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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

Bereaved Families of York Region

What percentage of your organization's clients reside in Aurora? *

35%

Address

Street Number and Name *

City/ Town *

Province *

Postal Code *

Contact Information

Email Address *

Phone Number *

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.

Funding Application

Bereaved Families of Ontario – York Region (BFOYR)

Bereaved Families of Ontario – York Region respectfully requests funding support to ensure the continuation of free bereavement support programs for residents of the Town.

Approximately 35% of the families that we have helped in the last 5 years are Aurora residents. Participants include spouses adjusting to life after loss, parents grieving a child, and individuals coping with sudden or traumatic deaths. We have partnered with the Aurora Library to offer programs, with our latest program just recently concluding.

Grief is universal. Every family will experience loss. Access to compassionate, structured peer support is not optional — it is essential to community well-being.

Our Services

BFO-YR provides:

- Adult peer grief support groups
- Spousal and partner loss groups
- Parent loss support
- Sudden and traumatic loss support
- Community outreach and education
- Child loss

All programs are offered **free of charge**, ensuring no resident is denied support due to financial barriers.

Community Impact

While our programs serve adults, the impact extends far beyond the individual participant. When parents and caregivers receive healthy grief support, their children benefit from:

- Improved emotional stability at home
- Healthier communication
- Reduced stress within the family unit
- Stronger coping skills modeled by adults

Supporting grieving adults strengthens entire families.

Unresolved grief can contribute to anxiety, depression, social isolation, and workplace disruption. Early, peer-based intervention builds resilience and reduces long-term strain on community services.

Why This Matters

When a Town resident experiences devastating loss, they need immediate access to support — without waiting lists and without fees.

Funding from the Mayor's Golf Tournament will help ensure these critical services remain available to the residents of Aurora already served and many more who will need support in the coming year.

Because while loss is inevitable, facing it alone should not be.

We respectfully request your support in sustaining this essential community service.

Response to Funding Clarification Request

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further clarification regarding our application.

Financial Hardship

Bereaved Families of Ontario – York Region is currently facing significant financial hardship. Our organization provides all bereavement support programs free of charge and relies largely on charitable donations and restricted funding sources to operate.

At present, the only stable funding we receive is through Ontario Lottery and Gaming charitable gaming proceeds. However, these funds are **restricted to supporting two specific program staff positions** and cannot be used for operational expenses, supplies, or other staffing costs.

Due to the lack of unrestricted funding, we have already had to **eliminate salaried positions that were not eligible to be funded through Lottery Commission proceeds**. Our available reserves are extremely limited. We currently have approximately **\$1,000 held in a bank reserve account required to secure our credit card**, leaving virtually no operating funds available.

We have applied for grants but have **not received any recent funding**, and we are currently reliant on individual donations. To date, we have raised **\$1,847**, which includes a **\$1,000 contribution from the Rotary Club**.

Funding Request

We are requesting **up to \$5,000**, which represents **less than 50% of our overall fundraising goal of \$15,000**.

The remaining funds are being pursued through community donations, local service organizations, individual supporters, and upcoming fundraising initiatives.

The funds requested will help cover **essential operating expenses**, including program supplies, phone services, and obligations related to two former employees whose positions were not eligible to be funded through Lottery Commission proceeds.

Support from the Mayor's Golf Tournament would provide immediate stability and allow us to continue offering **free grief support services to Aurora residents and families throughout York Region** while we work to secure longer-term funding sources.

We are deeply committed to ensuring that no individual in our community has to face grief alone due to financial barriers.

Thank you for your consideration.