The **Multicultural Community Capacity Grant** program will help build diverse and inclusive communities by enhancing the ability of newcomers and ethno-cultural communities to participate fully in the civic, cultural, social and economic life of Ontario.

This grant program will make funding available for projects across Ontario that address one or more of the following priorities:

- Civic engagement Facilitate community engagement, social integration and volunteerism to promote inclusion for immigrant and ethno-cultural communities.
- Social connections Promote social connections and employment networking, including programs that reduce barriers and increase support for vulnerable groups.
- Education and empowerment Promote intercultural understanding and break down barriers to participation in community life and decision-making.
- Women's empowerment Support empowerment by helping women of diverse cultural backgrounds to achieve their full social and economic potential.

• Capacity building and partnerships – Build the capacity of immigrant and multicultural organizations, and promote collaboration between service providers, to better serve newcomer and ethno-cultural communities.

Grants between \$1,000 and \$8,000 will be available for projects that address these priorities. **Projects must start on or after April 1, 2018, and end by March 31, 2019.**

Who can apply for funding?

Stream 1: Individuals representing an unincorporated not-for-profit organization focused on newcomers and/or an ethno-cultural community and in operation for at least one year can apply for grants **between \$1,000 and \$3,000**.

Stream 2: Organizations incorporated as a not-for-profit with a vision, mission or activities focused on newcomers and/or ethno-cultural communities, and incorporated for at least one year can apply for grants **between \$3,000 and \$8,000.**

How do I apply for funding?

Read the application guidelines and get the application instructions and form at ontario.ca/multiculturalgrants.

What is the application deadline?

The deadline to submit applications is 4:00 p.m. E.S.T. on January 23, 2018.

Questions?

Please contact the <u>Regional Services Branch</u> <u>ministry contact</u> for more information.

Contact a Ministry Regional Advisor by phone toll-free at the following regional offices:

- Central Region: 1-877-395-4105
- North Region: 1-800-465-6861
- East Region: 1-800-267-9340
- West Region: 1-800-265-2189

Or email your question to multiculturalgrants.inquiries@ontario.ca

