## Discussion

Similar to previous years, CFAC did not allocate all the funds available to them. Dollars not awarded in the current year are carried over and made available the following year, therefore ensuring the funds ultimately impact the community groups the fund serves.

Staff reviewed the allocation process with the CFAC prior to the 2024 program commencing. A process was successfully developed to maximize the funds available to the eligible groups and the community.

A listing of all applicants, funding requests and CFAC recommendations is contained in Schedule B for consideration. Additional information regarding each applicant and their request for funding is contained in Schedule C.

### Notification

All decisions recommended by CFAC and approved by Town Council are final. Staff will notify all applicants of funding decisions following Council's approval of this report.

### Milton Community Connections Grant

A portion of the 2024 MCF funding (\$75,000) was directed to the Milton Community Connections Grant (renamed in spring 2024 from the Milton Small Grant Program).

Grants of up to \$2,500 were allocated per approved activity, to encourage and enhance support for small scale citizen-led activities and events that support relationship building among community members and provide opportunities for connection, knowledge sharing, cultural exchange and community-building.

Unused funds will be returned to the MCF for future allocation programs.

## Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report total \$433,168 in allocations to community organizations. As a result of unallocated funding from prior years, it is estimated that \$117,140 will be carried over and made available for the 2025 Milton Community Fund process.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Sampano  
Commissioner, Community Services



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Director, Recreation & Culture,  
Community Services

## Attachments

Schedule A1: 2024 Milton Community Fund guidelines for established organizations  
Schedule A2: 2024 Milton Community Fund guidelines for emerging organizations  
Schedule B: Fund Allocations  
Schedule C: Applicant Review Summary

Approved by CAO  
Andrew M. Siltala  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.

# Milton Community Fund

## Established Organization Guidelines 2024



### Purpose and Background

The Milton Community Fund Program is available to support nonprofit organizations whose initiatives add to the quality of life within our community or enhance the image of the Town. The Milton Community Fund was established by Town of Milton Council to distribute a portion of the funds received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Woodbine Mohawk Park) for the benefit of the community. To date, more than \$7.7 million has been distributed. The Town of Milton is grateful to the OLG for their financial contribution to our municipality.



### Relationship to the Town of Milton's Strategic Vision

The purpose of the Community Fund program is in keeping with the Town's strategic vision of a safe, diverse, welcoming (and connected) community that respects its natural beauty and heritage, supports a range of neighbourhoods, sustains a strong and balanced economy, and offers outstanding opportunities to live, learn, work and play.

### Eligibility of Applicants

The Milton Community Fund is intended to support nonprofit organizations and groups whose programs and services are aligned with the goals of the Town of Milton's strategic action plan. Priority will be given to organizations that provide recreation, artistic and cultural programs and services for the benefit of the Milton community.

### Organizational Requirements

#### **Established Organizations applying for a grant must:**

1. Have existed in the community for three (3) years or more years.
2. Operate under the authority of an active volunteer board/executive/organizing committee with at least five (5) members and a minimum of four (4) members not related by blood or marriage.
3. Have a minimum of 75% of its membership/registrants comprised of Milton residents/ratepayers **unless** evidence is provided to support the exceptions noted below\*.
4. Hold an Annual General Meeting and have a board of directors or executive committee elected from the general membership through a democratic election process.
5. Have completed all program requirements associated with a previous Milton Community Fund grant.
6. Provide an operating budget for the organization's operating year in which funds received would be utilized. If this has not been established by application submission, the organization must submit either a draft or the previous year's.
7. Provide financial statements for the previous two (2) years.
8. Organizations unable to accept funding from the OLG, can contact Town staff for more details, as there are alternate funding sources available.
9. Complete and submit a Milton Community Fund Grant Application Form in accordance with deadline; applications will not be accepted or considered after this point.
10. Successful recipients become ineligible for any other Town of Milton grant funding for the same calendar year that the Milton Community Fund has been allotted.

