

# Programme VIF

## Micro-grant Stream for Youth



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# Section 1: General Information

## 1.1 Introduction

The VIF Program's micro-grants support the organization of activities, led **by and for youth** aged 14 to 30, in collaboration with community organizations, that enable youths to come together in person, exchange ideas, and engage **in French**.

## 1.2 Program Objectives

The VIF Program aims to:

- **Bring TOGETHER** young people through activities in French to strengthen their linguistic security and sense of belonging.
- **Create EXCHANGES** with youth from different linguistic communities to foster cooperation and appreciation of Canada's official languages.
- **Increase SUPPORT** for the learning and use of French in daily life, especially for youth whose first language is not French.
- **Encourage** youth participation in civic and social **ENGAGEMENT** in French.

# Section 2: Eligibility and Requirements

## 2.1 Eligible Youths:

To be eligible for micro grants under the VIF Program, applicants must:

- Be aged between 14 and 30 years at the time of the application.
- Be legally authorized to work in Canada.
- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or a person who has been granted refugee status in Canada.
- Agree to be matched with an eligible organization of your choice, which will be responsible for administering the funds and supporting you in the implementation of your project.

*If you do not yet have a partner organization and your application is successful, dialogue Network may suggest eligible organizations in your region for potential matching.*

## **2.2 Eligible Activities**

- Activities must take place in person.
- Activities must take place in Canada.
- Activities must be conducted in French.
- Activities must focus on youth aged 14–30, or a defined segment of this population.
- Proposed activities must clearly support the program’s objectives.
- All activities must be completed by March 31, 2027.

### **Examples of activities that may be eligible for funding under this program:**

- Informal talk or discussion group on a topic of your choice
- Film screening
- Book clubs
- Podcast launch
- Workshop and conference
- Cultural activities (e.g., a themed day, improvisation, concert, fair, performance, etc.)
- Sports activities (e.g., basketball, tennis tournaments, etc.)
- Creative workshop
- Cooking workshop
- Networking evening/day
- Open mic evening/day
- Evening/day board games or quizzes (Kahoot, bingo, etc.)
- Karaoke
- Exhibitions

## **2.3 Organizations Eligible for Sponsorship:**

- Non-profit organizations or corporations duly registered in Canada (e.g., student associations, community centres, neighbourhood associations, religious organizations, etc.)
- Band councils

## 3. Roles and Responsibilities

### 3.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Youth Project Leaders:

- Carry out the approved project in accordance with all eligibility criteria.
- Sign and adhere to the terms of the agreement.
- Ensure that the VIF Program's financial support is recognized in all public project communications, in accordance with the program's visibility guidelines.
- Allocate the funds received strictly for the purposes of the funded project.
- Submit a final activity report.

### 3.2 Roles and Responsibilities of Partner Organizations:

- Receive the funding amount directly on behalf of the project.
- Provide logistical and financial support to participating youths.
- Support and accompany youths in the implementation of the project.
- Be responsible for submitting a final activity report.

### 3.3 Roles and Responsibilities of Dialogue Network:

- Evaluate project proposals and confirm their alignment with partner organizations.
- Allocate funding to organizations for selected projects.
- Coordinate project pairings following confirmation from both the youth and the organization.
- Provide a resource library for organizing activities.
- Support youths in carrying out their projects (for organizations that are not able to provide support).

## 4. Eligible Expenses:

**Only expenses related to the implementation of the project are eligible. Eligible expense categories include:**

- Accessibility costs to enable the inclusion of historically marginalized groups;
- Material;
- Marketing and communication;
- Speaker fees and expenses;
- Honoraria or fees for artists;
- Catering costs, including food and non-alcoholic beverages;
- Venue rental costs;
- Travel expenses (accommodation and transportation) related to project activities.
- Administrative fees (15%) for the organization with which the youth will be paired.

## 5. Accountability:

**You and your organization will be asked to complete a report at the end of your project. The report will be sent directly via [Survey Monkey Apply](#).**

- The reporting deadline is 30 days after the completion of the final funded activity.
- Organizations must submit their report within 45 days following the youth-led event.

