

# **TO Wards Peace Caregivers Support Program: Open Call for Grassroots Groups in Rexdale and Jane Finch**

**Please join us for a Zoom information session about this funding  
opportunity on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> @3:00pm-4:00pm**

## **Join Zoom meeting**

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**A second information session will be held for interested applicants  
on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> @10:30am-11:30am**

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – TO WARDS PEACE – CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

### THE CONTEXT:

The TO Wards Peace initiative is a community centric, multi-sectoral and risk driven model that takes a public health approach on violence reduction by focusing on 5 areas: Identification, Intervention, Interruption, Prevention and Evaluation. TO Wards Peace operates through the collaborative efforts of local Grassroots organizations, community health centres, hospitals and the City of Toronto to address the escalating levels of gun violence in the City. As part of this initiative, the City is supporting different community led projects/initiatives that are directed towards Caregivers<sup>1</sup>. These directed investments will support the collective efforts of different community groups in providing supports to families, healing in community, and advocacy for action and anti-gun violence investments in Toronto.

Delta Family Services is partnering with the City to support and coordinate community groups in the delivery of their own community-based initiatives. Delta Family will be selecting two to four established community-based groups, or a collective of individuals who have extensive experience in the Jane Finch or Rexdale communities, to deliver programs and initiatives for caregivers

The overall goal of the Caregivers initiative is to amplify the voices of caregivers by **supporting and building their capacity and including them in solutions focused on healing and overcoming the traumatic impacts associated with community violence. This includes creating a mutually supportive environment for them to share ideas, build supportive healing networks and strengthen community resources and cohesion.**

### THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM:

**Funding is available to emerging or established Grassroots groups representing caregivers for programs and initiatives which will:**

1. Develop and implement programs/initiatives directed towards caregivers.
2. Increase caregiver access to culturally appropriate space, services, supports and activities.
3. Provide supports to caregivers and families who have been impacted by community violence.
4. Increase caregiver skills and capacity through trainings, and exposure to new experiences and opportunities.
5. Develop opportunities for community advocacy, healing, capacity building and information/resource sharing.
6. Promote positive messaging, to shift the narrative around community violence.

### WHO CAN APPLY:

For the purposes of the TO Wards Peace pilot, grassroots groups will be emerging or established groups representing a collective of individuals that have extensive place-based knowledge of one of the two identified communities. These groups will also need to have connections with caregivers in these communities, the capacity and ability to create meaningful culturally relevant interventions for and with local caregivers, aimed at supporting capacity building, healing and advocacy

You must also have:

- An annual operating budget of between \$0 and \$100,000 (maximum)
- No more than 1 full-time paid staff, or 2 part-time leaders and/or your group is entirely volunteer base

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**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

**Applicants do not need to be incorporated.** To be eligible for funding, your application should demonstrate you meet the following criteria:

**Grassroots Experience:**

- Place-based experience in the Jane Finch or Rexdale communities.
- Demonstrated extensive and recent (within the last 3 years) experience working with caregivers and families of young people most vulnerable to involvement in serious violence and crime (MVP) and their families
- Some knowledge of the justice system, risk factors, causes and consequences impacting the families of the most at risk
- Extensive and recent experience working with caregivers of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) children, youth and families
- Lived experience of the issues faced by BIPOC families living in low-income, over-policed communities
- Lived and/or working experience with families with youth who are involved in serious violence and crime (e.g., gang-involved, incarcerated and/or previous involvement in violence)
- Deep roots and good standing relationships in the target communities of Rexdale or Jane Finch
- Understanding of anti-oppression and the impact of racism and imperialism on BIPOC communities

**THE PROGRAM:**

Applicants will be responsible for developing the selected initiatives which meet the objectives outlined above.

They will be responsible for:

- Program design
- Program delivery
- Capacity building with Caregivers
- Outreach
- Community engagement
- Regular engagement with Delta Family and/or City of Toronto
- Documenting and reporting on their outcomes (with some support from Delta Family)

Selected groups will work in partnership and through a trustee relationship with the Delta Family to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate their programs, and connect with the overall TO Wards Peace model. All activities must adhere to any health and safety protocols outlined by Toronto Public Health.

**FUNDING:**

Groups can apply for funding between \$15,000.00 and \$40,000.00.

**TIMELINES:**

The Call for proposals will be issued on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This will be followed by two virtual information sessions on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for submissions is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Decisions will be made in June and programs will be implemented between July 2022 and December 2022/January 2023.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

The successful community groups will work collaboratively with Delta Family and the City of Toronto to:

- Develop and describe the Caregiver Support Program you will provide and the issues it will address
- Co-develop a work plan, inclusive of deliverables and budget
- Implement the Caregiver Support Program in a manner that has been approved by Delta Family and the City
- Coordinate outreach and promotional materials for the Caregiver Support Program
- Work with all partners to identify potential community members that would benefit from accessing the program
- Potential program activities:
  - Provide training/supports/workshops to caregivers to assist in systems navigation
  - Provide opportunities for caregivers to access appropriate and culturally relevant safe spaces
  - Provide opportunities for caregivers to be involved in new experiences with/or without their children
- Secure appropriate space for the facilitation and execution of all program activities
- Provide guidance, leadership and oversight support to the volunteers/students assisting with the program
- Participate in regular meetings with Delta Family and also with Delta Family and the City
- Manage all payments and/or honorariums for facilitators and others supporting the Program
- Ensure that all program deliverables are completed in a timely and efficient manner
- Provide accurate documentation of financial and non-financial program progress

**ELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Staffing
- Permit costs
- liability insurance
- honoraria
- training and recognition
- rental fees for space/locations
- TTC tokens
- childminding,
- equipment rentals
- artist fees
- food,
- supplies and materials
- interpretation and translation
- evaluation,
- minor capital costs (i.e.: computers, tablets)
- overhead and administration (up to 15%)

**INELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Special events costs such as award ceremonies, banquets, retreats, receptions, etc.
- activities that extend beyond Toronto's borders (without prior approval from the City),
- religious activities/services,
- partisan political activities,
- subsidies (individual, or otherwise),
- fundraising events, walks/runs and other donations to charitable causes,
- reserve funds,
- debt repayment and/or deficit funding

- capital costs including building repairs or renovations

**Applicants must submit the following to: [hiring@dfrc.ca](mailto: hiring@dfrc.ca) with the caption: "To Wards Peace Caregiver Partner Selection"**

- Application – Complete the attached template
- Budget and workplan - Included in application template
- 2 references

Following the submission of all applications, the applications will be screened and rated by a review committee consisting of representatives from Delta Family, Community partners, and community representatives.

**There is the possibility of interviews for short-listed groups. These would likely take place between May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Successful applicants would be selected and announced in early June.**