**\*Exceptions to 75% Milton residency:** Recognizing that a broader population base is sometimes required for an organization to be successful, applicants may be exempted from this standard if the organization meets one of the following criteria:

- ✓ Provides an emerging or unique service
- ✓ Services a population with special needs
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- ✓ Showcases community events which draw a significant audience base

## Funding Opportunities

The following activities **are** eligible for funding:

- ✓ Start-up funds for emerging groups
- ✓ Start-up funds for new programs and services
- ✓ Program and service expansion
- ✓ New projects
- ✓ Equipment for programs and skills training
- ✓ Educational or celebratory events (festivals, concerts, tournaments, championships, workshops, etc.)
- ✓ Training clinics or certification programs for coaches and trainers; activity must be considered a minimum certification requirement (maximum \$300 per person)
- ✓ Training clinics or certification programs for officials (umpires, referees, etc.); activity must be considered an entry level certification requirement by the governing body (maximum \$300 per person). Training proposals will only be accepted from organizations with 75% Milton resident/ratepayers (exceptions to this requirement are not applicable to training requests).
- ✓ Facility upgrades and new construction of properties owned or leased by not-for-profit organizations serving Milton residents up to a maximum of \$30,000 (priority will be on projects located within the Town's municipal borders). For capital and/or facility upgrade requests, organizations are required to provide a financial and/or in-kind commitment to the project.
- ✓ Matching support for projects which will enhance Town property. Organizations should contact the Town of Milton before starting a "matching grant" request at 905-878-7252 ext. 2539.
- ✓ **Please be aware of the following requirements:**
  - Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Organizations are cautioned from relying on the Milton Community Fund for annual support, as funding determinations are made in context with the total number of submissions made each year and the total amount of funding available.
  - Organizations may request monies for more than one of the above funding options, but must consolidate all requests within a single application.
  - Grant recipients must be able to provide proof of General Liability Insurance coverage for any approved allocations or associated events, with a limit of not less than \$5 million proof of insurance, listing the Corporation of the Town of Milton, 150 Mary St., Milton., ON L9T 6Z5 as an additional insured and it must include an indication that cross liability is included under the General Liability Policy; and 30 days written notice of cancellation or material change in coverage.
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## Ineligible

The following **activities** are **not** eligible for funding:

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## Assessment Criteria

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## Milton Community Fund – Fund Allocations

Applicant	Funding Request (\$)	CFAC Recommendation	
		Funded (\$)	Declined (\$)
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Akwaba Cultural Exchange	\$11,812.00	\$5,906.00	\$5,906.00
ArtHouse for Children and Youth	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$-
Arts Milton	\$13,250.00	\$11,600.00	\$1,650.00
BR Hacks	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$-
Brightside Players Incorporated	\$7,205.00	\$4,100.00	\$3,105.00
Centre Canadien Pour L'Unite de Famille	\$35,150.00	\$9,750.00	\$25,400.00
Country Heritage Agricultural Society	\$23,491.00	\$23,491.00	\$-
Destination Campbellville Community Assoc.	\$8,272.00	\$6,272.00	\$2,000.00
Dribble Dreams Foundation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$-
Fine Arts Society of Milton	\$5,280.00	\$4,380.00	\$900.00
Halton Environmental Network	\$9,715.00	\$-	\$9,715.00
Halton Healthcare Services Corp.	\$31,187.00	\$31,187.00	\$-
Italian Cultural Centre of Milton	\$38,520.00	\$5,586.00	\$32,934.00
Leash Free Milton	\$14,855.00	\$3,092.00	\$11,763.00
Milton Bowling Club	\$64,410.00	\$30,000.00	\$34,410.00
Milton Choristers	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00	\$-
Milton Concert Band	\$18,385.00	\$9,910.00	\$8,475.00
Milton Curling Club	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$-
Milton Girls Softball Association	\$11,515.00	\$8,265.00	\$3,250.00
Milton Good Neighbours Community Day	\$6,000.00	\$5,300.00	\$700.00
Milton Marlin Swim Team	\$10,108.00	\$4,884.50	\$5,223.50
Milton Minor Baseball Association	\$8,814.00	\$8,814.00	\$-
Milton Minor Hockey Association	\$12,321.00	\$12,321.00	\$-
Milton Philharmonic Orchestra	\$19,017.00	\$12,267.00	\$6,750.00
Milton Pickleball Association	\$18,130.00	\$3,840.00	\$14,290.00
Milton Players Theatre Group	\$20,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$7,000.00
Milton Skating Club	\$9,098.00	\$5,961.00	\$3,137.00
Milton Special Olympics	\$9,251.00	\$5,807.00	\$3,444.00
Milton Speed Skating	\$13,359.00	\$8,318.00	\$5,041.00
Milton Sports Hall of Fame	\$7,684.00	\$7,684.00	\$-
Milton Tennis Club	\$25,086.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,086.00
Milton Volleyball League	\$14,080.00	\$-	\$14,080.00
Milton Youth Soccer Club	\$13,000.00	\$2,660.00	\$10,340.00
Milton Youth Volleyball Club	\$8,284.00	\$8,284.00	\$-