## 6. Submission Process:

**Projects will be submitted via the [Survey Monkey Apply platform](#). You can choose to submit your application by filling out the application form or by answering certain questions in a video lasting no longer than 6 minutes.**

## 7. Survey Monkey Apply Form :

### Eligibility Questions

**Are you between 14 and 30 years old? \***

*It is important to be a grand recipient for you to be between the ages of 14 and 30 at the time of submitting your application*

Yes — No

**Are you legally authorized to work in Canada? \***

Yes — No

**Are you a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or a person who has been granted refugee status in Canada? \***

Yes — No

**Will the activities be conducted only in Canada? \***

Yes — No

**Will the activities be conducted in French? \***

Yes — No

**Will the activities take place in person? \***

Yes — No

**Are the activities aimed at youth aged 14 to 30, or a specific age group within this range? \***

Yes — No

Identification of the individual

Last name \*

First name \*

Date of birth \*

Email address \*

*X I would like to subscribe to the Dialogue Network newsletter.*

Phone number \*

*\*Phone number has to be formatted with 10 numbers : 123-456-7890*

Residential address \* *Please provide your residential address:*

Number \*

Street name

P.O. Box

City

Province/Territory

Postal code

Gender \*

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary or genderqueer
- I prefer not to answer
- Other (specify)

Please indicate your preferred pronouns: (he/him, she/her, they/them, etc.) \*

**Do you belong to any of the following groups? \***

- Indigenous person (First Nations, Inuit, Métis)
- Racialized person
- Immigrant
- Newcomer to Canada (arrived within the last 5 years)
- 2SLGBTQIA+ person
- Person with a disability
- Neurodivergent person
- Person whose first language is not French/from a French immersion program
- Not applicable
- Other (please specify)

**What is your status? \***

- Person with refugee status in Canada
- Permanent resident
- Canadian citizen

**What is your highest level of education? \***

- No formal education
- Primary or secondary school in progress
- Secondary school diploma completed
- Postsecondary education in progress (college or university)
- Postsecondary certificate or degree completed (college or university)
- Graduate studies in progress
- Graduate degree completed (Master's or Doctorate)
- Other (please specify)

**How would you like to tell us about your activity and yourself? \***

- o I would like to respond through a video
- o I would like to continue filling out the form

**Tell us a bit about yourself: \***

*Provide a brief overview of your background, experiences, and interests (maximum 250 words).*

**Tell us about your activity**

**Activity name \***

**Activity start date \***

*For activities that take place over several days or months, please indicate the end date of the activity.*

**Activity end date \***

**Location where your activity will take place \***

*Please provide the name of the city/province and the address of the activity, if applicable*

**Activity description \***

*Tell us about your project. What do you want to do? How will you do it? Who will participate? How are you going to reach them? What do you hope will happen or be created? \* (Maximum : 1000 words)*

**What changes will your project bring to your community? \***

*(Maximum : 350 words)*

**How many youths aged 14-30 do you aim to reach? \***

**Have you organized a similar activity in the past? \***

Yes — No

**Please select the program objectives your project aims to achieve: \*.**

Your project must mandatorily meet the following objective:

- o Bringing TOGETHER young people through activities in French to strengthen their linguistic security and sense of belonging.

It must also address at least one of the following objectives:

- o Creating EXCHANGES with youth from different linguistic communities to foster cooperation and appreciation of Canada's official languages.
- o Increased SUPPORT for the learning and use of French in daily life, especially for youth whose first language is not French.
- o Encouraging youth participation in civic and social ENGAGEMENT in French.

**Explain how your activity will contribute to achieving the program objectives selected above. \***

**How will you use the micro-grant money to carry out your activity? \***

*(Maximum : 300 words.)*

**Would you need support to organize your activity? \***

Yes — No *If yes, please specify what kind of support you need. (maximum 300 words)*

**Do you have an organization you would like to be paired with? \***

Yes — No *If yes, please provide the name of the organization and the organization's contact information.*

**Have you already talked about your project with this organization? \***

- o Yes, the organization has agreed to be matched with me for this project
- o I have started discussions with the organization
- o No, I have not spoken with the organization yet

**If not, would you agree to be contacted by the Dialogue Network to be paired with organizations in your area?**

Yes — No