

Gaelic Language and Culture in Community Program

Deadlines March 15, June 15 and November 15

Introduction

Gaelic language and culture have been part of Nova Scotia's diversity since the late 1700s. More than one-third of Nova Scotians have connections to Gaels and many more participate in cultural activities such as music, dance, festivals and art. Gaelic Affairs works to sustain and support Gaelic language and culture, ensuring it continues to be a vibrant part of our communities and our economy.

The purpose of the **Gaelic Language and Culture in Community Program** (GLIC) is to increase opportunities for Nova Scotians to learn and speak Gaelic and to deepen connection, knowledge and appreciation of Nova Scotia's distinct Gaelic culture and tradition.

Gaelic Affairs recognizes that Gaelic has been spoken and Gaelic culture passed down through the generations in Nova Scotia for more than 200 years. Within this time a unique Nova Scotia Gaelic identity has developed. As well as songs, poetry, stories and music carried from Gaelic Scotland, Gaels in Nova Scotia have added to this tradition with compositions to reflect their life and communities in Nova Scotia. Preference will be given to projects that draw from and build on the generational Gaelic tradition and foster community building through language and culture.

Program Goals

The Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage recognizes that involvement in Gaelic language and culture contributes to the social, economic, educational and spiritual life of a community. The Department aims to support opportunities in which Nova Scotians and communities can work towards building and sharing our province's rich culture. The goals of the Gaelic Language and Culture in Community Program are to:

1. increase opportunities to learn and use Gaelic
2. deepen connection, knowledge and appreciation of Nova Scotia's distinct Gaelic legacy: its language, history, music, dance, song and storytelling traditions and customs
3. support activity that contributes to the long-term continuance of Gaelic culture
4. instil a Nova Scotia Gaelic identity among Gaels in Nova Scotia

Eligibility

An eligible applicant is a non-profit community organization within Nova Scotia that is registered as joint stocks entity with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

Level of Funding

Funding awarded will not normally exceed 75 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum contribution of \$2,500. Strategic project requests exceeding \$2,500 may be given consideration. The organization's contribution of 25 per cent can include approved in-kind costs but must include at least a 10 percent cash contribution. The applicant's 25 percent contribution cannot include funding from other provincial or federal government departments.

Application Guidelines and Procedure

1. People applying for the first time **are strongly encouraged** to contact the Program Officer directly to discuss their proposed activity before completing the application form.
2. Applicants should ensure professionals who lead Gaelic language and cultural projects have a high level of skills in language and cultural knowledge, and experience of Nova Scotia's Gaelic language and culture.
3. Activities can start no earlier than the deadline date.
4. It is strongly recommended that an application be submitted to a deadline, which is at least 6 weeks prior to the start date of the proposed activity.
5. It is recommended that those preparing the application involve other members of their organization in the process of developing and writing their proposal.
6. Completed application forms must be signed, by the chair of the organization or a designate, and dated. Please keep a copy of your application for your files.
7. Applications must be postmarked on or prior to the deadline date to be eligible. If the deadline date should fall on a weekend or holiday, applications that are received or postmarked for the following business day will be accepted.
8. The applicant must submit a final report within 60 days following completion of the project. A final report form will be sent from Gaelic Affairs to the applicant.

Application Assessment

Applications are reviewed and scored by Gaelic Affairs, which provides recommendations to the Deputy Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage and the Minister of Gaelic Affairs.

Applications are reviewed with the following considerations:

1. **Program Goals:** the extent to which the project relates to the five program goals.
2. **Collaboration, Partnership and Interchange:** demonstrates partnership, promotes exchange of knowledge and other resources within the Gaelic Community.
3. **Expertise:** Do the project organizers, and/or employees, key resource people, instructors have the knowledge and experience to carry out the proposed activity. Preference will be given to project that draw on the knowledge of Nova Scotia's Gaelic tradition bearers.
4. **Costs:** complete and reasonable budget for expected results. Sources of other financial support are confirmed.
5. **Impact:** Does the project or activity build on or complement Gaelic language development work you have done previously or that of other organizations in the province.
6. **Promotion and Evaluation**

Notification of Results

Applicants will be informed of funding decisions by letter, typically within 40 days after Gaelic Affairs receives the submission.

Payment and Conditions of Funding

Applicants which are approved for funding will receive a letter outlining the terms and conditions of funding. Funding recipients must meet the following conditions:

- Payment is made in the name of the organization or group shown as the applicant on the application form. Payments cannot be made to individuals.
- Payment will be made at 100% of funding.
- Funds must be used for the activity as described in the application.
- The department must be notified in advance of any changes in the activity, including start and end dates, location, or any other significant changes.

- If the project is not undertaken after payment of the grant, the recipient must return the funds to the department.
- If the project generates a surplus of revenues over expenses, recipients may be required to return the surplus funds to the department.
- Organizations which receive funding must submit a final report within 60 days of the project end date.

Note: if the final report becomes overdue, no funds can be released for any subsequent grant approved through Gaelic Affairs until the overdue report has been received.

Send your signed and completed application form in one of four ways

1. **In person/courier:**
Gaelic Affairs
Communities Culture and Heritage
1741 Brunswick Street, 3rd floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3X8
2. **Fax:**
902-424-0710
3. **Scan and email to**
Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca
4. **By regular mail:**
Gaelic Affairs
Communities Culture and Heritage
P.O. Box 456
Halifax, NS B3J 2R5

For further information contact:

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