Applicant	Funding Request (\$)	CFAC Recommendation	
		Funded (\$)	Declined (\$)
Nassagaweya Tennis Club	\$2,062.00	\$2,062.00	\$-
Navy League of Canada	\$11,299.00	\$9,418.00	\$1,881.00
North Halton Girls Hockey Association	\$71,016.00	\$25,416.00	\$45,600.00
Ontario Cycling Association	\$36,272.00	\$10,636.00	\$25,636.00
Ontario Steam & Antique Preservers Association	\$21,087.00	\$-	\$21,087.00
PRISM Halton	\$3,325.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,025.00
Scouts Canada - Blue Springs Scout Retreat	\$7,509.00	\$7,509.00	\$-
St. John Ambulance - Oakville, Milton & Halton Hills	\$17,667.00	\$16,607.00	\$1,060.00
Sustainable Milton	\$11,248.00	\$9,048.00	\$2,200.00
The Rotary Club of Milton	\$3,872.00	\$3,872.00	\$-
Triathlon Ontario	\$20,070.00	\$3,570.00	\$16,500.00
United Way of Halton & Hamilton	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$782,099.00</b>	<b>\$433,167.50</b>	<b>\$348,931.50</b>

## Milton Community Fund – Applicant Review

### 1. MCF24-420 1st Milton Scouts

**Organization Purpose:** To deliver a quality program to our youth based on Scouts Canada’s mission and values. The program is fun, and engaging and full of outdoor adventures. We are an active member in our community and participate in many events around town.

**2024 Request:** \$16,993 to assist with folding tables with folding benches; aluminum race track; local vendor catering; portable speaker with stand; space rental fees.

**Recommendation:** \$8,650 to assist with folding tables with folding benches; aluminum race track.

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### 2. MCF24-434 Akwaba Cultural Exchange

**Organization Purpose:** To promote solidarity among Milton communities through culture and educational exchange, conferences, workshops, economic development, and leadership empowerment initiatives.

**2024 Request:** \$11,812 to assist with Milton African Multicultural Festival 2025 Mobile stage rental fees; Milton Community Park space rental fees; rental fees for chairs and drum kits.

**Recommendation:** \$5,906 to assist with Milton African Multicultural Festival 2025 Mobile stage rental fees; Milton Community Park space rental fees; rental fees for chairs and drum kits.

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### 3. MCF24-419 ArtHouse for Children and Youth

**Organization Purpose:** To provide safe, accessible and innovative cost-free arts programs led by professional instructors to children 7-12.

**2024 Request:** \$4,400 to assist with instructor fees; arts supplies.

**Recommendation:** \$4,400

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### 4. MCF24-58 Arts Milton

**Organization Purpose:** To enrich the cultural activities in Milton for the benefit of the public and the participating artists.

**2024 Request:** \$13,250 to assist with coordinator fees; Arts & Cultural experiences; final event for The Friendship Project; space rental fees; administrative supplies.

**Recommendation:** \$11,600 to assist with coordinator fees; Arts & Cultural experiences; space rental fees.

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**5. MCF24-463 BR Hacks**

**Organization Purpose:** To give students the chance to experience the creative process involved in product development and showcase their technological abilities, while working towards something that helps either the school, local, or national community.

**2024 Request:** \$750 to assist with Hackathons Jan 25/Feb 17/Mar 24, 2025 for space rental fees and food for participants.

**Recommendation:** \$750

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**6. MCF24-429 Brightside Players Incorporated**

**Organization Purpose:** To deliver fun, family-focused, interactive entertainment to the residents of Milton.

**2024 Request:** \$7,205 to assist with rehearsal space rental fees; flat printing (set item); microphones for in-theatre use and technical; storage space.

**Recommendation:** \$4,100 to assist with rehearsal space rental fees; flat printing (set item).

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**7. MCF24-451 Centre Canadien Pour L'Unite de Famille**

**Organization Purpose:** To contribute to the construction of a society where the well-being of families and their members is ensured through innovation in work approach, service excellence, and social, artistic and cultural initiatives.

**2024 Request:** \$35,150 to assist with AfroJazz FEST Aug 22-24, 2025 contractual fees/salary; advertising, translation, social media, website updates; space rental fees including noise exemption/building permit, lighting system and sound system (including mobile stage, backline and mics); security, first aid, ambulance; logistics (exhibitions, installation, portalets, handwash sink, tents, tables, dismantling, chairs; transportation and accommodation for artists; and to assist with Rythmes & Cultures Feb 1-28, 2025 staff and professional fees; travel; public event insurance fee; rental space fees, lighting system and sound system; translation of all materials; marketing, public relations.

**Recommendation:** \$9,750 to assist with AfroJazz FEST Aug 22-24, 2025 space rental fees including noise exemption/building permit, lighting system and sound system (including mobile stage, backline and mics); and to assist with Rythmes & Cultures Feb 1-28, 2025 rental space fees, lighting system and sound system.

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**8. MCF24-29 Country Heritage Agricultural Society**

**Organization Purpose:** To showcase the evolution of rural life, agriculture and food development in Ontario (past, present and future) through a range of educational programs, events and communications activity.

**2024 Request:** \$23,491 to assist with picnic tables and waterproof sealant.

**Recommendation:** \$23,491

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**9. MCF24-249 Destination Campbellville Community Assoc.**

**Organization Purpose:** To develop the Campbellville and surrounding Nassagaweya area into a premium tourist destination in Ontario.

**2024 Request:** \$8,272 to assist with Annual Roadside Cleanup May 3, 2025 for supplies, gloves; kit bags; labels; flagging tape; and to assist with Outdoor Movie Nights & Ice Cream Social July 4/Aug 1/Aug 29, 2025 for screen rental (equipment, movie license) and to assist with Summer Music Nights July 15, 2025 band costs.

**Recommendation:** \$6,272 to assist with Annual Roadside Cleanup May 3, 2025 for supplies, gloves; kit bags; labels; flagging tape; and to assist with Outdoor Movie Nights & Ice Cream Social July 4/Aug 1/Aug 29, 2025 for screen rental (equipment, movie license).

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**10. MCF24-458 Dribble Dreams Foundation**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide accessible and inclusive basketball programs for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. To create a positive and engaging environment where the youth can develop their basketball skills, build friendships, and foster a sense of community.

**2024 Request:** \$10,000 to assist with gym rental space fees.

**Recommendation:** \$10,000

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**11. MCF24-06 Fine Arts Society of Milton**

**Organization Purpose:** To bring together people with a common interest in the visual arts and to provide the opportunity for members to further their growth in art and art appreciation.

**2024 Request:** \$5,280 to assist with rental fees for juried show including FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton supervisor for reception; rental fees for Art Connect; grid walls, legs, connectors and hooks; juror fees; Opening Ceremony for juried show.

**Recommendation:** \$4,380 to assist with rental fees for juried show including FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton supervisor for reception; rental fees for Art Connect; grid walls, legs, connectors and hooks.

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**12. MCF24-257 Halton Environmental Network**

**Organization Purpose:** To be a recognized facilitator for environmental sustainability issues and to work toward a sustainable future by making environmental connections in Halton.

**2024 Request:** \$9,715 to assist with Halton Garden Week program coordinator; speaker fees for virtual workshops; registration software; online media account to host virtual workshops; and to assist with Seedy Saturday Mar 1, 2025 event coordinator fees; event staff fees; rental space fees; liability insurance; speaker fees for interactive workshop; promotions/printing.

**Recommendation:** \$0 - this application was not seen as a funding priority at this time.

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**13. MCF24-173 Halton Healthcare Services Corp.**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide quality, compassionate health care and services to meet the diverse needs of our population in a timely and effective manner.

**2024 Request:** \$31,187 to assist with R Series Zoll Monitor/Defibrillator.

**Recommendation:** \$31,187

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**14. MCF24-251 Italian Cultural Centre of Milton**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote social, athletic and recreational activities among its members and to illustrate and preserve the Italian heritage as part of the entire culture of Milton and Canada.

**2024 Request:** \$38,520 to assist with outdoor folding chairs; storage garden shed with installation; horizontal garden shed; landscaping (grass maintenance); snow removal; property and general liability insurance; directors liability insurance; accountant fees for financial review engagement; part-time administrative worker fees; concrete walkway expansion.

**Recommendation:** \$5,586 to assist with outdoor folding chairs; storage garden shed with installation.

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**15. MCF24-235 Leash Free Milton**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote the establishment and maintenance of leash free areas; to promote responsible dog ownership while developing and fostering community spirit; to organize recreational and educational activities.

**2024 Request:** \$14,855 to assist with maintenance/landscaping; insurance; website; gas.

**Recommendation:** \$3,092 to assist with insurance.

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**16. MCF24-02 Milton Bowling Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote and encourage the game of bowls by providing the means and the opportunity for members and guests to participate in lawn bowling activities and social events for mutual enjoyment, friendship, and exercise.

**2024 Request:** \$64,410 to assist with installation of water meter and back flow prevention valve.

**Recommendation:** \$30,000 to assist with installation of water meter and back flow prevention valve.

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**17. MCF24-45 Milton Choristers**

**Organization Purpose:** To form and maintain a choir to present public performances of the highest degree of proficiency; to enhance knowledge and appreciation of choral music by the general public by presenting important choral works from all segments of the choral repertoire; to encourage musical excellence in the community.

**2024 Request:** \$7,250 to assist with soloists; orchestral ensemble; space rental fees.

**Recommendation:** \$7,250

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**18. MC24-219 Milton Concert Band**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide amateur musicians with a venue to perform and the opportunity to hone their abilities in a challenging and supportive ensemble environment; and to provide the community with a program of entertaining and vibrant public concerts and performances.

**2024 Request:** \$18,385 to assist with rental space fees; music director fees; music stand banners.

**Recommendation:** \$9,910 to assist with rental space fees; music director fees.

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**19. MCF24-89 Milton Curling Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide and promote the sport of curling for a wide range of ages in Milton and the surrounding community; to offer affordable, family oriented recreation and social activities; emphasize learning, development and training with sportsmanship and community involvement.

**2024 Request:** \$20,000 to assist with commercial grade vinyl flooring.

**Recommendation:** \$20,000

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**20. MCF24-76 Milton Girls Softball Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide an inexpensive program that gives girls the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of baseball and grow socially through organized team sport.

**2024 Request:** \$11,515 to assist with replacement H-base drop-down base sets; pitching mats (with power line); first aid kits.

**Recommendation:** \$8,265 to assist with replacement H-base drop-down base sets (50%); pitching mats (with power line); first aid kits.

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**21. MCF24-205 Milton Good Neighbours Community Day**

**Organization Purpose:** To make the Town of Milton a better place to live by helping people who are unable to perform household or property maintenance and to remove litter along roadways, parklands and riverbeds.

**2024 Request:** \$6,000 to assist with Milton Good Neighbours Day May 3, 2025 volunteer T-shirts; food; administrative costs (website, insurance).

**Recommendation:** \$5,300 to assist with Milton Good Neighbours Day May 3, 2025 volunteer T-shirts; administrative costs (website, insurance).

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**22. MCF24-43 Milton Marlin Swim Team**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide the youth of Milton with an opportunity to participate in the sport of swimming and promote a healthy lifestyle.

**2024 Request:** \$10,108 to assist with sports psychology sessions for swimmers; laptop computer; office chairs; backstroke trolley

**Recommendation:** \$4,884.50 to assist with 50% of sports psychology sessions for swimmers; laptop computer; office chairs; backstroke trolley.

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**23. MCF24-80 Milton Minor Baseball Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To foster, promote and teach amateur ball within the Milton, and to develop and encourage sportsmanship, community spirit and good fellowship among all participants.

**2024 Request:** \$8,814 to assist with baseball pitching machines.

**Recommendation:** \$8,814

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**24. MCF24-60 Milton Minor Hockey Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To foster, promote and teach amateur hockey within the Town of Milton as well as to develop and encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship among all participants for the betterment of their physical, mental and social well-being.

**2024 Request:** \$12,321 to assist with modified hard boards for Initiation Program; shooter tutors.

**Recommendation:** \$12,321

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**25. MCF24-401 Milton Philharmonic Orchestra**

**Organization Purpose:** To advance the public's appreciation of classical performing arts by providing high-quality musical performances in Milton and its surrounding areas.

**2024 Request:** \$19,017 to assist with rental space fees; technical staff fees; front of house staff fees; box office administrative fees.

**Recommendation:** \$12,267 to assist with rental space fees; technical staff fees.

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**26. MCF24-428 Milton Pickleball Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote the sport of pickleball within Milton to grow interest in the sport amongst the younger demographics.

**2024 Request:** \$18,130 to assist with Milton Pickleball Association Tournaments rental space fees; medals; equipment; and to assist with supporting events rental space fees; rental space fees for clinics; instructor fees for clinics.

**Recommendation:** \$3,840 to assist with rental space fees for clinics; instructor fees for clinics.

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**27. MCF24-66 Milton Players Theatre Group**

**Organization Purpose:** To bring Community Theatre to the population of Milton and surrounding area and to provide an outlet for creative endeavors for our members.

**2024 Request:** \$20,000 to assist with productions costs; royalties; rental space fees; equipment storage fees; insurance.

**Recommendation:** \$13,000 to assist with productions costs; rental space fees.

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**28. MCF24-37 Milton Skating Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide a high quality skating programming to individuals and groups of all ages.

**2024 Request:** \$9,098 to assist with electric spinner; badge holders; harness and sling system.

**Recommendation:** \$5,961 to assist with electric spinner (50%); badge holders.

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**29. MCF24-446 Milton Special Olympics**

**Organization Purpose:** To enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through the power of sport, promoting respect; acceptance, inclusion, and human dignity for everyone.

**2024 Request:** \$9,251 to assist with tournaments held in Milton for SOO provincial qualifiers (including rental space fees and uniforms) and fundraisers; equipment.

**Recommendation:** \$5,807 to assist with tournaments held in Milton for SOO provincial qualifiers (rental space fees) and fundraisers; equipment.

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**30. MCF24-254 Milton Speed Skating**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide all residents in Milton access to the sport of speed skating and enable our members to develop physical fitness through training and competition and to gain life experiences in a fun group setting.

**2024 Request:** \$13,359 to assist with race results system; 55" display screen; AV cart; mounting arm for AV cart; and to assist with Team Relay Challenge May 5, 2025 rental space fees (room / ice).

**Recommendation:** \$8,318 to assist with race results system.

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**31. MCF24-442 Milton Sports Hall of Fame**

**Organization Purpose:** To recognize and honour sports accomplishments by Milton athletes with a unique Wall of Fame at the Milton Sports Centre, and to collect exhibit, and promote the history significant to the development of sport in Milton.

**2024 Request:** \$7,684 to assist with supply and install of new display cabinet to match existing display cabinet.

**Recommendation:** \$7,684

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**32. MCF24-65 Milton Tennis Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote tennis and good sportsmanship for the enjoyment of all members.

**2024 Request:** \$25,086 to assist with fix for deck railings and conversion to glass railings; fix for deck base and damaged planks.

**Recommendation:** \$10,000 to assist with fix for deck railings and conversion to glass railings.

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**33. MCF24-461 Milton Volleyball League**

**Organization Purpose:** To establish and operate a volleyball league for the purposes of promoting the game of volleyball; arranging games, matches and competitions; providing facilities and developing skills for volleyball.

**2024 Request:** \$14,080 to assist with rental space fees; equipment (volleyballs, ball cart); tournament and league prizes; gear (shirts etc.)

**Recommendation:** \$0 - this application was not seen as a funding priority at this time.

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**34. MCF24-41 Milton Youth Soccer Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide young soccer players in Milton with the opportunity to grow and develop their soccer skills within a safe, enjoyable environment.

**2024 Request:** \$13,000 to assist with rental fees for storage trailers; and to assist with USA Cup Qualifier Tournament Canada Aug 30-Sep 2, 2024 athletic therapist fees; volunteer refreshments/lunch/dinner; generator; van rental fees; referee coordinator fees; marketing and advertising.

**Recommendation:** \$2,660 to assist with USA Cup Qualifier Tournament Canada Aug 30-Sep 2, 2024 athletic therapist fees.

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**35. MCF24-397 Milton Youth Volleyball Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide Milton youth athletes with the opportunity to improve their volleyball skills and compete with the best athletes in Ontario and Canada.

**2024 Request:** \$8284 to assist with volleyballs; ball carts; antennas and sleeves.

**Recommendation:** \$8,284

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**36. MCF24-140 Nassagaweya Tennis Club**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote the sport of tennis in the rural Milton area, to promote the development of junior tennis (participants under the age of 18), to develop an outlet for athletic and social events and to contribute to the development of the community.

**2024 Request:** \$2,062 to assist with BBQ; outdoor chairs.

**Recommendation:** \$2,062

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### **37. MCF24-36 Navy League of Canada**

**Organization Purpose:** To serve youth from ages 12 to 19, and help develop leadership, citizenship and physical fitness.

**2024 Request:** \$11,299 to assist with camping gear; audio equipment; uniform and apparel for officers; educational materials; training equipment; recreational equipment; stationery supplies.

**Recommendation:** \$9,418 to assist with camping gear; audio equipment; uniform and apparel for officers; educational materials.

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### **38. MCF24-147 North Halton Girls Hockey Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide hockey instruction and competition for girls and women; develop and encourage sportsmanship, fair play, equity, friendship, and fun; provide an opportunity for girls and women of all levels of ability to play hockey; promote and develop interest and involvement in female hockey.

**2024 Request:** \$71,016 to assist with partial cost coverage Tyke & Fundamental program; partial fees for First Shift participants; partial costs for skating development clinics; subsidization cost of helmet safety equipment; house league goalie development; Keeping Girls in Sport training; Respect in Sport Activity Leader training; Coach 1 Certification; Association Banquet costs.

**Recommendation:** \$25,416 to assist with partial cost coverage Tyke & Fundamental program; partial fees for First Shift participants; partial costs for skating development clinics; house league goalie development; Keeping Girls in Sport training; Respect in Sport Activity Leader training; Coach 1 Certification.

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### **39. MCF24-457 Ontario Cycling Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To encourage and promote competitive cycling and organized cycling events in Ontario. To help ensure an accessible, safe and fair environment for competitive cyclists and organized cycling events. To encourage youth and adults to participate in cycling as a sport. To establish and regulate bicycle championships amongst its members in Ontario. To facilitate development of athletes from the novice to national level.

**2024 Request:** \$36,272 to assist with Ontario Track Provincials, Mar 2025 rental space fees; medical; officials/commissaries; timing.

**Recommendation:** \$10,636 to assist with Ontario Track Provincials, Mar 2025 rental space fees.

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**40. MCF24-87 Ontario Steam & Antique Preservers Association**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote the preservation and restoration of antique agricultural equipment particularly of Canadian Heritage and to demonstrate for educational purposes to help preserve agricultural heritage.

**2024 Request:** \$21,087 to assist with equipment; and to assist with Steam Era Aug 29-Sep 1, 2025 rental space fees; Rumley special feature trucking.

**Recommendation:** \$0 - this application request was not eligible due to event location outside of Milton municipal boundaries.

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**41. MCF24-462 PRISM Halton**

**Organization Purpose:** To empower and educate the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community in Halton by curating and endorsing initiatives that celebrate diversity and the complexity of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community while providing a safe and inclusive environment.

**2024 Request:** \$3,325 to assist with Pride parade flag.

**Recommendation:** \$1,300 to assist with Pride parade flag.

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**42. MCF24-423 Scouts Canada - Blue Springs Scout Retreat**

**Organization Purpose:** To offer programming for children and youth aged 5-26 through a variety of fun experiences, outdoor adventures and contributions to their community; to build resilience and skills that set them up for life.

**2024 Request:** \$7,509 to assist with Bauman Sawmill.

**Recommendation:** \$7,509

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**43. MCF24-248 St. John Ambulance - Oakville, Milton & Halton Hills**

**Organization Purpose:** To support our communities through medical assistance, education, promotion of health and safety and providing comfort for the sick and lonely.

**2024 Request:** \$17,667 to assist with MFR medical shirts; MFR TAC pants; first aid kits and medical supplies; Prestan feedback actars; Medical First Responder Certification.

**Recommendation:** \$16,607 to assist with MFR medical shirts; MFR TAC pants; first aid kits and medical supplies; Prestan feedback actars; part of Medical First Responder Certification.

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#### **44. MCF24-440 Sustainable Milton**

**Organization Purpose:** To promote healthy, sustainable, and environmentally sound practices in Milton through education, research and direct action. To improve standards for both residents and businesses to create a thriving, healthy, sustainable economy in the face of a changing global climate.

**2024 Request:** \$11,248 to assist with insurance; website operational costs; program operational costs; speaker honorariums; room rentals; safety equipment; garden equipment/tools/supplies; storage rental for equipment, tent, tables; website upgrade; educational signage; interpretive signage.

**Recommendation:** \$9,048 to assist with insurance; website operational costs; program operational costs; room rentals; safety equipment; garden equipment/tools/supplies; website upgrade; educational signage; interpretive signage.

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#### **45. MCF24-59 The Rotary Club of Milton**

**Organization Purpose:** A service organization of business and professional leaders, united worldwide, who conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and work towards world understanding and peace. Rotary has compassion for the underprivileged, the ill and the disabled, who are the beneficiaries of over 30,000 service projects annually worldwide.

**2024 Request:** \$3,872 to assist with PA systems; YSL tripod non-telescopic boom; Apex premium neodymium mic; Min round tele desk; Zoom 8 channel digital mixer/recorder w/fx-usb; Mackie bag for SRM150; carrying bag livetrack L8; gator waterproof molded case black; 25 ft lo z neutrick cable; mobile vlogging combo, intelligent phone stabilizer and gimbal, DJI mic.

**Recommendation:** \$3,872

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#### **46. MCF24-425 Triathlon Ontario**

**Organization Purpose:** To provide leadership and governance to develop a safe and fair environment for multisport in Ontario.

**2024 Request:** \$20,070 to assist with KITCan Milton Kids & Para Triathlon Aug 3, 2025 event photography; medical staff; event timing; event barricades; event truck rental; rental space fees; sound system rental; inflatables rental; face painter and balloon artist; finishers medals; event T-shirts; and to assist with Aquathlon Prov Championships Aug 20, 2025 medical staff; event timing; rental space fees; equipment truck rental; sound system rental; event T-shirts.

**Recommendation:** \$3,570 to assist with KITCan Milton Kids & Para Triathlon Aug 3, 2025 medical staff; event barricades; rental space fees.

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**47. MCF24-198      United Way of Halton & Hamilton**

**Organization Purpose:** To ensure an essential network of programs and services work together to achieve lasting, positive change.

**2024 Request:** \$30,000 to assist with supporting programs and services in the Milton community.

**Recommendation:** \$30,000

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